

Centering Victim Voices in Reform

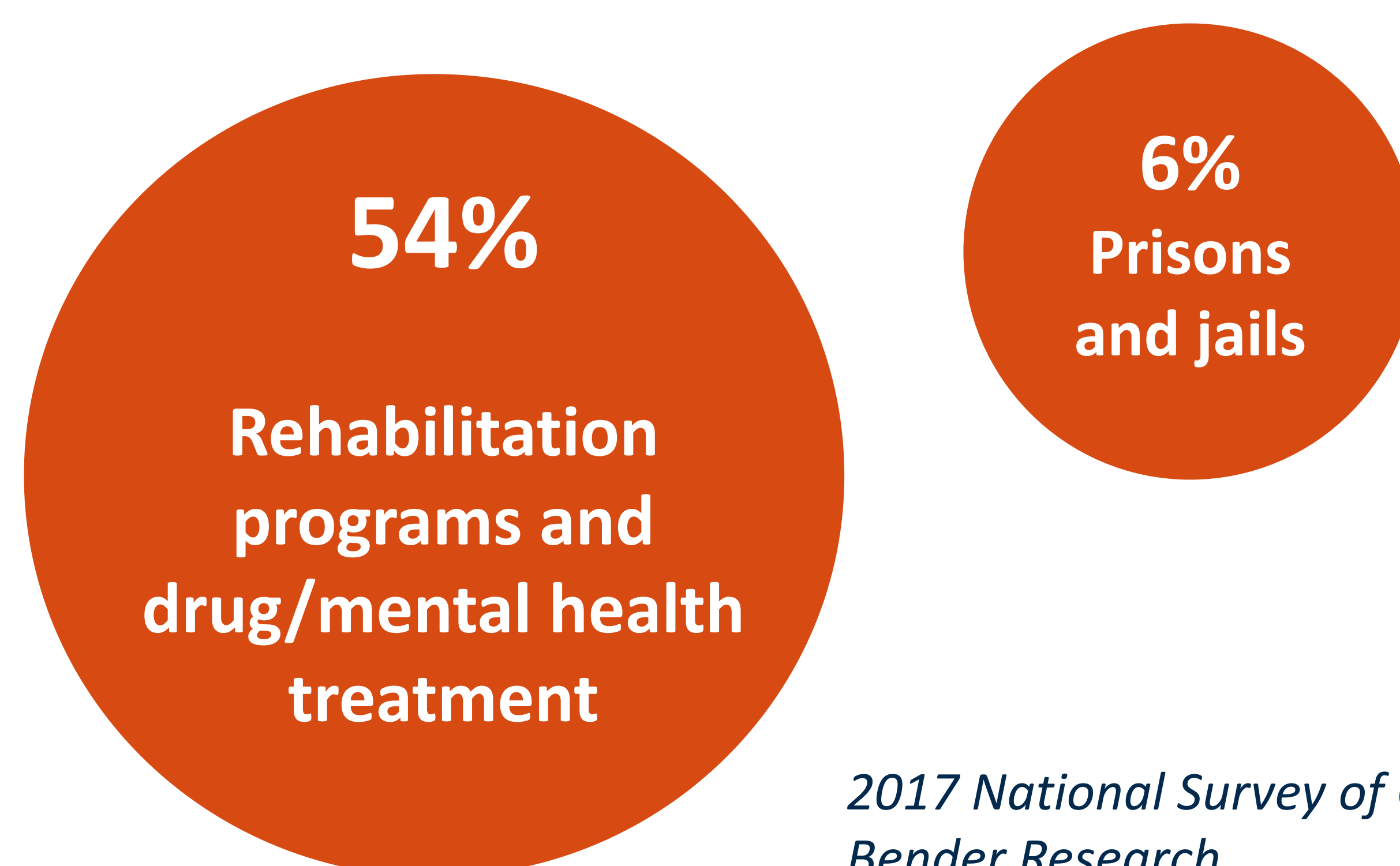
Problem:

Victim voices are integral to comprehensive and just reform efforts. Research has also shown that incarcerated individuals have much higher rates of victimization than the general population, but victims are rarely involved in conversations about reform.

What We've Done:

- Created eight principles on victim-centered reform, designed to help professionals better understand how victims experience the process and what reforms are needed to make them feel respected and heard.
- Next steps include further technical assistance with sites and expansion of principles into trainings and a toolkit.

Stereotypes about what victims want are not always accurate.



2017 National Survey of Crime Survivors, David Bender Research

Systemic Issues

1. Recognize and Enforce Victims' Rights

2. Recognize the Limits of the Justice System Dichotomy

Services

3. Provide Affordable, Effective, and High-Quality Victim Services

4. Provide Affordable, Effective, and High-Quality Perpetrator Services

Safety

5. Prioritize Victims' Safety

6. Adequately Supervise Perpetrators in Community Programs

Special Issues

7. Provide Accessible and Trauma-Informed Criminal Justice Professionals

8. Pay Special Attention to Relational Cases