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Abstract

Depression is a common and serious medical illness that negatively affects how you feel, the way you feel and the way you act. This study used data from National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Depression is fortunately treatable. Depression causes you to have feelings of sadness and loss of interest in things you loved in your daily life.

Keywords

Depression Sadness

Are older adults who been incarcerated or homeless are at a greater risk for depression? Depression is a mood disorder that causes persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest and can interfere with your daily functioning. Signs and symptoms of Depression would be feeling sad or even not in good spirt, loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed, changes in diet, trouble sleeping or sleeping too much, stress, loss of energy, feeling worthless, difficulty thinking or making decisions, thoughts of suicide or death. The following symptoms or signs must last at least two weeks and must represent a change for diagnosis of Depression.

Depression and Homelessness among Criminal Justice population is on the rise. Older adults who are homeless or incarcerated are often depressed. Older inmates who are homeless have even more problems when incarcerated because they must think about where they are going to shelter when released from prison. “Parolees who are homeless have even greater problems with incarceration. In a national survey of inmates (N=6,953), 15.3% reported at least one episode of homelessness in the year prior to incarceration—a number that is 7–11 times that of the general US population reporting homelessness (Greenberg & Rosenheck, 2008).” Looking to bring affordable treatment into a prison setting. Millions of people are incarcerated every day and they also suffer from Depression. “Suicide has been the leading cause of death in local jails every year from 2000 to 2014, accounting for nearly one-third of all deaths in local jails during that period.” (Noonan ME, Carson EA. 2016).

Are homelessness and incarceration associated with depression among older adults? As incarceration and homelessness increases among older adults, they tend to experience

Depression. Have you ever been an inmate? Were you ever homeless? Have you ever been an inmate in a jail, prison, juvenile detention center or any other prison? Have you ever been homeless or lived in a shelter? Suffering from Depression or Anxiety? Being in those unusual living circumstances can tend to have an impact on you which leads you to go into Depression. How many people are homeless and incarcerated? How big of a problem is it? What is

Depression and what are symptoms of it?

Citations

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