# Refocus and Renew

# Moving towards health for adults with serious mental illness and youth with serious emotional disturbances

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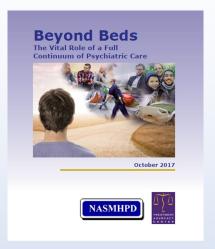
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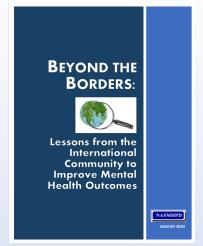
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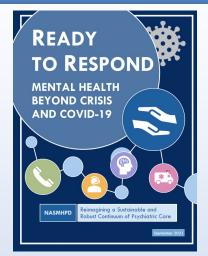


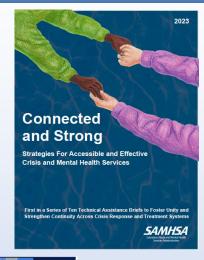
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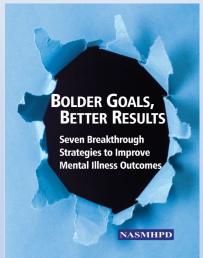


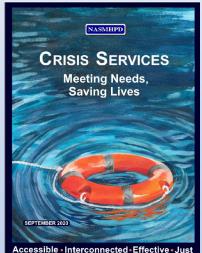


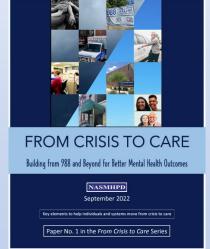


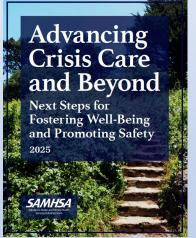








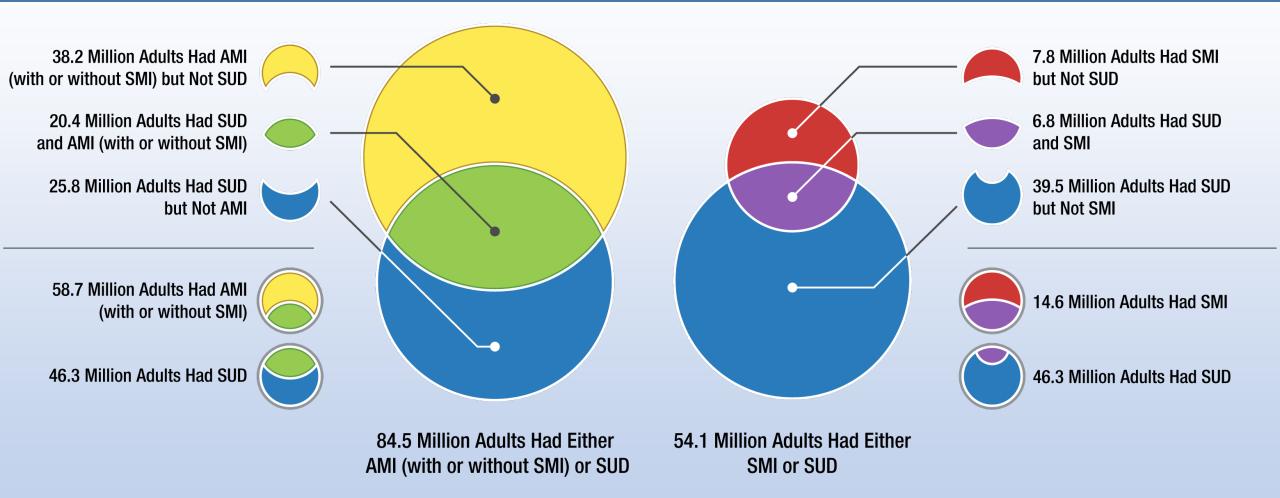






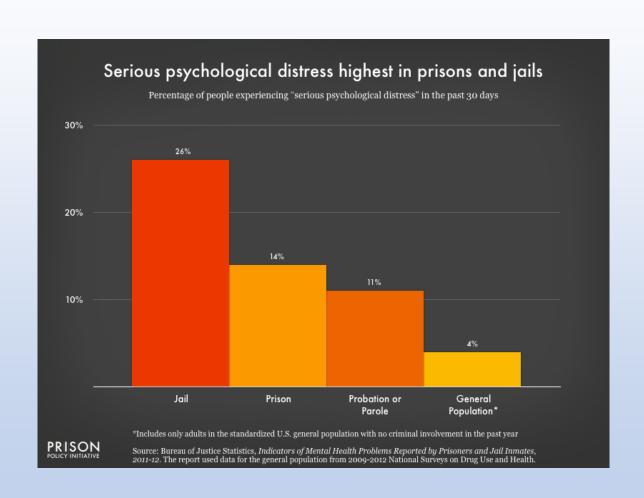
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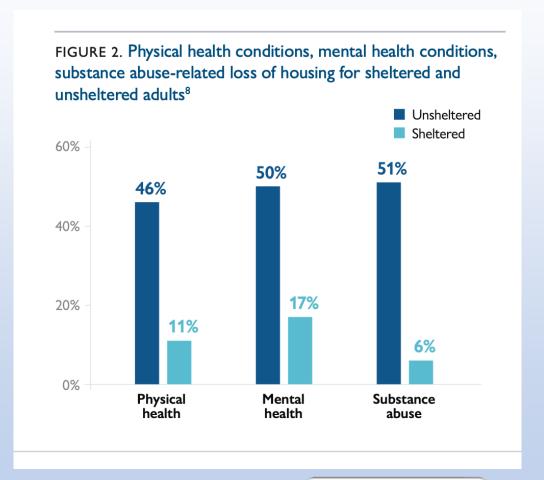




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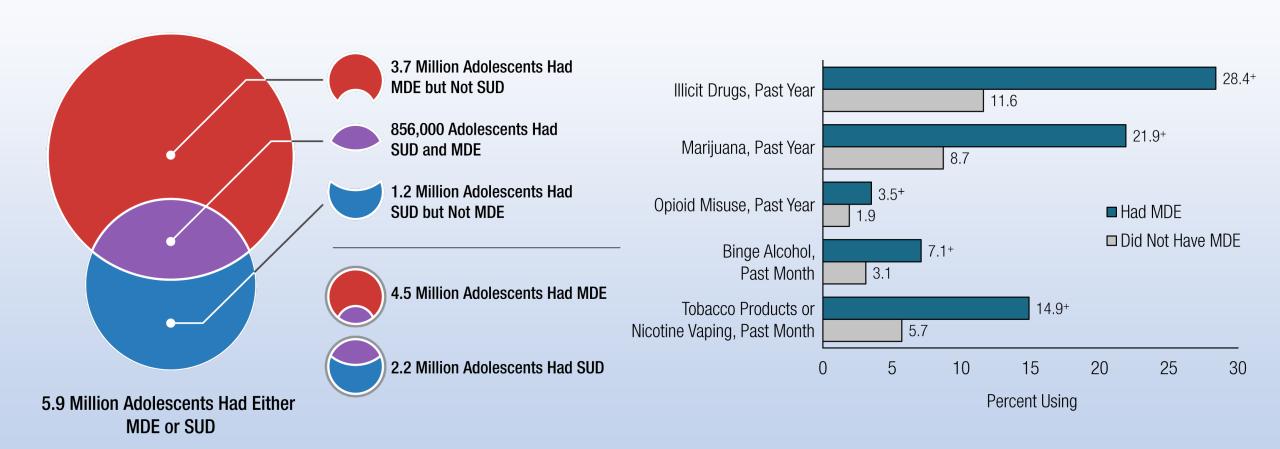






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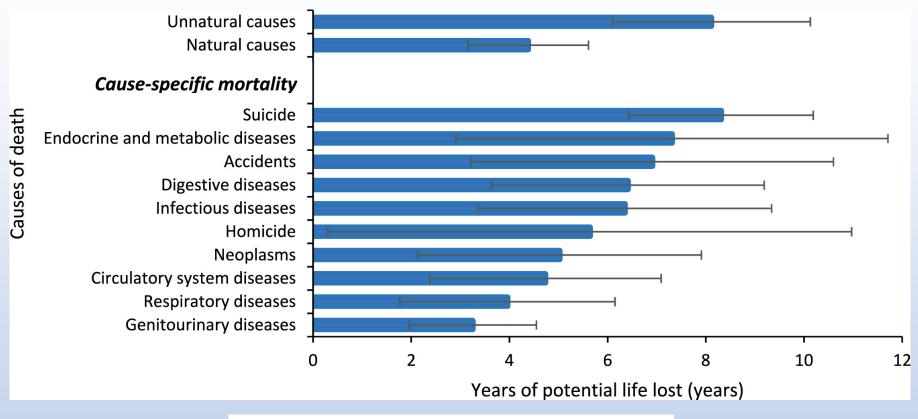






