



WISR

Worcester Initiative for Supported Reentry

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WISR Primary Partners:

Worcester Superior Court
Probation

Massachusetts Department
of Correction

Worcester County Sheriff's
Office

Massachusetts Parole Board

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Community Health Center

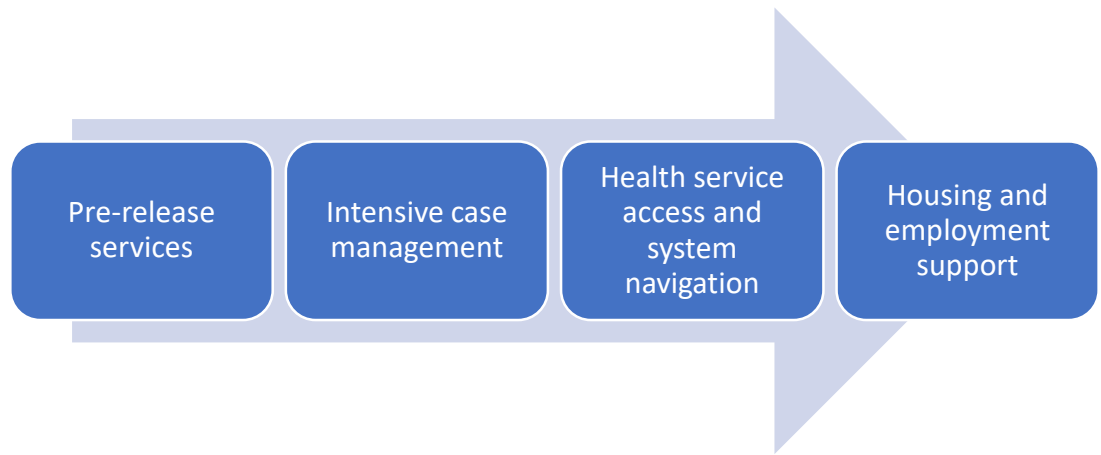
Funded by:

The Health Foundation of Central
Massachusetts

Evaluated by:

Brandeis University

WISR's collaboration focused on barriers to housing,
employment & addiction recovery



WISR Model - Key Elements

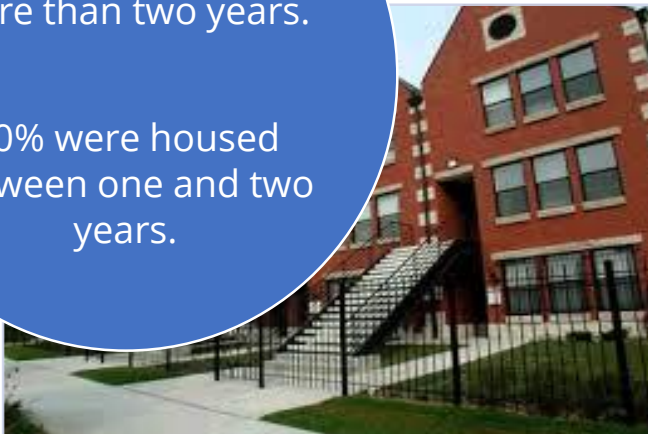
- Pre-to-post release service continuity
- Comprehensive assessments and treatment planning
- Evidence-based interventions
- Client-centered approach
- Boundary-spanning collaboration
- Post-release supervision

Access to Critical Services

All participants were housed within one day of release.

60% of participants remained housed for more than two years.

30% were housed between one and two years.



