This diagram illustrates how overpolicing and profiling of low-income people and of transgender and gender non-conforming people intersect, producing a far higher risk than average of imprisonment, police harassment, and violence for low-income trans people.

Criminalization of Poor and Homeless People

- Charged with survival crimes (sex work, drugs, theft, etc.) due to lack of access to legalized employment or education
- Charged with “Quality of Life” crimes like sleeping outside, turnstile jumping, loitering, etc., due to lack of resources (housing, money)

Criminalization of Trans People

- False arrests for using the “wrong” bathroom
- False arrests for lack of proper identity documents (by ICE, police, etc.)
- Trans women are often falsely arrested for soliciting just for being transgender
- Trans masculine people of color often face increased profiling

Disproportionately High Exposure to Arrest, Police Harassment, Incarceration, and Violence for Low-Income Trans People

- Subjected to increased isolation as an attempt to “solve” the problem of TGNC people’s existence
- Serving longer sentences due to both misconceptions of trans people during sentencing/trial and not being understood at parole

Additional Gender-Related Harms Suffered by Trans People while in Custody of the Criminal Justice System

- Gender-segregated arrest procedures (searches, holding cells, policies and procedures, etc.) do not accommodate trans people; low-income trans people are especially targeted due to lack of access to health care that would help them “pass” as non-trans people and are commonly misclassified by arresting officers as “male” or “female” based on their appearance or whether they have had genital surgery
- Denied access to hormones and other trans-specific health care while incarcerated and forced to change gendered characteristics of appearance in prison (made to cut hair, give up prosthetics, clothing); this results in mental anguish and increased exposure to harassment and violence because appearance may conform even less to gender identity

- Isolated and/or subjected to increased sexual violence, harassment, and abuse at the hands of prisoners and corrections facility staff