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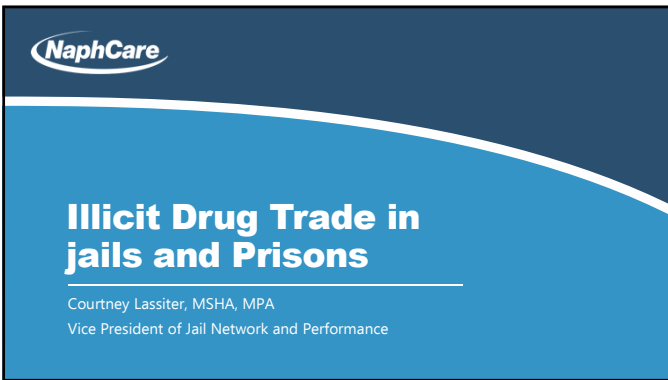
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## Illicit Drug Trade in jails and Prisons

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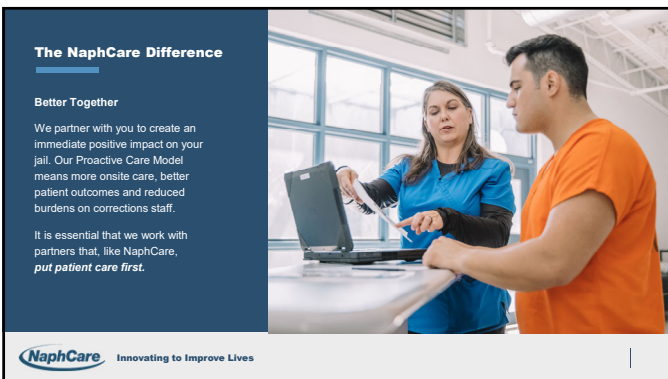
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### The NaphCare Difference

#### Better Together

We partner with you to create an immediate positive impact on your jail. Our Proactive Care Model means more onsite care, better patient outcomes and reduced burdens on corrections staff.

It is essential that we work with partners that, like NaphCare, put patient care first.

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**The NaphCare Difference**

An advanced technology-informed healthcare solution that improves patient outcomes and takes the burden off of you

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**Proactive Care Approach**

Partnership You Can Trust

- Preventive, proactive patient care
- Customized to fit your specific needs
- Technology-informed services for quality control
- Collaborative partnership

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**Drug Trade Million Dollar Business**

Most people probably don't even realize that humongous amounts of drugs are being smuggled into this nations state penitentiary's and local county jails from California to Maine, not forgetting Hawaii and even Alaska, in such large quantities, and on a regular basis, that at times the correction officers' can probably barely keep up with the drug traffic. From being smuggled in an inmate's body cavity, stuffed into balloons and condoms and swallowed, snuck in through greeting cards in an inmate's mail, inmate's friends and family bringing it in at visiting, to even crooked C.O.'s who've been known to bring narcotics inside for an inmate they're secretly having sex with (yes, it does happen), all these ruses keep a steady supply of drugs constantly flowing inside. Not to mention and yes this is also true but medical staff also have been known to be a commonly used drug mule.

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**Shakedown**

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**Drug Trade Con't**

**Fulton County Jail Drug Ring**  
<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/video/13>



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**Most Commonly used Drugs found in Jail**

- Cocaine
- Heroin
- Marijuana
- Methamphetamine
- Alcohol



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**Medical Drug Mule**

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**Quick Stats**

**Marijuana/hashish (78%) and cocaine/crack (52%) were the most frequently used drugs that jail inmates had ever used.**

**Among state prisoners, marijuana/hashish was the most often reported drug type (77%) during 2017-21, followed by cocaine/crack (47%). In 2015, the percentage of prisoners who had ever used marijuana/hashish (78%) and cocaine/crack (47%) were nearly the same.**

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A majority of those who used drugs while they were being arrested reported using marijuana at the time of the offense. Crack/cocaine was the 2nd most popular response.

- 26% of female state prisoners are serving time for drug related crimes.
- 13% of male state prisoners are serving time for drug related crimes.
- 3.7% of those sentenced to state prison had drug possession as their most serious offense.
- 10.4% of those sentenced to state prison had another drug charge as their most serious offense including the manufacture and sale of drugs.
- 1/3rd of all state prisoners and jail inmates committed their crimes in order to get drugs or get money for drugs.
- 1 in 6 state prisoners and jail inmates committed violent offenses in order to get drugs or get money for drugs.

