

Review comment-1

The summary of the challenges is useful as it is but its significance is limited.

The format of the manuscript does not meet APA guidelines. The references should be incorporated into the text where the source material is noted. **The manuscript meets APA guidelines.**

The limitations of the research and lack of examples limit the strength of this manuscript. It is an important area for discussion but without clear examples of research that demonstrate barriers and successful interventions, its usefulness is limited. It also needs specific policy suggestions. Examples of where the policies are in play or are being discussed would strengthen the content. **The manuscript addresses this comment.**

Specific Comments:

These are a few examples of sources that may assist in providing a more analytical approach to the manuscript.

APPENDIX B: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN REENTERING LOS ANGELES: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. In:UCLA Women's Law Journal, Fall2018, volume 25, issue 2, pages 126-134 (9p)

More Than a Job Club, Sister: Career Intervention for Women Following Incarceration. By: Snodgrass, Jill L. ;Jenkins, Betsy B.;Tate,

Kelly F.In:Career Development Quarterly, Mar2017, volume 65, issue 1, pages 29-43 (15p) Academic Search Ultimate

DISPARATE IMPACT LACKS AN IMPACT: THE NEED FOR PAY FOR SUCCESS PROGRAMS TO HOUSE FORMERLY INCARCERATED

PEOPLE. By:Coruzzi Schneider, EvaIn:Fordham Urban Law Journal, May2017, volume 44, issue 2, pages 529-585 (57p)Academic Search Ultimate
Health Implications of Housing Assignments for Incarcerated Transgender Women. By:Ledesma, Elida; Ford, Chandra L. In:American Journal of Public Health, May2020, volume 110, issue 5, pages 650-654 (5p)Academic Search Ultimate

Supportive Housing Under Section 8013: Room and Need for Growth. By:Yankson, Michele A.In:Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law, 2019, volume 28, issue 3, pages 407-424 (18p)Academic Search Ultimate

Gender-Specific Correlates of Incarceration Among Marginally Housed Individuals in San Francisco. By: Weiser, Sheri D. ; Neilands, Torsten B. ; Comfort, Megan L. ;+4 moreIn:American Journal of Public Health, Aug2009, volume 99, issue 8, pages 1459-1463 (5p)Academic Search Ultimate
Homelessness as viewed by incarcerated women: participatory research. By: Martin, Ruth Elwood ; Hanson, Debra ; Hemingway, Christine ;+7 moreIn:International Journal of Prisoner Health, Jul2012, volume 8, issue 3/4, pages 108-116 (9p)Academic Search Ultimate

The social ecology of sexual victimization against transgender women who are incarcerated: A call for (more) research on modalities of housing and prison violence. By: Jenness, Valerie In: Criminology & Public Policy, Feb2021, volume 20, issue 1, pages 3-18 (16p)Academic Search Ultimate
Some states and localities have policies that address the authors' concerns. There are some specific state bills or budget line items for recent years that focus on model programs with documented outcomes. Research these and provide examples. A more nuanced discussion of the concerns and potential resources that will be useful will strengthen this manuscript.

Review comment-2

This manuscript explores the mental health challenges of incarcerated women, which is an important and timely topic, and has the potential to make an important contribution regarding this issue. However, the paper attempts to take on an ambitiously expansive topic – the challenges and barriers women experience prior to incarceration, during incarceration, and in the reentry process post-incarceration. It also explores clinical and structural interventions both during and after incarceration. While there is a focus on mental health issues, the paper drifts into broader aspects of women's experiences, including housing, general wellness, and employment. Given that the length of the paper is only around 6.5 pages, it is far too brief to comprehensively address this wide range of issues, leaving each of these areas underdeveloped. **The manuscript addresses this comment.**

The references in this paper are insufficient. There are only 2 proper in-text citations, resulting in many unsubstantiated claims throughout the paper. While these statements may be accurate, they are not supported by evidence. There is a longer list of references at the end of the paper, but since only a couple of these are referenced within the body of the paper, it is unclear whether or how these were integrated. **The manuscript addresses this comment additional references have been added.**

Given the importance of the topic and the quality of the writing, I am scoring this manuscript at a 3 despite the major problems (described above). I would recommend the author(s) consider narrowing the scope of the paper and doing a deeper exploration of a more specific question within this topic.

Review comment-3

The manuscript has potential to be important as it touches upon a timely topic.

However, the numerous headings and sections in the Challenges and Barriers make it choppy; there are numerous headings with short paragraphs for each. Other sections do not have this, nor it is not needed.

There are little to no references in the body of the manuscript. The authors need to include citations to support their argument throughout the paper. Given that this is an important topic, and there is literature that supports many of the authors' claims, it is necessary for the authors to include those sources. There is a very limited amount of references listed at the end of the paper, but this not nearly enough. The authors also have references in the reference page that are not cited in the manuscript (e.g. Williams and Mohammed). **The headings have been removed and the flow of the manuscript was enhanced.**

While the manuscript has potential, the lack of citations is a serious limitation. The authors need to go back in and support their claims with evidence. This is for every section. **The manuscript addresses this comment. Additional citations are included.**

