



OVERVIEW OF THE ISSUES

- Approximately 45% of the Offender Population carries a diagnosis of a Serious Mental Illness.
- Approximately 65-80% have some type of substance use.
- There are additional factors which complicates all of the above



COMPLICATING FACTORS

- Cognitive disabilities
- Underlying health issues
- Undiagnosed/untreated medical problems
- Refusal to cooperate with treatment
- Cultural stigma or beliefs around mental illness and/or substance use
- Denial
- And probably the most significant.....

CRIMINOGENIC FACTORS:

Increasingly research is demonstrating that:

- *Criminogenic thinking and behavior* differentiate people who commit crimes from those who do not, independent of mental illness.
- Incarcerated individuals with mental illness are frequently mentally ill and criminogenic, and both need to be addressed.



CRIMINOGENIC RISK FACTORS

- Antisocial Behavior
- Antisocial personality
- Antisocial thinking
- Antisocial Associates
- Dysfunctional family
- Substance Abuse
- Employment and education
- Leisure and recreation

CORRECTIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

- 2 FTE Mental Health Professionals (MHP's)
- 1 FTE Re-Entry Specialist
- 1 Part-time Psychiatric ARNP for Evaluation and medication treatment.
- MOUD program that has either sustained offenders on an Opioid substitution community program (83) or started the offender on an Opioid substitution program (453), since the beginning of 2022.
- DVSAS- both group meetings and 1 on 1 for individuals who report being a victim.
- Access to local Designated Crisis Responders for Involuntary Detention for Mental Health issues.

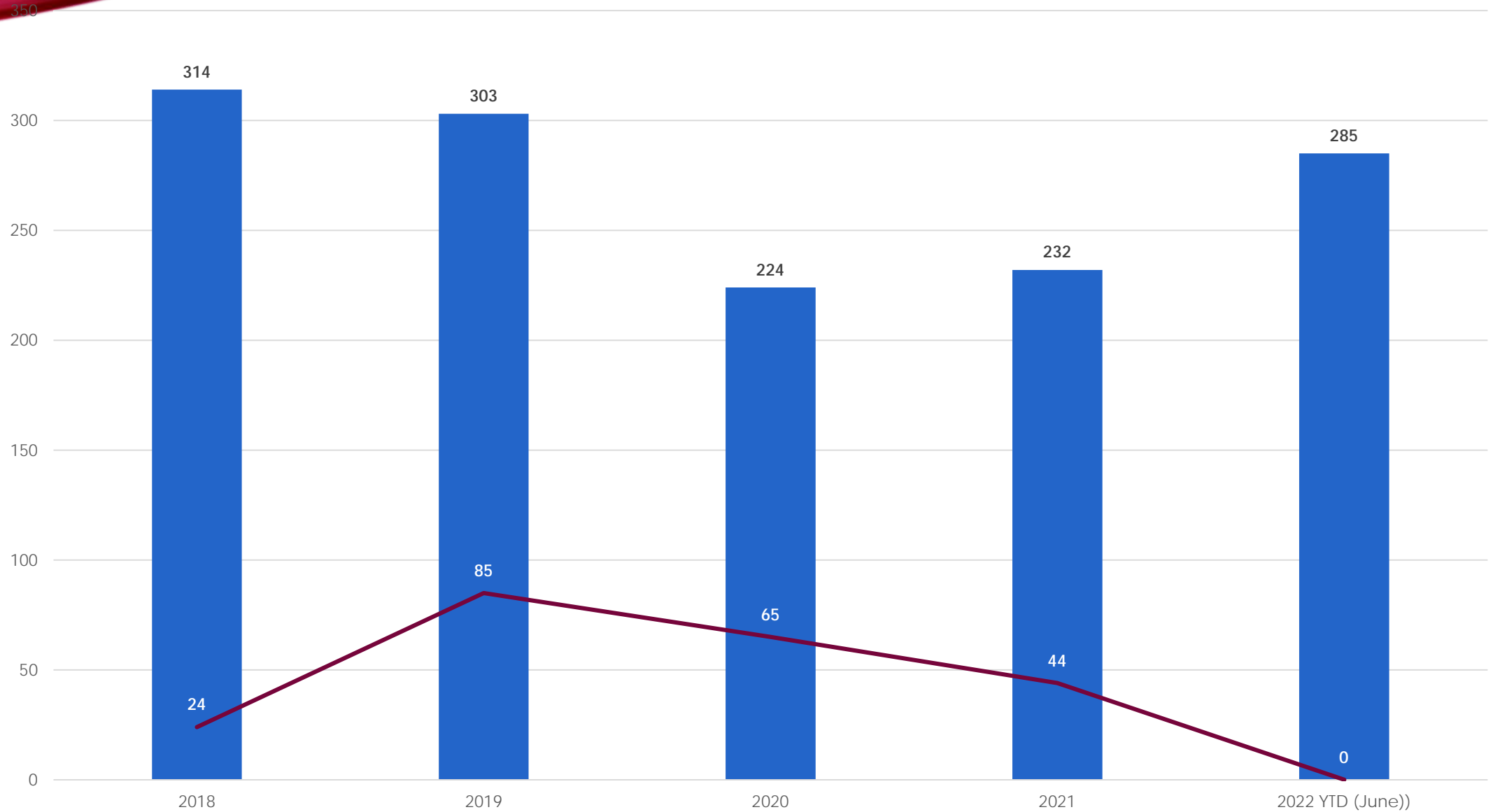
CORRECTIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONT.

- Voluntary community Substance Use programs (AA, NA)
- Faith based support.
- Work with wide variety of State and Local agencies, including:
 - DCFS/DSHS
 - WSH
 - Lake Whatcom (PACT)
 - Compass Health
 - Lifeline Connections
 - Bridget Collins
 - Opportunity Council
 - Lummi Nation
 - Northwest Youth Services
 - GRACE



The Downtown Jail and Work Center
should be seen as a point of engagement,
not just incarceration.

Whatcom County Corrections ADP and GRACE Program 2018-2022



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