Mental Health & the Criminal Justice System

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1970s: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

INSTITUTIONALIZED MENTALLY ILL

NO MORE WAREHOUSING!
NO MORE TREATMENT!
JUST FREEDOM!

2000s: LIVING INSIDE THE BOX

HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL

GOV'T
Figure 2: Rates of Institutionalization in the United States (including jail populations)
A.B. (TRUEBLOOD) v. DSHS
KORTLEVER v. WHATCOM COUNTY
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