

# Office of the Public Defender

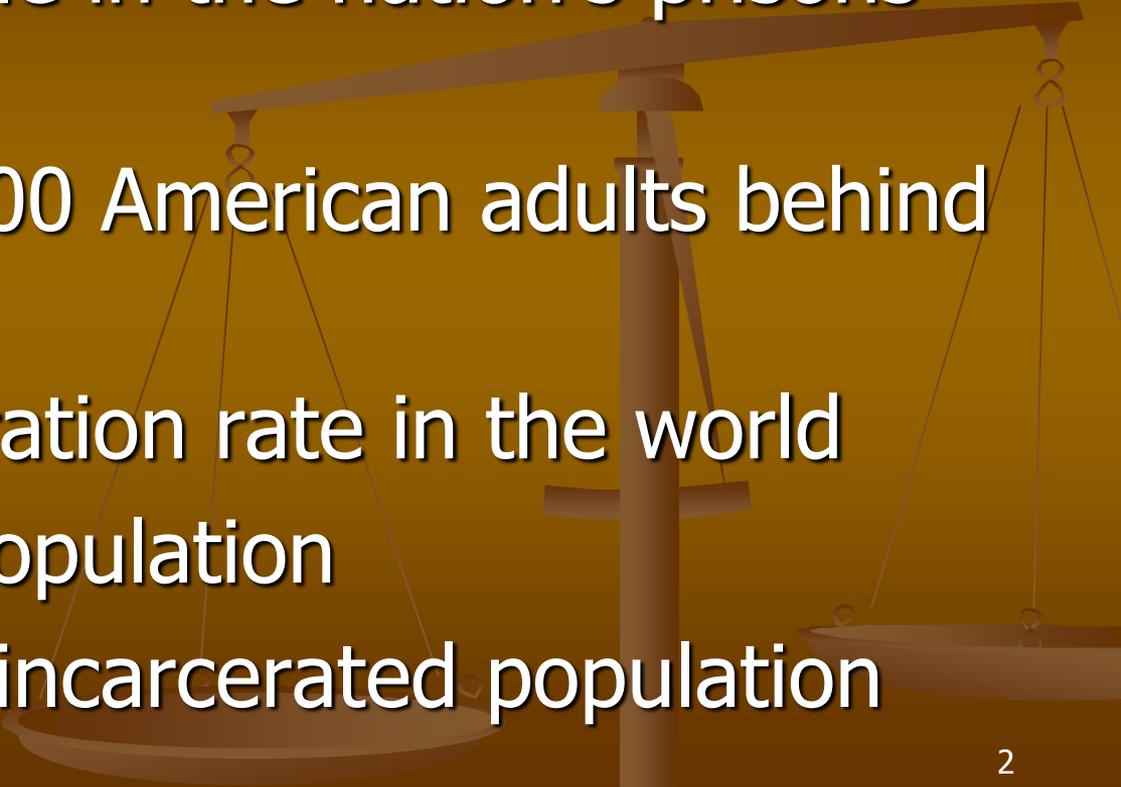
## 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida

# Behavioral Health Court

June 17, 2016

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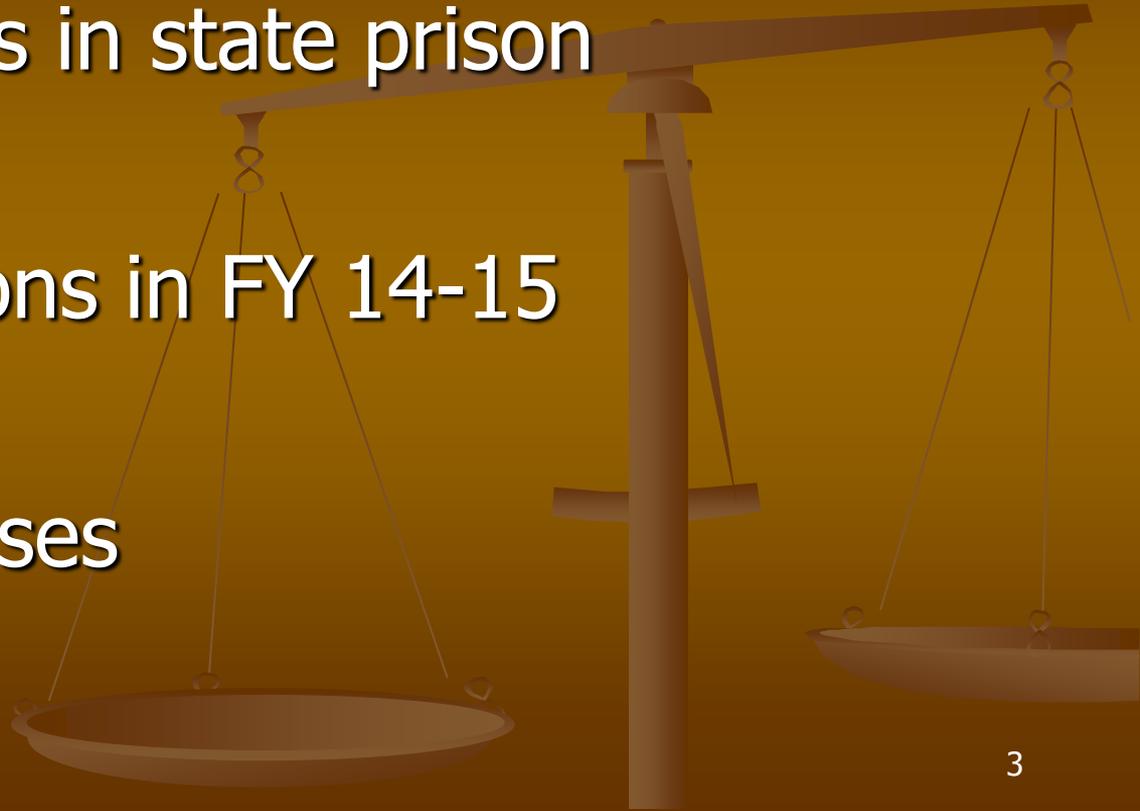
# Imprisonment in America



