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# The Problem of Criminalization of Serious Mental Illnesses

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019  
1:00 - 2:00 PM ET**

**Presented by Drs. Michael T. Compton & Amy C. Watson**

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## Description

By the end of the webinar series, participants will be able to:

- Define criminalization and trans-institutionalization.
- Understand the nature and extent of the overrepresentation of persons with serious mental illnesses in the criminal justice system.
- Understand the criminal justice system process and multiple points of contact that people with serious mental illnesses have across the criminal justice system.
- Describe models to serve individuals with serious mental illnesses who come in contact with the criminal justice system.

## About the Presenters

**Michael T. Compton, MD, MPH** is Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. Dr. Compton has conducted research on first-episode schizophrenia, the CIT model of collaboration between law enforcement and mental health, a linkage system between police officers and the local mental health system, and the effectiveness of a new form of recovery-oriented community navigation for persons with serious mental illnesses and repeated hospitalizations.

**Amy C. Watson, PhD** is a professor at Jane Addams College of Social Work at University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Watson works on issues involving the relationship between the criminal justice system and mental health systems across the country. For the past two decades, her research has focused on police encounters with persons with mental illnesses and the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model. Watson has published on this work and presented findings to local, national and international audiences

