

Within the criminal justice system we are working to increase the recognition of mental illness as an organic brain disease which affects behavior. We seek to secure mental health treatment rather than incarceration for those who have been responsible for breaking our criminal codes due to untreated symptoms of their mental illness. On average, people with mental illnesses remain incarcerated eight times longer than people without mental illnesses arrested for the exact same charge, at a cost seven times higher. With little treatment available, many individuals cycle through the system for the majority of their adult lives. By demanding transparency and accountability from our mental health and criminal justice systems, we know our cities will remain safer. As we decrease the effects of untreated mental illness in our nation, we will bring common sense solutions to problems such as substance abuse and homelessness. It is treatment not incarceration, that will equip those who suffer with mental illness to maintain wellness for themselves and our communities.



We Welcome You To Become An Endorser

We invite your organization to become an endorser of the Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition, a program of David's Hope. Link your organization with us and strengthen mental health criminal justice collaboration by submitting the endorser form found on our home page www.davidshopeaz.org Coalition endorser organizations will be listed on our website. For more info, email us at davidshopeaz@yahoo.com or call 602.774.4382.

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Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition

The mission of David's Hope is to reduce the numbers of those with mental disorders and addictions who are incarcerated through Prevention, Intervention and Treatment.

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David's Hope

David's Hope is a 501c3 nonprofit organization created in 2009. Reducing incarceration and promoting treatment for those with mental illness and addictions in Arizona and across the nation is our vision. In order to accomplish our work, it is important that both mental health and criminal justice entities collaborate together. A program of David's Hope which is bringing about this much needed change is the Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition.

Our Coalition

David's Hope leads the Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition and invites you to become a partner of the coalition. Our coalition members collaborate together to improve outcomes, at all junctures where mental health and criminal justice intersect. We invite you to join with us, as we work to reduce crime by expanding access to: healthcare with integration of treatment for mental illness and substance use disorders, supported housing, education, employment and peer support. The coalition seeks to engage persons with lived experience in all phases of planning and implementation.

The Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition meets on the first Friday of each month 10a-12p. Meetings are free and open to the public. Call in is available. Call 602.774.4382 for more info.

Collaboration

David's Hope promotes evidence based practices which will keep our communities safer by closing the revolving door of those with mental illness and addictions recycling through

our jails and prisons. The chart below is useful in showing how improving access to and participation in effective mental health and addiction treatment will save our taxpayer dollars from being wasted on expensive back end fixes after crisis erupts.

Costs of Supportive Housing versus Alternatives in Phoenix
Setting Cost (\$/day)
Supportive Housing \$20.54
Homeless Shelter \$22.46
Jail \$45.84
Prison \$86.60
Psychiatric Hospital \$280.00
Hospital \$1,671.00

AZMHCJC works to bring together a broad coalition of stakeholders to collaboratively create policy and practice which will increase the safety of our communities by reducing crime, ensuring the rights and safety of victims of crime and promote the successful reintegration of the formerly incarcerated.

David's Hope supports the national Stepping Up Initiative. We invite you to learn about the national Stepping Up Initiative, a nationwide effort to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Go to <http://www.stepuptogether.org/>

