

Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee

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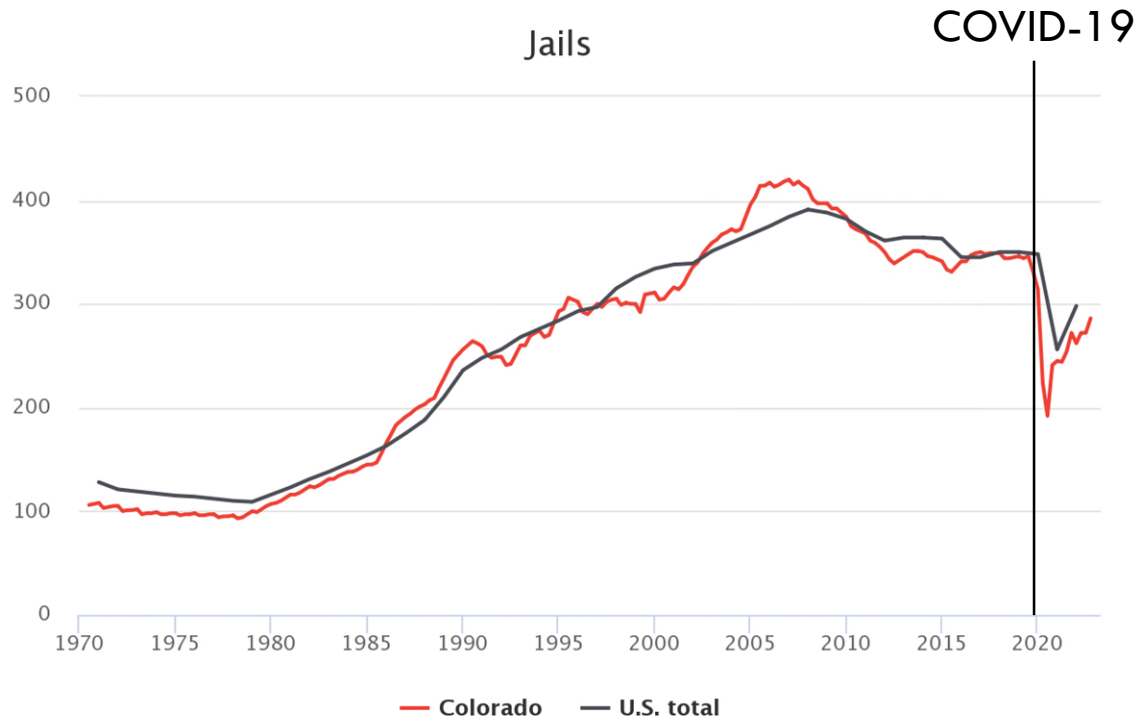
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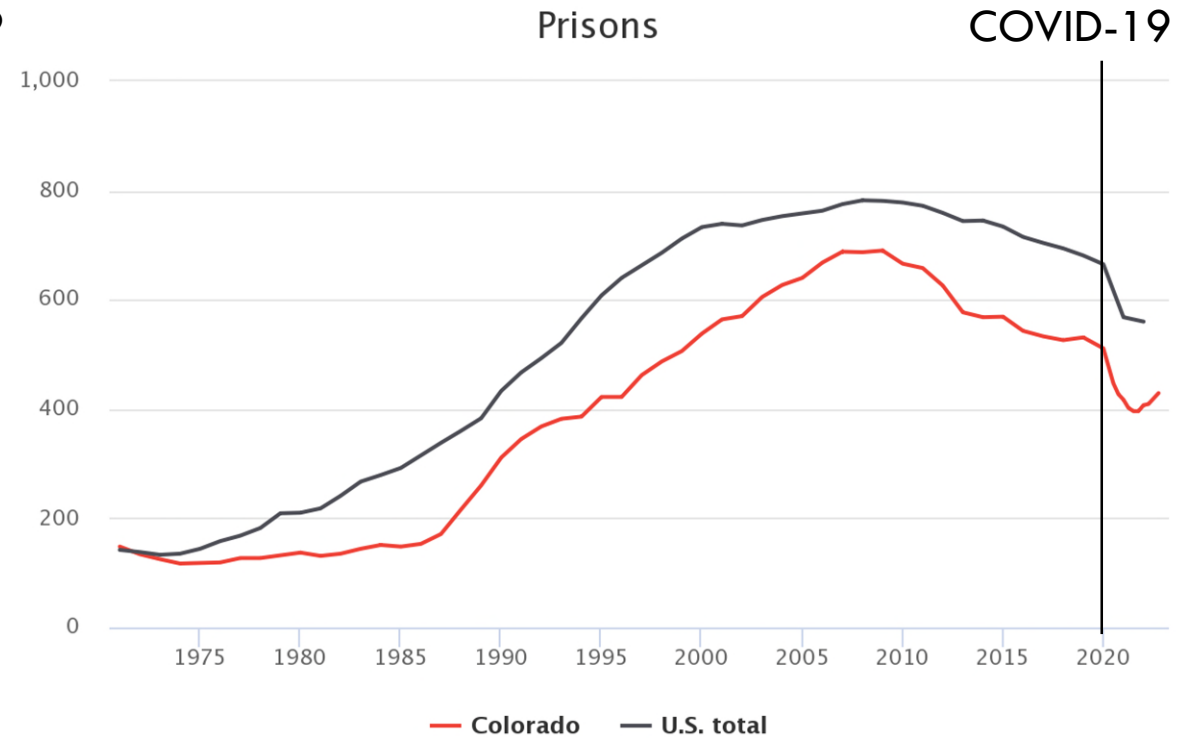
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The state of incarceration in Colorado