- 2.3 million people in the nation's prisons and jails
- Almost one in 100 American adults behind bars
- Highest incarceration rate in the world
- 5% of world's population  
25% of world's incarcerated population

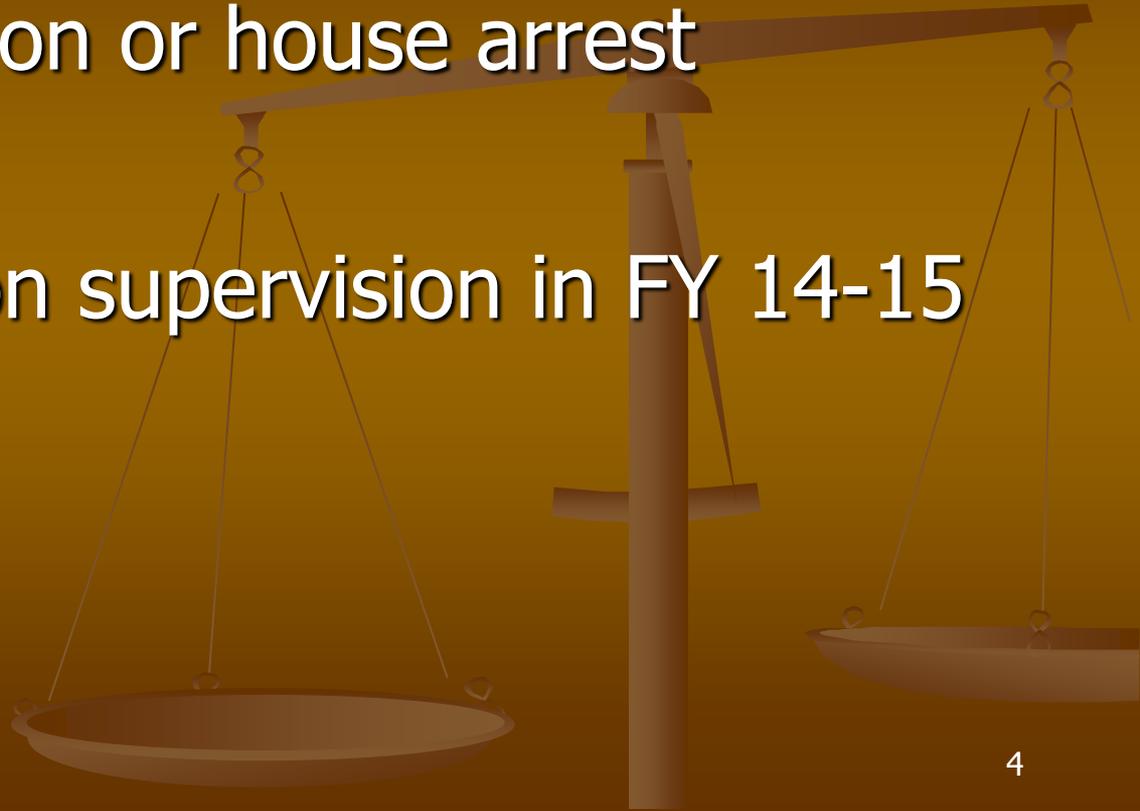
# Imprisonment in Florida

- 100,000 inmates in state prison
- 31,000 admissions in FY 14-15
- 23% drug offenses