71% continuous employment one year or longer



Healthcare insurance enrollment
97%



Primary care access
94%

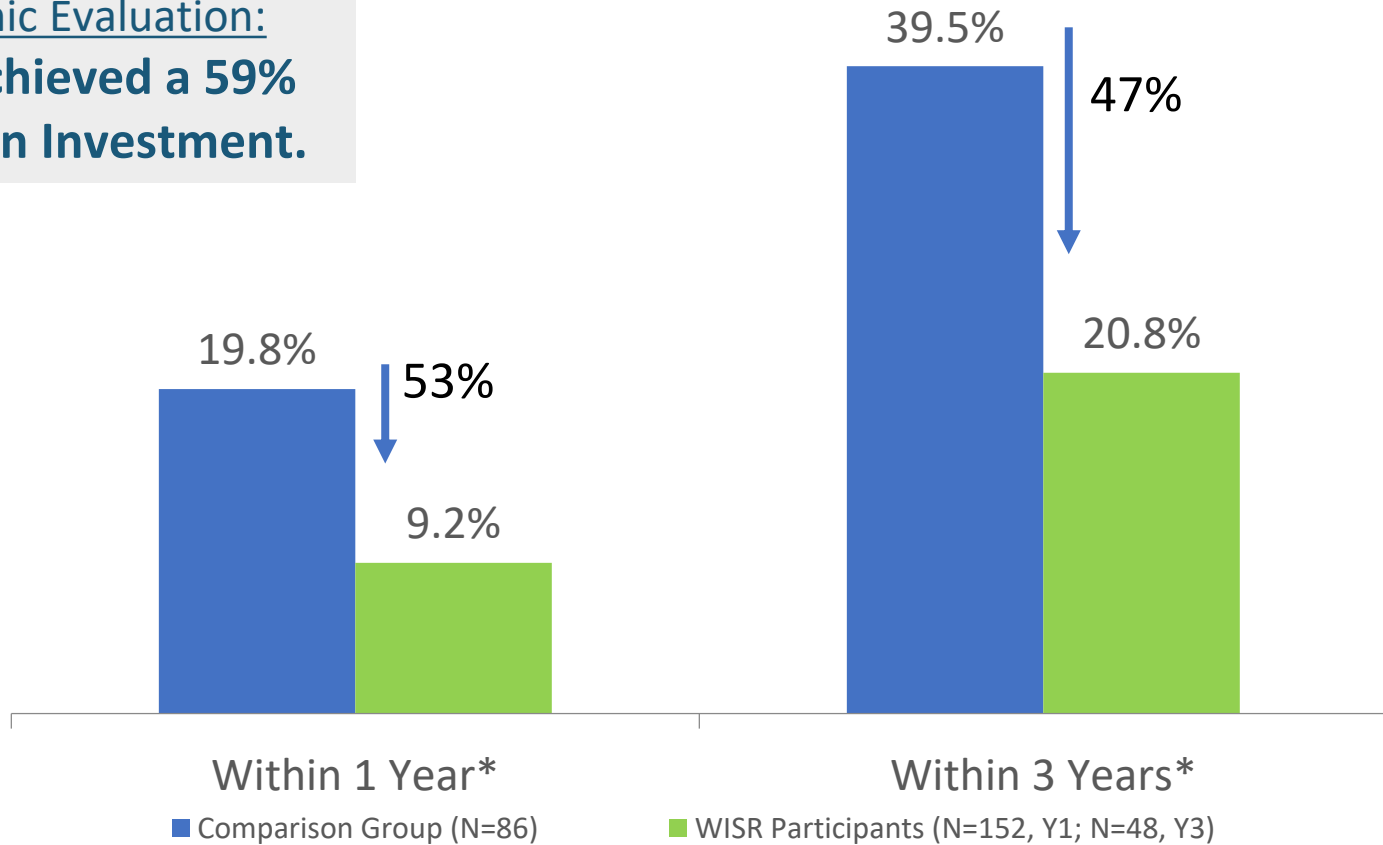


Substance use services access
93%



WISR Demonstrates Significantly Lower Recidivism Rates

Economic Evaluation:
**WISR Achieved a 59%
Return on Investment.**



* Statistically significant difference, p -Value $\leq .03$

Looking Ahead: Focus on Systems Change



- Building effective interagency collaborations
- Measuring performance: data, cross-sector analysis and information sharing
- Allocating resources to address behavioral health needs
- Incentivizing systems change