286/100,000 persons

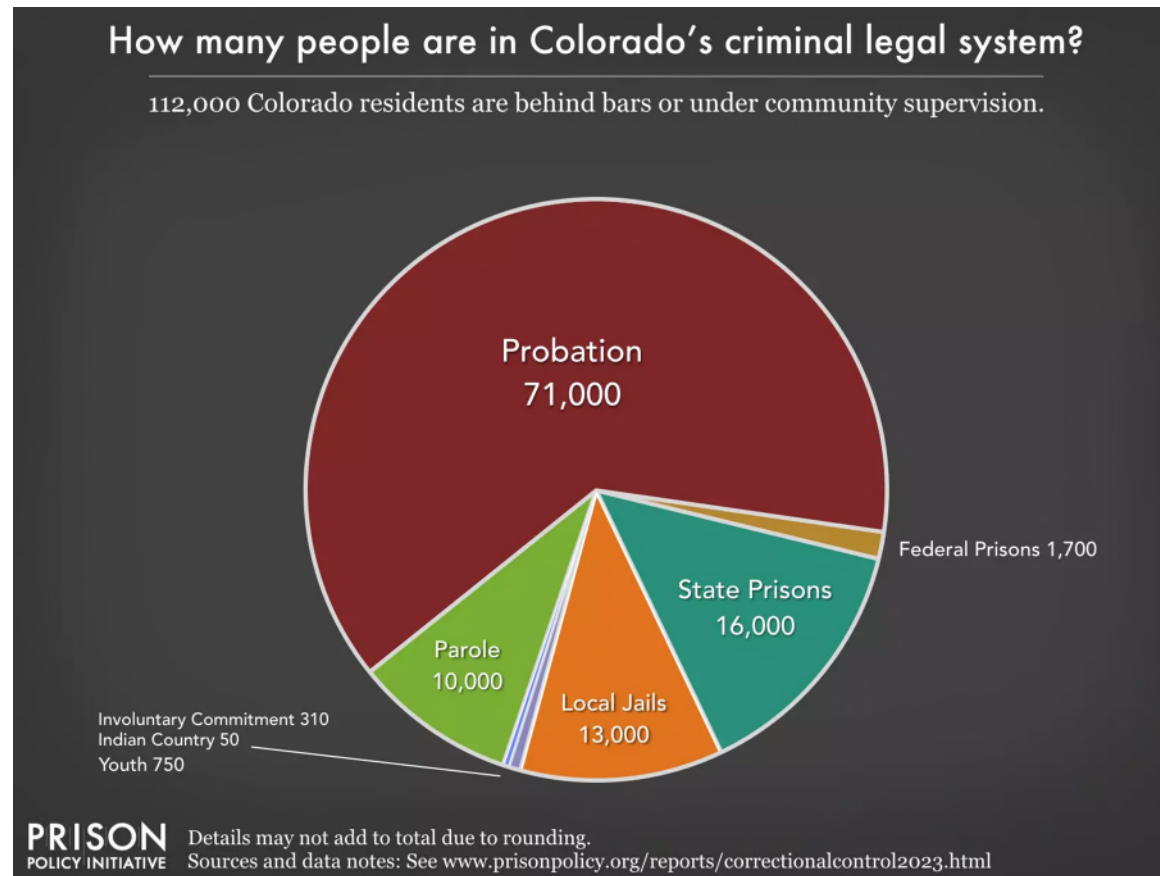
N = 11,168



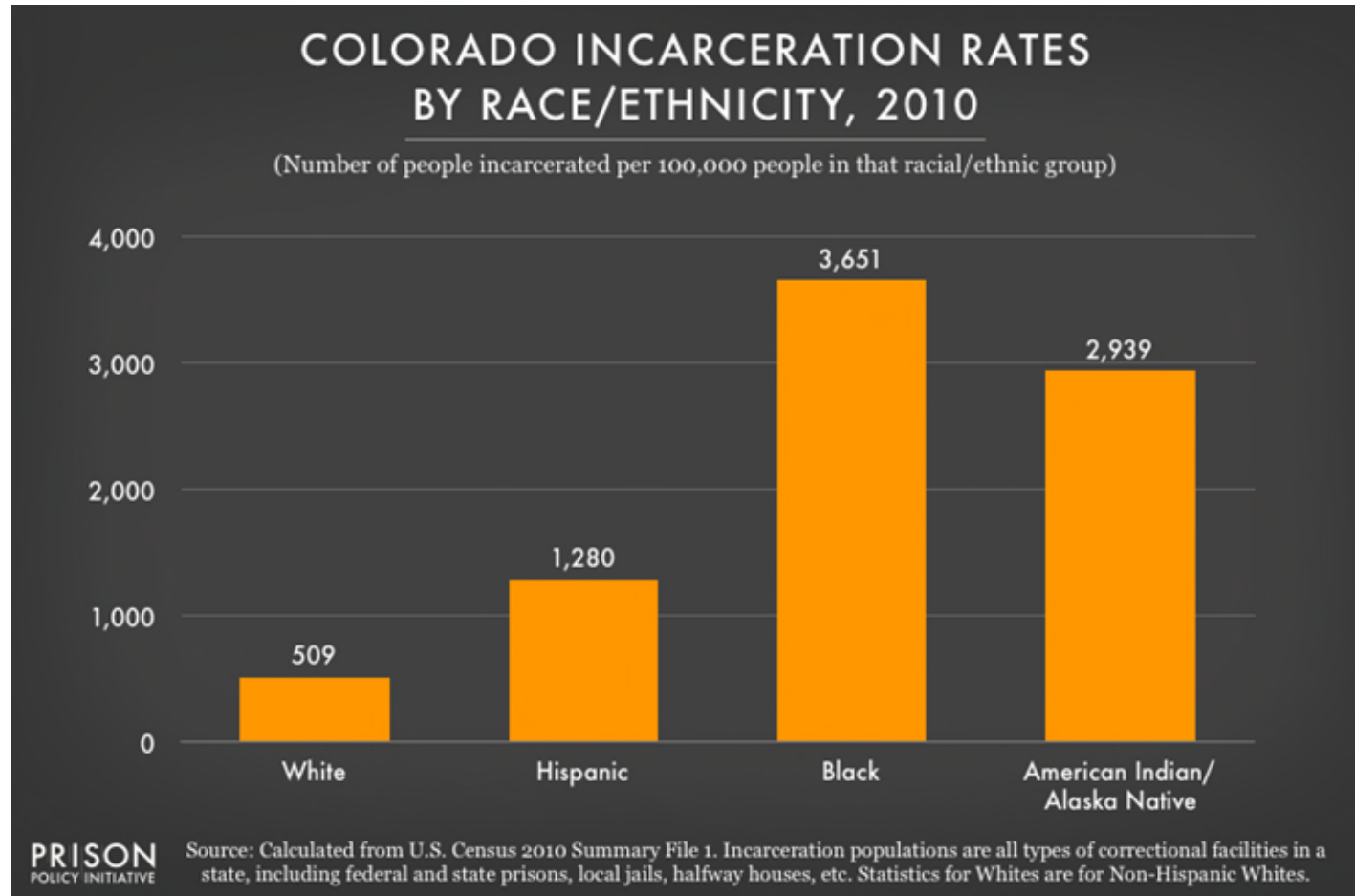
429/100,000 persons

N = 16,743

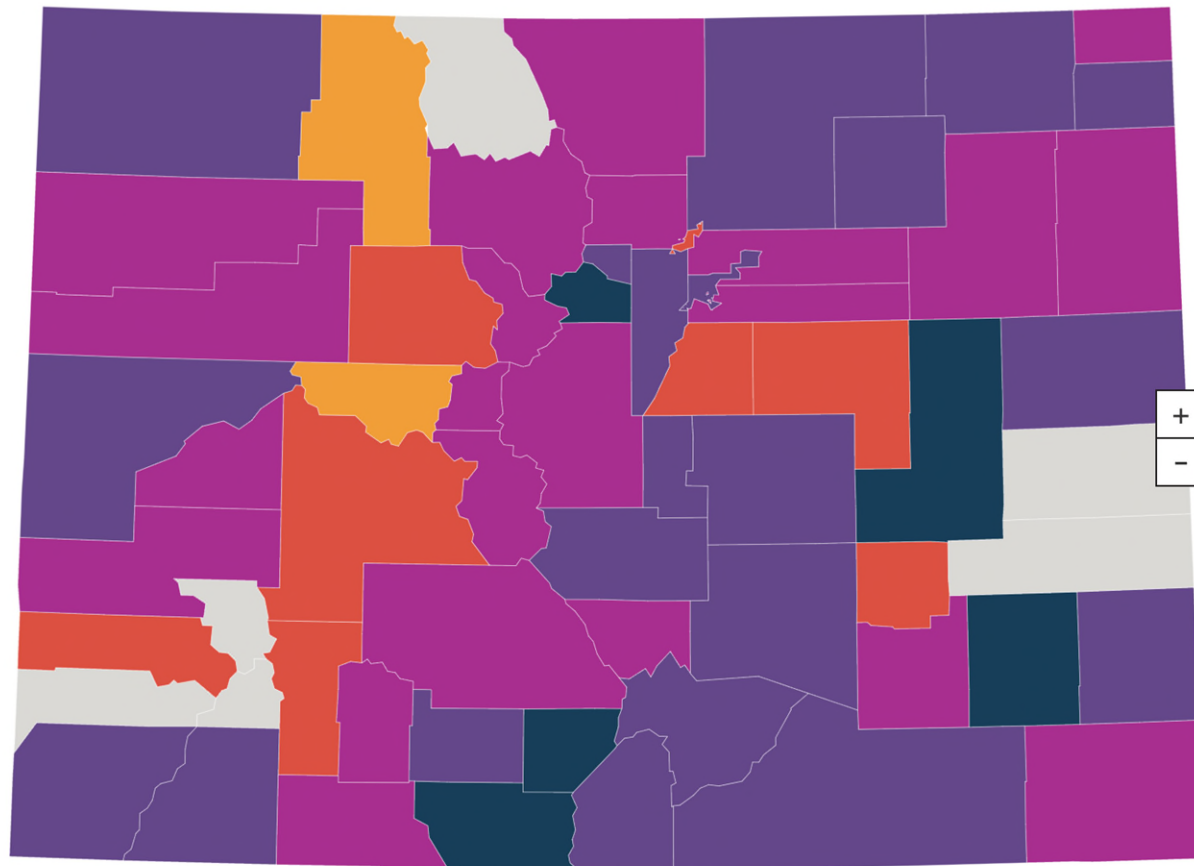
The state of criminal legal involvement in Colorado



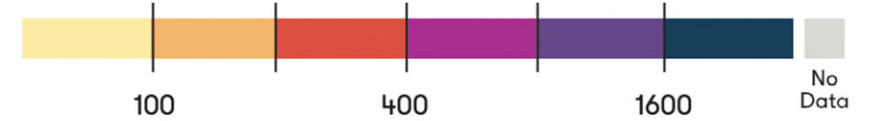
Disparities in criminal legal involvement in Colorado



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Jail + prison incarceration rate per 100,000 residents age 15-64



What we know about criminal legal involvement and behavioral health

Pre-
Incarceration

During
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Post-Incarceration,
Community
Supervision