### Renew Commitment to Whole-Person Health





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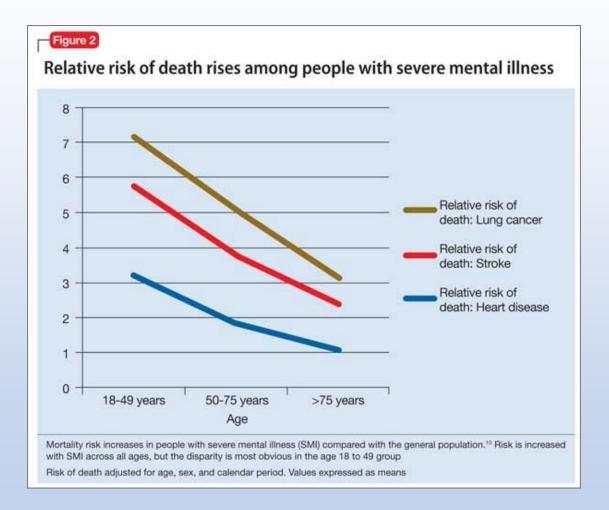
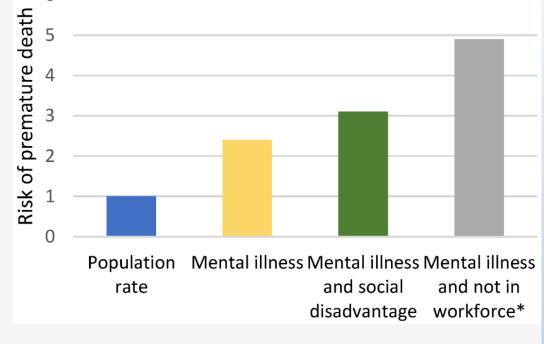


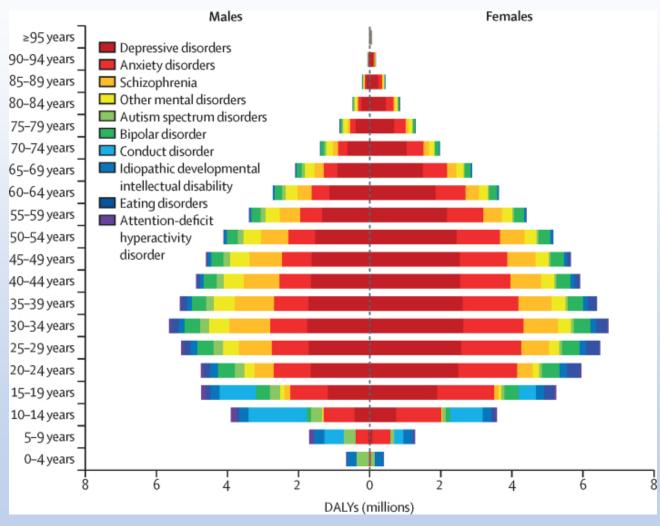
Figure 2. Relative risk of early death by population group (adapted from ABS, 2017 [2]). \*
Persons aged 15 to 64 years, compared to total Australian population 15 to 64 years.





