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ABSTRACT:

The homeless are most often those caught up in the cycle of the judicial system, which needs to be challenged in order to be fixed. These persons are often plagued with costly health issues.

KEY POINTS:

- Who is affected?
- How does the cycle affect the people?
- What is the homeless and jail cycle?
- How to fix the system

FINDINGS:

¼ of families in shelters are living apart from one or more children (Shinn et al., 2018, pp. 118-119).

Higher risk of new health conditions, worsening conditions, experiencing violence/charges, malnutrition, extreme weather, premature deaths, no access to health insurance/health services (Hodge et al., p. 28, 2017)

There are plenty of ways for the government to help the homeless: eliminate the criminalization/arrestment of non-violent/quality of life offenses, create avenues for forgiveness of fees, fines, and offenses dealing with homelessness, and creating a better environment to support people without housing, and address housing and employment restrictions for those involved with the judicial system (Bailey et al., pp. 11-12, 2020)

CONCLUSIONS & DISCUSSION: Minimizing the amount of persons having to experience homelessness is key in fixing the problem. The homelessness and jail cycle needs to be challenged in order to be fixed. with the outlooks of things with COVID-19, police interactions has dropped significantly. This implies it can be implemented long-term. Without a solution, the homeless population continues to encounter health issues and the unforgiving cycle.

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