

## Question: Are Co-Occurring Disorders being screened in the Justice System

### Answer:

No! SAMHSA supports that the failure to effectively screening for different mental disorders has become a **major concern within the criminal justice system.**

SAMHSA, has recommended:

Routine screening at early points to criminal justice settings.

Use of standardized instruments that include cut off points to determine whether a person should be referred for a full-up assessment.

Trained staff to administer the screening instruments and refer people for assessment.

A response for incarcerated people experiencing a behavioral health crises, such as intoxication or drug use that requires medical attention, or if an individual is experiencing suicidal thoughts.

***Health care records being maintained by the agency conduction the screening.***

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