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### Drugs related to Inmates

- 34% of parents in state prison reported that their parents or guardians abused alcohol or drugs.
- 40% of state prisoners and jail inmates said they used drugs at the time they were arrested.
- 43% of mothers had a parent or guardian who abused alcohol or drugs.
- 33% of fathers had a parent or guardian who abused alcohol or drugs.

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### Number of Arrests for Marijuana Drug C



32,357 Americans are arrested annually for the sale and manufacture of marijuana. 317,793 Americans are arrested annually for possession of marijuana.

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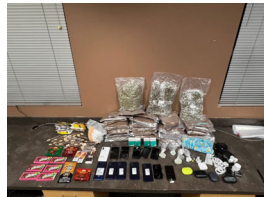
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### Drone Drops

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**Marijuana found**

**USE OF DRONES**

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**Alcohol Affects on jail Inmates**

- 316,032 Americans are arrested for drunkenness annually.
- 10,511 deaths annually are attributable to drunk driving.
- 48% of homicide convicts were drinking before they committed murder.

**DUI Arrests per State**



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**Alcohol Detox Timeline**

6-12 HRG after consuming	24-48 HRG after consuming	2-4 DAYS after consuming	5-7 DAYS after consuming	1-2 WEEKS after consuming
Anxiety Insomnia Agitation	Elevated Heart Rate High Blood Pressure Hallucinations Seizures	Intense Hallucinations & Agitation Delirium Tremors	Symptoms Subside Mood Swings Irritability Cravings	Mood Disturbances Sleep Issues Intense Cravings



**Alcohol Detox**



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**Drug Soaked Paper**

<https://youtu.be/bNO5x59Bob4?si=ezlBJEp5Uq2NGRFV&t=2>

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**Mental Health**

Legal Drugs Used in Jail as Combinations

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**Combination Drugs used from Psychotropic Medications**

- Abilify + Seroquel (snorted) = Known as jailhouse heroin
- Wellbutrin (snorted) = cursing the pills and snorting obtains an amphetamine –like high
- Venlafaxine (Effexor) TABLETS crushed can also be abused for a stimulant –like high
- Gabapentin + Seroquel (snorted) known as "Quell" or "Susie Q"
- Gabapentin + Tegretol = known as "morontin"
- Gabapentin (Neurontin) intranasally snorted by inmates with a prior history of cocaine dependence
- Quetiapine (Seroquel)= snorted, its pulverized powder form and used intravenously for its potent sedative and anxiolytic properties
- Candy (laffy taffy melted down) and coffee with Effexor + Depakote + Remeron= "Whippit"

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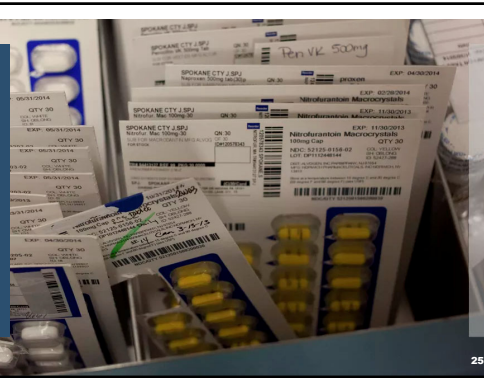
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**Abused MH Meds**

- Zyprexa
- Trihexyphenidyl (Airtane)
- Bupropion (Wellbutrin)
- Tricyclic antidepressants (amitriptyline, nortriptyline, desipramine)
- Remeron
- Trazodon



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**MAT MEDS**

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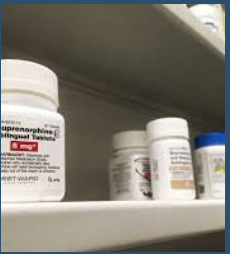
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**Jail Based MAT**

Jails are on the front lines of this epidemic, and they also are in a unique position to initiate treatment in a controlled, safe environment. Pharmacotherapy—i.e., medication-assisted treatment—is a cornerstone of best practice for recovery from substance abuse. Treatment using MAT, particularly when coupled with evidence-based behavioral therapy, improves medical and mental health outcomes and reduces relapses and recidivism.



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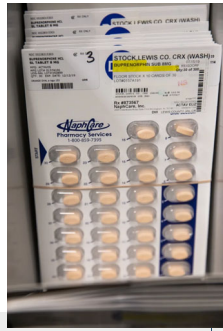
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**Federal Laws for MAT in Jails and Prisons**

**ADA**

Federal Courts have ruled that prohibiting MAT meds for incarcerated individuals is a violation of the ADA for persons with (OUD) opioid use disorder



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**Thank You**

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