

## OYAA MURAL NOTES

OYAA Committee

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### OYAA Public Meeting 2/28/25

#### Room 1: Legal and Carceral Settings

**Challenge Statement:** Youth in the carceral/JJ system need/want better services and resources for substance use treatment inside the carceral setting and in their transition out because currently the services provided don't adequately support and provide resources to those needing treatment or being required to legally to prevent reincarceration

**Challenge Statement:** Individuals of all ages (including youth up to age 25) in all carceral settings need immediate access to a full continuum of co-occurring behavioral healthcare because the majority of incarcerated persons are struggling with untreated Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders which lead to the commission of their crimes and it is necessary to help prepare them to return to the community with skills and ability to succeed.]

- there is a lot of judgement and stigma
- After release you there not sober living spaces so you are going back to the environment that sent you to the system
- Mental health issues and trauma are underlying
- Once in the system needs are not met
- No immediate support and have to ask for support which is not given until they are in trouble again
- job search/ financial support should be apart of this mission statement - ive watched as people are released from jail with a criminal record they are unable to find employment which leads from mental health decline back into drug abuse then recidivism. This cycle would repeat all over again as soon as they are out of jail
- recovery mentor upon transition would be great
- Rephrase juvenile Justice, capture the harm
- no holistic approach, only focus on the "problem behavior