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# Renew Commitment to Improving Quality





Six Core Strategies for Reducing Seclusion and Restraint Use©

- 1. Leadership toward Organizational Change
- 2. Use of Data To Inform Practice
- 3. Workforce Development
- 4. Use of S/R Prevention Tools
- 5. Consumer Roles in Inpatient Settings
- 6. Debriefing Techniques

TABLE 2. Safety measures and use and duration of containment procedures at Pennsylvania forensic centers, 2011-2020

Containment procedure or safety measure	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total or N
Seclusion											
Events	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rate per 1,000 days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duration (minutes)	0	345	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	345
Mechanical restraint											
Events	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Rate per 1,000 days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duration (minutes)	70	135	198	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	432
Physical restraint											
Events <sup>a</sup>	220	297	240	237	181	197	208	256	445	265	2,546
Rate per 1,000 days	2.92	3.78	2.97	2.89	2.18	2.36	2.47	2.56	3.73	2.52	2.85
Duration (minutes) <sup>a</sup>	1,495	1,065	1,048	925	869	738	527	622	776	541	8,606
Mean duration (minutes)	6.8	3.6	4.4	3.9	4.8	3.7	2.5	2.4	1.7	2.0	3.3
All containment											
Events	222	301	244	238	181	197	208	256	455	265	2,567
Rate per 1,000 days	2.95	3.83	3.02	2.90	2.18	2.36	2.47	2.56	3.73	2.52	2.8
Duration (minutes)	1,565	1,545	1,246	954	869	738	527	622	776	541	9,383
Mean duration (minutes)	7.1	5.1	5.1	4.0	4.8	3.8	2.5	2.4	1.7	2.0	3.7
Aggression											
Events <sup>a</sup>	347	426	240	185	192	144	140	220	375	75	2,344
Rate per 1,000 days	4.60	5.42	2.97	2.25	2.32	1.72	1.66	2.20	3.14	.71	2.63
Patient-to-patient assault											
Events <sup>a</sup>	655	1,039	658	708	697	628	818	740	1,340	802	8,085
Rate per 1,000 days	8.69	13.22	8.15	8.63	8.40	7.52	9.72	7.39	11.23	7.62	9.0
Patient-to-staff assault											
Events <sup>a</sup>	132	162	124	91	134	136	143	147	184	133	1,386
Rate per 1,000 days	1.75	2.06	1.54	1.11	1.62	1.63	1.70	1.47	1.54	1.26	1.5
Self-injurious behavior											
Events <sup>a</sup>	156	90	74	76	39	66	74	81	112	10	778
Rate per 1,000 days	2.07	1.15	.92	.93	.47	.79	.88	.81	.94	.10	.87
STAT medications <sup>b</sup>											
Events	761	832	557	526	476	418	645	665	1,139	743	6,762
Rate per 1,000 days	10.10	10.59	6.90	6.41	5.74	5.00	7.67	6.64	9.55	7.06	7.58

a p < 0.001

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> STAT, statim, "now, immediately."

# Renew Commitment to Reducing Costs



Table 1.

Lifetime Health and Economic Outcomes According to the Presence of SMI by Age 25

	No SMI by Age 25	SMI by Age	Difference (%)
Lifetime outcomes from age 25	1180 20	23	(70)
Life Expectancy, Years	56.1	45.7	-10.4 (-19%)
Disability Free Life Years	42.3	20.6	-21.7 (-51%)
Quality Adjusted Life Years	47.6	36.0	-11.6 (-24%)
Total Medical Spending, 2017 US Dollars (1,000s)	399.3	495.9	96.5 (+24%)
Lifetime Earnings, 2017 US Dollars (1,000s)	1122.3	585.2	-537.1 (-48%)
Years Worked	32.6	17.8	-14.8 (-45%)
Full-time Years Worked	23.8	10.6	-13.2 (-55%)
Lifetime SSDI Income, 2017 US Dollars (1,000s)	7.8	46.6	38.8 (+500%)
Lifetime SSI Income, 2017 US Dollars (1,000s)	2.5	22.9	20.3 (+809%)





This series calls on state leaders to **refocus** on SMI and SED treatment and recovery— and to **renew** their commitment to system changes in improving whole-person health and reducing early mortality.







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- 8. Legal Tools Throughout the Behavioral Health Care Continuum
- 9. The Evolving Landscape of State Hospitals in the Public Mental Health System
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# Learning Lab



Choose one of the priority goals and discuss policy, practice and system changes, identifying three action steps that can taken in your state(s). We will reconvene in 10 minutes and invite participants to share what was discussed.

- 1. Refocus on treatment for SMI
- 2. Refocus on treatment for SED
- 3. Renew commitment to reducing early mortality and whole-person health
- 4. Renew commitment to improving quality and reducing costs



#### Thank You!





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