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The New Asylums – Frontline Video

To view the video and for more information on each inmate in the video and each state's mental health programs in their prisons go to: <https://www.pbs.org/video/frontline-new-asylums/>

1. What is the major cause of the large number of mentally ill people in prison?
2. What kinds of crimes are most of the mentally ill arrested for?
3. The number of mentally ill inmates is ____ times the number of those in actual mental institutions.
4. What's unusual about the "group therapy" in the Ohio prison?
5. What percent of the Ohio prison population are mentally ill?
6. What is Bennie Anthony's mental illness (he wants "protective custody")?
7. What are the negative reactions that many patients have to being in prison or forced into treatment?
8. Why do many patients stop taking their medication?
9. Why do inmates like Robert Bankston end up in maximum security prisons?
10. Where do they send mentally ill patients who do not follow orders that according to the mental health professional is the worst thing that could happen to them?
11. When inmates can no longer be handled by the prison they are sent to Oakwood Psychiatric Ward. What happens to inmates who stabilize at the Oakwood Psychiatric Ward?

12. Carl McEachron who was put in prison for violating parole by stealing a bicycle in 1988 has been in prison for _____ years beyond the sentencing guidelines for his crime because of his behavior in prison due to his mental illness.
13. Why doesn't Jerry Tharp want to be released from prison?
14. Robert Bankston was in & out of prison for _____ years for purse snatching. Is he granted parole in the film?
15. How many paroles has Robert Bankston had in the past and how did violate them?
16. People are released with _____ weeks worth of medication but many can't be seen by mental health professionals until _____ months.
17. Today there are _____ people in U.S. prisons and jails and over _____ are mentally ill.
18. In general, how did all of the paroled inmates do upon being released from the prison?
19. What the major problem with having state prisons serve as mental health facilities? Be specific in explaining your answer.
20. What do you think could be done to make this situation better? Explain your answer.