Mass Incarceration and Its Impact on Community Health
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U.S. trends to incarcerate massive numbers of persons of color have had a number of negative effects on local communities. In this presentation, Dr. Fuillilove will connect mass incarceration to the “war on drugs” and health disparities. He will show how mass incarceration has imposed a mounting series of losses on communities and exposed them to severe public health problems, including HIV/AIDS, and describe some of the barriers to re-integration men face when they return from prison. He will end on a hopeful note by discussing the Bard College Prison Initiative, a program that provides a college education to inmates and produces new community health workers.

Learning Objectives
After watching this webinar participants will be able to:

- Recognize the connection between the "war on drugs" and trends for mass incarceration in the U. S.
- Identify problems men face in re-intergrating with society when they return from prison
- Describe one of the major impacts of mass incarceration on community health
- Discuss one way in which the Bard Prison Initiative is assisting incarcerated men and women in re-intergrating into society

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