

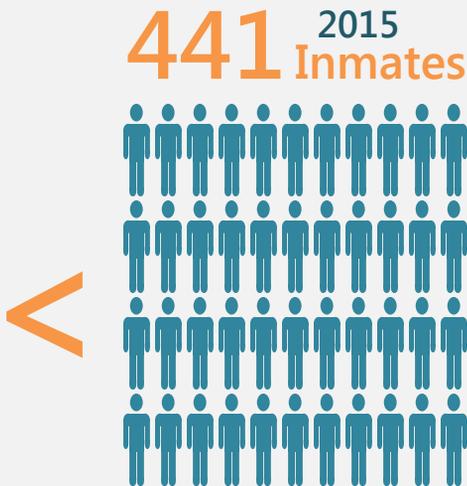
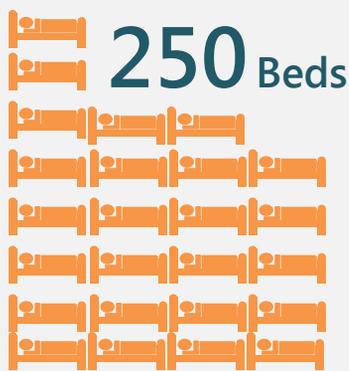
# Why we need the Justice & Transition Center...

## The Dutchess County Jail is a State Mandate

### New York County Law § 217

"Each county shall continue to maintain a county jail as prescribed by law."

The current County Jail is old, inefficient, unsafe, and too small for our jail population. The lack of space has necessitated housing hundreds of inmates in other county jails around the state, at a cost to taxpayers of **\$8 million per year**. Housing out is inhumane, and limits access to the courts and critical programming.



Temporary housing (PODS) have allowed all inmates to stay in Dutchess County. Length of stay and population numbers have declined, programming has expanded and taxpayers are saving \$1 million annually. However, the PODS variance is only temporary. If funding is not approved for the Justice & Transition Center by April 1<sup>st</sup>, the variance will be revoked by the state and the PODS must be shut down and housing out will continue.

## Alternatives to Incarceration:

Dutchess County has a robust system of Alternatives to Incarceration. Probation officers screen inmates in the jail every day for alternative options based on risk. Programming efforts include:

- Mobile Crisis Intervention Team
- Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement
- Mental Health First Aid Training
- Teen Intervene prevention program
- Function Family Therapy initiative
- Restorative Justice Model for Youth
- Beacon Drug Court
- County Felony Drug Court
- Saturday Arraignment Pilot
- 24/7 Public Defense at Arraignment
- Consolidated Hybrid Interim Program
- RESTART re-entry & transition programming
- Job Training & Placement

**2,500 On Probation**

**650 Average # in ATIs in 2015**

**13% Incarcerated**

County	Incarceration Rate
Dutchess*	135
Albany	185
Orange	164
Rensselaer	194
Broome	248
Chautauqua	207
Onondaga	225
Oneida	186
Niagara	185
Ulster	134

Dutchess County's incarceration rate is well below the national and state average per one hundred thousand of population. Our programming efforts have produced a rate lower than our peer county with similar jail populations.

\* As of February 24th

**Women's Reporting Center**  
Specialized services for women including child care and peer mentoring.

**Stabilization Center**  
Opening later this year, the center will serve as a 24/7 resource to divert individuals from jail.

# Project Facts & Figures...

## Sizing Considerations:

Jail overcrowding has been a long standing issue. In 2014, the population hit a peak of 520 inmates, but has been 420 in 2016. Classification restrictions increases the number of beds necessary by 15%. Growth over the next 30 years is estimated at 15%, for a total of 569 beds needed. There are options to scale back the size of the facility including eliminating a third floor option with 72 beds.

## 420 Inmates Today

500 Necessary Classification  
+15% Growth (Over 30 Years)

**569 Approx Beds Needed**  
- 72 Third Floor Option

**497 Approx Beds Needed**

## Project Summary

### Justice & Transition Center

- 297,000 Sq Ft
- 569 Bed Facility with Options to Scale Back
- New Design for Greater Efficiency
- Facility Structured for Expanded Program Space
- Estimated Cost: \$154,276,000

### Law Enforcement Center

- 55,800 Sq Ft
- Greater Public Access
- Improved Efficiency & Security
- Estimated Cost: \$36,509,000

**\$550k**

Included for Special Populations programming and research & a comprehensive Youth Services and Crime Prevention study.

**Total Cost:  
\$192,150,000**

Cost of Debt: 2016-2047 = \$274 Million

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Cost of Housing Out: 2016-2047  
\$10 Million X 31 Years = \$310 Million

2021 Cost vs. Benefit Analysis	Existing Jail & Housing Out	New Justice & Transition Center
Jail Operating Cost	\$47,290,000	\$33,700,000
Debt Service Jail/LEC & Justice & Transition Center	1,640,000	9,900,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,930,000</b>	<b>\$43,600,000</b>

**Annual Savings: \$5.3 Million**

## Benefits of Justice & Transition Center:

- Cost savings \$5.3M annually
- Staff efficiencies from improved design for improved inmate to correction officer ratios
- Improved safety for inmates and correction officers
- End practice of housing out at cost of \$8M annually
- Provides space and access to programming to reduce recidivism

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