Mental Health Needs



Substance Use-Related Needs



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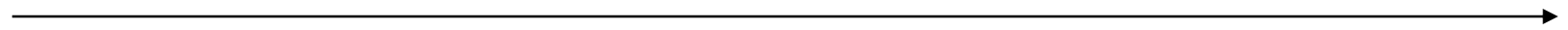
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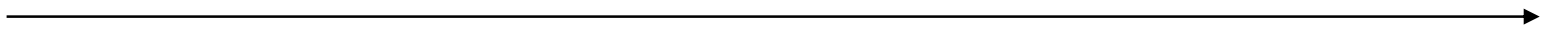
Post-Incarceration,
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Loss of autonomy
Removal from networks
Sub-par substance use treatment
Lack of mental health treatment

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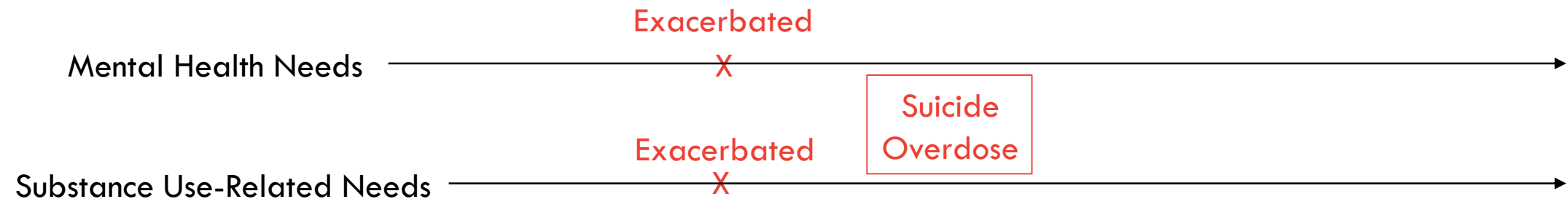
