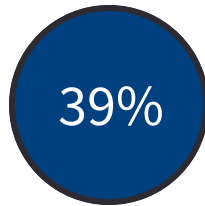
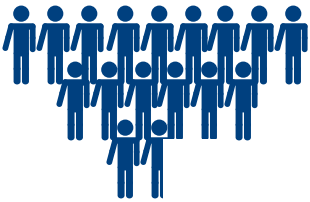


Decriminalizing Homelessness in Michigan

Being homeless is not a crime

POLICE ENGAGEMENT



In 2017, 8,265 Michigan homeless individuals had contact with police, resulting in jail time for 3,307 of these individuals

39% of surveyed MI staff know a client who had committed an "imprisonable offense" in order to spend a night in jail

Crisis Intervention Training is proven to reduce costs - A study in Louisville, KY found over \$1M in annual cost savings

HOUSING FOR RETURNING CITIZENS



2X

as likely to recidivate without access to housing

In 2015, the MDOC reported that 23 percent of all parolees experienced medium- or high-risk housing instability upon release

DRUG CHARGES

ASSAULT/BATTERY

TRAFFIC OFFENSES

BURGLARY

MI staff identify drug related charges - often a non-violent crime - as the most common offense for those seeking housing and services

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support efforts to increase access to Crisis Intervention Training across the state
- Support HB 4798 allowing for the expungement of multiple crimes arising out of the same criminal transaction



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