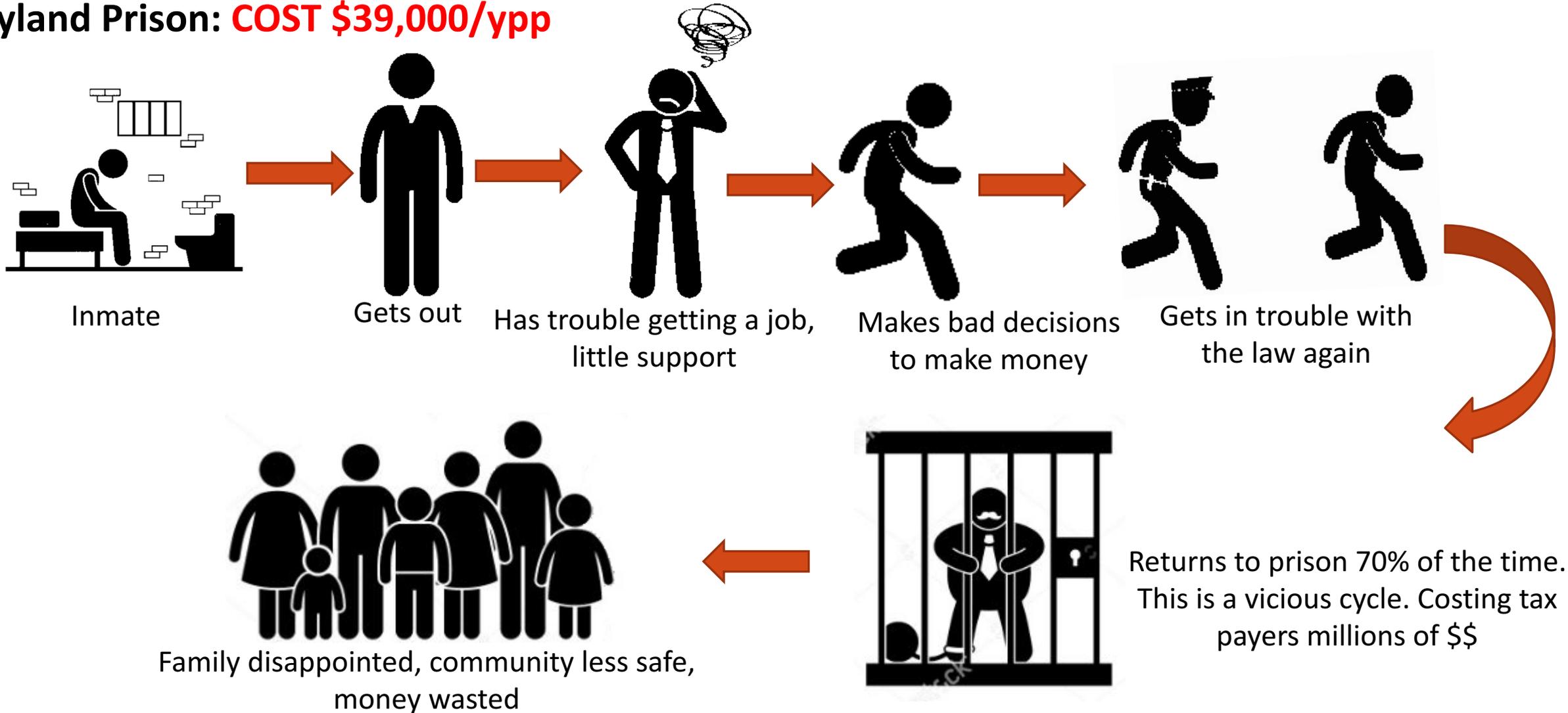


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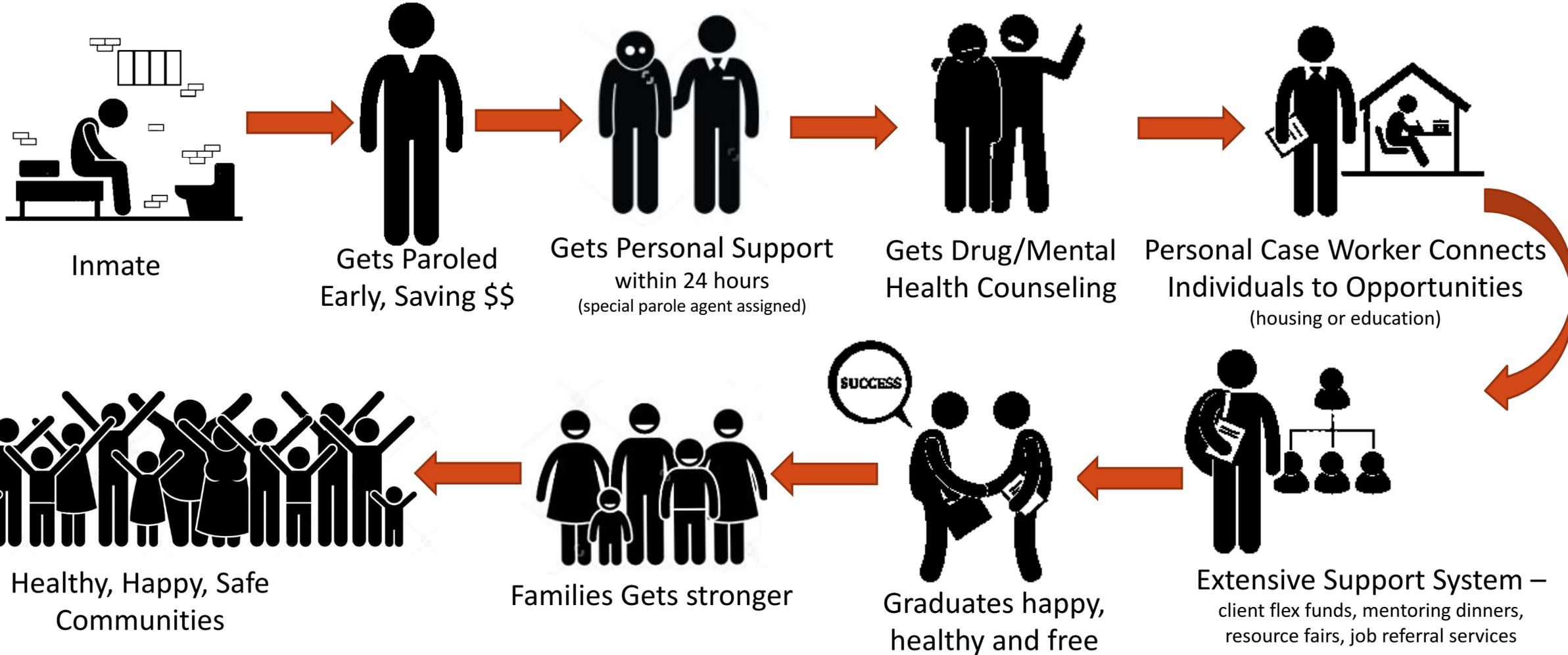
Maryland Prison: **COST \$39,000/yp**



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Prison Justice Reinvestment Deal

Just and Fair Solution: **COST \$7,000/yp**



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Prison Justice Reinvestment Deal

a justice reinvestment model built on the success of the Public Safety Compact
July 2017

Background: The Public Safety Opportunity Compact (PSC), under contract with the State of Maryland, safely released 600 prisoners from Maryland's prisons, multi-years earlier than their mandatory release date. Over its six years of operation, (2010 – 2015), the PSC saved the State over \$3 million dollars and dramatically reduced rates of recidivism and criminal activity in Baltimore City. Only 6.5% of the PSC graduates went back to prison after three years, compared to the state's 40.5% recidivism rate and the City's estimated 70% rate.

The Compact's annual savings and costs were audited by the Maryland Office of the Inspector General and the savings split between the State and the PSC – creating a sustainable stream of public funding to: a) support ex-prisoners' safe return home, b) rebuild their neighborhoods and c) eliminate the State's structural budget deficit.

The PSC far exceeded the contractual goals. Savings increased exponentially as more men and women returned home early and successfully reintegrated into society. In anticipation of the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council's report, the State chose not to renew the PSC contract, preferring to wait for and follow the Council's recommendations.

