

THE NEED FOR BETTER ORAL HEALTH

In Our Nation's Correctional Facilities

Clinicians and researchers cite a dire need to improve medical and dental health for inmates. Often, they enter the criminal justice system with higher rates of disease than the general public, including more commonly unattended chronic illnesses.

Key to Success: On-Demand, On-Location Services

With an aging prison population and higher rates of chronic conditions, such as cardiovascular disease and asthma, federal and state-run correctional facilities often spend up to 33 percent of their budgets on healthcare.

By bringing high-quality dental services on-location, DOCS helps correctional facilities and detention centers decrease costs, reduce recidivism, and strengthen overall public health. Partnering with DOCS comes with a program that delivers care more efficiently to inmates than a typical outside hospital model and can help institutions dramatically save taxpayer dollars through the elimination of transportation and security costs.

DOCS Meets Guidelines of NCCHC



DOCS meets the guidelines of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), an independent organization dedicated to improving the quality of care in jails, prisons, and juvenile detention centers. NCCHC establishes standards for health services in correctional facilities, operates a voluntary accreditation program for institutions that meet those standards, produces and disseminates resource publications, conducts educational conferences, and offers a certification program for correctional health professionals.

Benefits of Working With DOCS

- **Over 20 years** delivering dental services to correctional facilities and detention centers nationwide.
- **Minimizes oral health issues** in populations with higher rates of disease.
- **Limits public safety risks** by delivering services in-house with highly trained staff.



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