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Community Behavioral Health/Housing/SUD:

The folks who are incarcerated need caseworkers to help them navigate the systems to get services they need. Most of the inmates are pretrial felony defendants and behavioral health specialists in the public defender's office are best suited to do this work. Inmates with pending charges are advised by counsel to be very careful about who they communicate with. Behavioral health specialists who work with the public defender have the protection of attorney/client privilege. Investment in public defense services like this can reduce incarceration.