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New Law: In 2016, the Maryland General Assembly approved and Governor Hogan signed into law, the **Justice Reinvestment Act** (JRA.) A far-reaching and evidence-based document, the JRA, among other improvements to the criminal justice system, calls for the use of the Opportunity Compact model. As a statewide priority, local leaders of non-profits, business, foundations and the re-entry community used the Compact model to develop the **Prison Justice Reinvestment Deal**, a template for use in Maryland jurisdictions seeking relief from mass incarceration – particularly of black and brown people.

Maryland leads the country in criminal justice reform and reinvestment of prison dollars.

Under the leadership of Governor Hogan, the General Assembly, and the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council, the state of Maryland has a way to dismantle the prison industrial complex, one person at a time. ***Through bi-partisan collaboration, Maryland's elected officials designed a legal blueprint to reduce incarceration, improve public safety and provide for a portion of the resulting savings to be reallocated to stabilize our fellow Marylanders' return home and to rebuild our communities.***

Reinvestment Contracts: The Prison Justice Reinvestment Deal brings the Public Safety Compact model¹ into the public domain and open to replication and modification in jurisdictions throughout Maryland and beyond.

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The Public Safety Compact was independently evaluated against a control group and proven to be effective in successful re-entry outcomes. The Maryland Office of the Inspector General of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services conducted annual financial audits of the PSC – comparing costs to savings and approved the reallocation of \$3+ million dollars for reinvestment in reentry services and community opportunities.