

Mind Map Key

A. Funding is the biggest issue in regards to limitations in prison for mentally ill inmates because prisons often are lacking in funds that will be used to ensure correct staffing, medications and locations for treatment. Prisons who are lacking sufficient funds, it is hard to make sure the mentally ill patients get the treatment they need to improve.

B. Funding controls the new expanses additionally added to prisons. When there is a lack of funding it is hard to ensure that there are drug rehab locations, behavioral therapy, and locations for the prison psychologists to hold one on one sessions as well as group therapy.

C. This statistic reinforces that the lack of funds for more mental health locations/areas has a direct influence on the availability for specific treatments that should be available for inmates. Due to lacking funds, many prisoners are forced to an abrupt stop their substances in which they are addicted to and they do not get professional treatment to rehabilitate them. This will lead to recurring actions.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/articles/2017-07-26/understaffed-and-overcrowded-state-prisons-crippled-by-budget-constraints-bad-leadership>

D. This statistic reinforces that lack of funding towards mental health locations/areas in prison leads to cuts in who is deemed as “deserving” of higher level of care. This goes back to the limitation of assistance because of lack of locations/programs via funding.

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E. Funding ensures that those with mental issues are getting the proper medication needed to become stabilized along with having regulations for these medicines in prison. Medication often helps with diagnosed disorders and can improve normal functions of the brain. This is a limitation caused by lack of funding.

F. This statistic reinforces that one of the ways there are limitations in assistance for those mentally ill in prison is funding medicine for patients. Due to lack of funding that would cover medical expenses, many prisoners are forced to stop taking their prescriptions while incarcerated.

<https://www.cbpp.org/blog/federal-government-should-fully-fund-grants-that-help-states-improve-corrections>

G. This statistic reinforces that limitations in funding for medicine has a toll on the ways inmates are treated and medicated. This shows that these specific limitations exist due to lack of funding.

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H. Funding controls the access of professionals in these specific fields. Without proper funding, there will not be professionals to match the inmates needs. 22/40 prisons say they do not have enough mental health staff due to lack of space or funds which is a reason as to why there are inmates who are not being treated.

<https://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2016/05/09/getting-the-mentally-ill-out-of-jail-and-off-the-streets/we-need-better-funding-for-mental-health-services>

I. Staffing is a major limitation in assistance for inmates. While in correlation with funding, without staffing it is impossible to help mentally ill inmates receive the treatment they need.

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J. One reason staffing is an issue is most professionals do not meet the specific requirements to treat the mentally ill inmates. The government is attempting to train those who specialize in mental health to take required courses to be able to work in prisons and specialize into convicts. This is a limitation because without being approved to work with inmates, they will not receive the care needed.

K. This statistic reinforces that there is a lack in staffing due to certification requirements not being met. This leads to inmates being prevented from getting the professional help that they need because there are very specific requirements to work with mentally ill inmates.

<https://www.vera.org/the-human-toll-of-jail/inside-the-massive-jail-that-doubles-as-chicagos-largest-mental-health-facility/the-burden-of-mental-illness-behind-bars>

L. There are some instances where there are limitations in staff in the mental health department based on the staff's personal views on mental health and the correlation between mental health and behaviors. Due to these personal beliefs, it can cause limitations to access of staffing for those mentally ill.

M. This statistic reinforces that there are some limitations in assistance because of staffing's beliefs on mental illnesses. Some staff members are reluctant to get certain certifications under their name because they do not understand the mentally ill or they have their own opinions on the inmates illnesses.

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N. This fact also supports that some limitations in staff for the mentally ill in prison come from their own personal views on mental illnesses. Many people who work in prisons say they find it

hard to understand mental illnesses and how it affects people and their behaviors. This can cause limitations in assistance.

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O. Staffing correlates into high population because of the demand factor that is involved. When there is a high population that means more people with mental illnesses are in the system. A limitation in staffing means that there are many inmates not getting proper care, which ties in with high population and causes limitations with staff,

P. High population has a direct link to limitations of assistance for mentally ill inmates because when there are more inmates than staffing, funding or locations can provide for, it causes unavailability of these things that are needed.

Q. Adolescents serving life sentences plays a major role in high population and can cause a deficit in assistance available. When adolescents are charged with a life sentence they are 9/10 deemed “mentally unstable” which means they should be treated individually. This leads to high demand for assistance.

R. This fact reinforces that adolescents sentenced to life without parole have a direct correlation with mental disorders. Those sentenced to life without parole typically have a mental disorder that will require more assistance. Along with this, having so many adolescence charged with life without parole does create a high population which makes it harder for those inmates to receive the assistance they need.

<https://www.sentencingproject.org/publications/juvenile-life-without-parole/>

S. This fact also reinforces that adolescents being sentenced to life without parole does create a dramatic poll on the issue of high population when it comes to receiving assistance for those inmates with mental illnesses.

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T. Reoffending inmates increase the high population for those who need mental treatment in the prison system. This creates a limitation in assistance as this will create a high population which in return will make limitations in assistance.

U. This fact supports the idea that high population is caused by many things including reoffenders. It has been studied that most reoffenders of crimes involving drugs or recklessness are influenced by mental illness. This creates a limitation in assistance due to high populations of mentally ill inmates needing to be cared for.

<https://www.vox.com/first-person/2017/8/8/16112864/recidivism-rate-jail-prostitution-break-cycle>

V. This fact also reinforces that high population due to reoffenders in jail affect the availability of assistance in the medical field to treat those with substance abuse or mental illnesses.

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W. This connection is to show the relationship between location and high population when it comes to limits in assistance in the prison. When there is a higher population status that needs assistance with mental health and funds for that prison are lacking, finding locations for the extra assistance to take place is difficult.

X. Medicine and high population have a direct relationship when it comes to having limitations in assistance. When there is a high population of inmates who need access to prescribed medications, it creates a deficit if the prison can not fund it.