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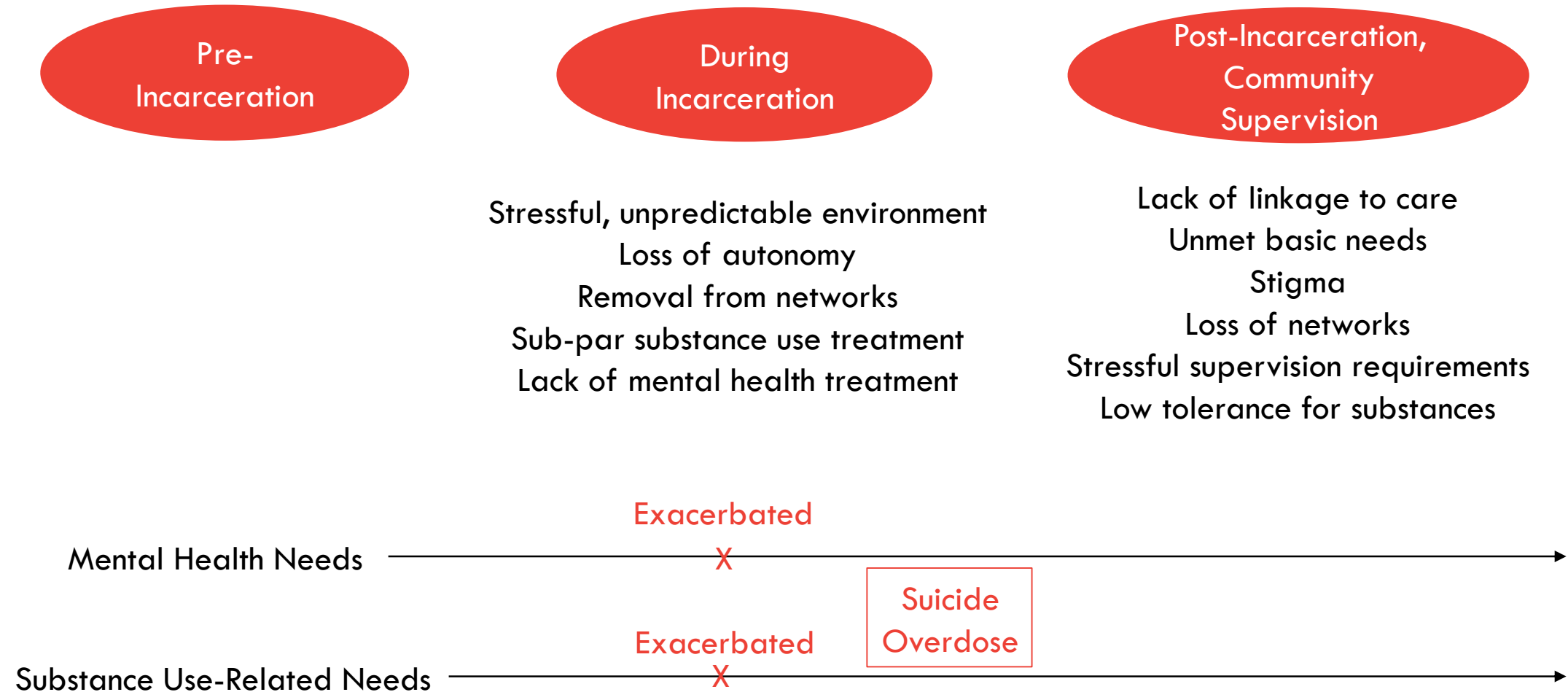
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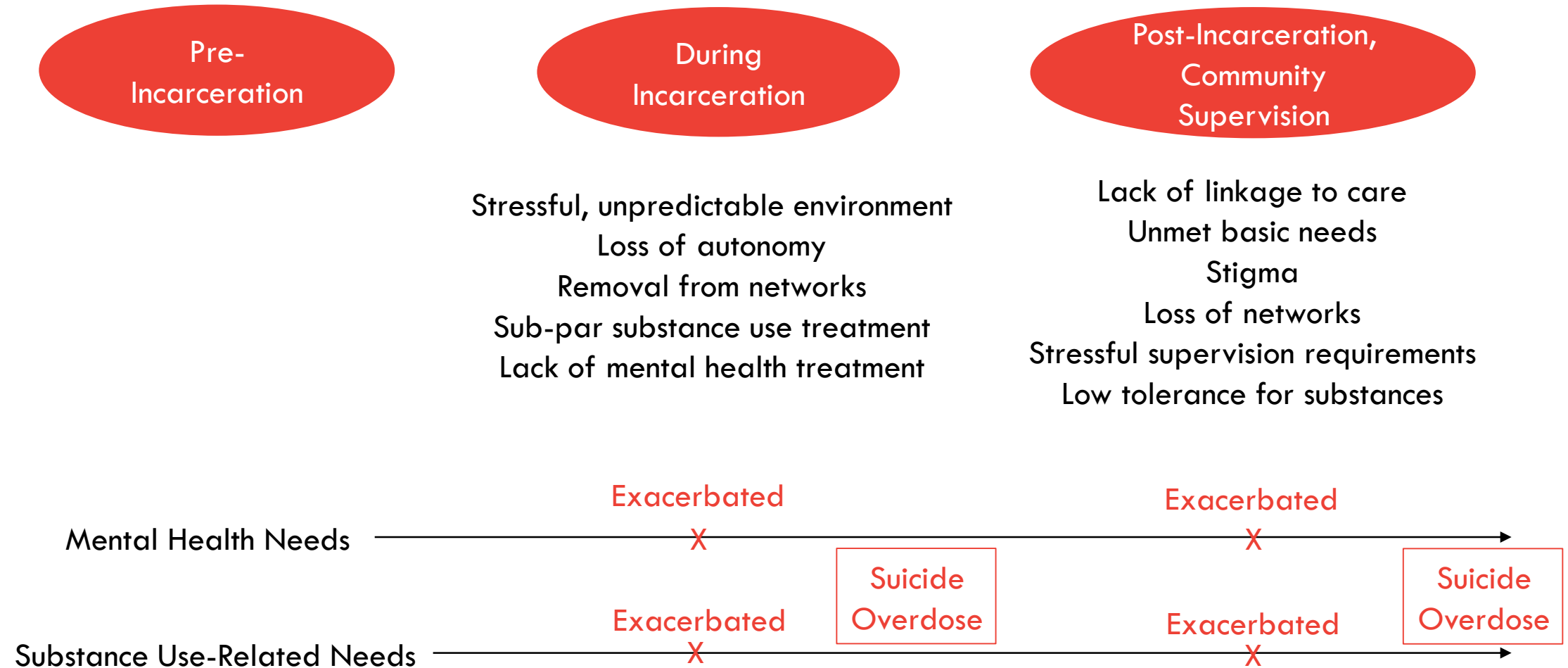
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Alternatives to criminal legal involvement for behavioral health

- Accessible, community-based treatment
- Harm reduction
- Recovery

Summary

Criminal legal involvement is at odds with improving behavioral health

Thank you!

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