# Community Supervision

- 140,000 probation or house arrest
- 83,604 placed on supervision in FY 14-15



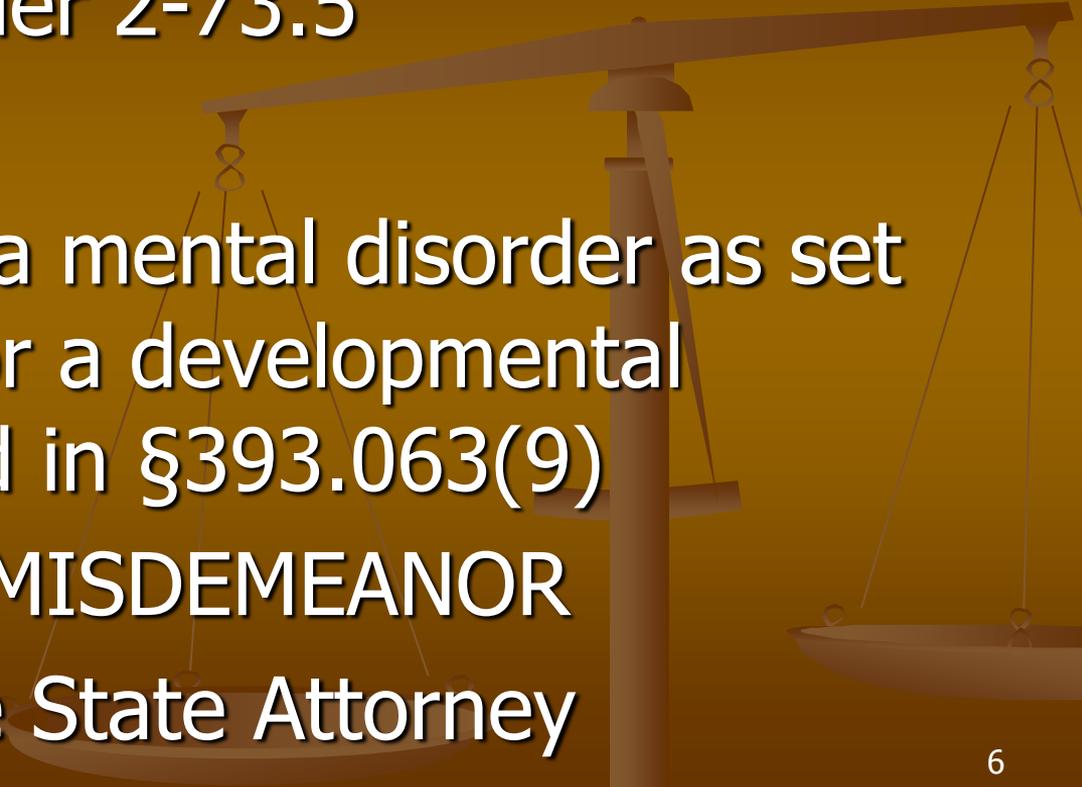
# Arrests in Polk County



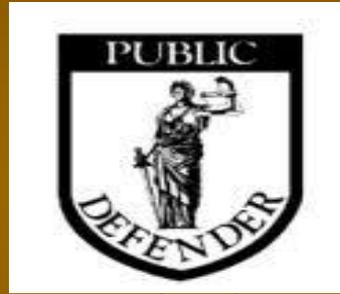
- 633,052 Polk County Population
- 27,203 adults & juveniles arrested 2015
- 4.3 arrests per 100 population

# Behavioral Health Court

## Administrative Order 2-73.5

- Diagnosed with a mental disorder as set forth in DSM 5 or a developmental disability defined in §393.063(9)
  - Charged with a MISDEMEANOR
  - Approved by the State Attorney
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# When Mental Disorders or Developmental Disabilities *CONTRIBUTE* to Criminal Behavior



We C.A.R.E.

# C.A.R.E.



## ■ Comprehensive

Focus on causes of criminal behavior as well as legal issues

## ■ Assisted

Team Approach – Client, Attorney, CARE Team Coordinator & Specialist

## ■ Re-Direction

Reduce recidivism by addressing special needs of each individual client

## ■ Experience

Lifestyle change – not simply a sentencing event

# Chapter 2016-127

## An Act Relating to Mental Health Services in the Criminal Justice System

### §394.47892 Mental Health Court Programs

(1) Each county may fund a mental health court program under which a defendant in the justice system **assessed** with a **mental illness** shall be processed in such a manner as to appropriately address the severity of the identified mental illness through treatment services tailored to the individual needs of the participant.