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This News brief alerts you to a report from the Urban Institute (2003), *Addressing the Needs of Youth with Disabilities in the Juvenile Justice System: The Current State of Knowledge*. The report summarizes and addresses the state of knowledge about children and youth with disabilities who are at risk of delinquency and involvement in, or who have already entered, the juvenile justice system.

With regard to incarcerated youth, the authors suggest that 20% have SED, 20-50% have ADHD, and that ADHD is 4-5 times more prevalent in correctional facilities than in schools. Overall, "Research suggests that learning disability and emotional disturbance are the most common types of disabilities among youth in correctional settings." (p. v).

This report is available at:

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