

**LifeSpring Forensic Services Program**

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### **Incarceration and Mental Illness**

Due to many factors, over the last two decades, correctional facilities have become America's de facto mental health treatment facilities.

The number of inmates incarcerated in Indiana jails, with serious mental illness is now greater than those in State psychiatric hospitals. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that 16% of jail and prison inmates were identified as having a mental illness, and the number is believed to be even higher. Many of these offenders are caught in the revolving door of incarceration and present with a higher recidivism rate than their non-mentally ill counterparts.

### **Substance Abuse and Incarceration**

Substance use and addictions disorders plague the inmate population. According to a report by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse in 2010, 85% of the inmate population needs treatment for a substance use or dependence disorder.

Statistically, substance use plays a significant role in the commission of criminal activity. It is very common that offenders are arrested for offenses related to drugs or alcohol, they were under the influence when they were arrested, or they have committed offenses to support their habits.

***We don't want to just help you meet the needs of the inmates while in your facility, we want to help address what led them there to begin with.***

### **LifeSpring Forensic Services**

LifeSpring's mission is to improve and sustain the quality of life in our communities, including incarcerated populations. Our agency offers quality programming to provide services inside correctional settings and to bridge the gap between the criminal justice and mental health system upon release. Coordination of services between mental health systems and mentally ill persons leaving jail is key in reducing recidivism with this population and shutting the revolving door.



The LifeSpring Forensic Services Program utilizes the strengths of the LifeSpring continuum of care and can work to customize a program designed to meet your needs which may include:

- Mental Health Screening
- Suicide Assessment
- Substance Abuse Assessment
- Individual Treatment
- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Groups
- Evidence Based Treatment
- Crisis Intervention
- Medication Management
- Court Ordered Psychiatric Evaluations
- Transition Planning & Community Referrals
- Critical Incident Debriefing
- Assistance in Facility Planning and Preparation
- Assistance in Policy Development
- Mental Health Training for Correctional Staff and Law Enforcement