

Other Sources of Ideas/Information/Advocacy on Criminal Justice Reform

Materials Distributed at Programs on Confronting the Moral Crisis of Mass Incarceration in the Winter of 2018

Now available digitally at <http://incarcerationreform.com/>

Projects and Campaigns

Coalition to End Money Bond

Learn more at <http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/coalition-to-end-money-bond/>

Coalition on Court Costs, Fines, and Fees of Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice

See discussion at: <http://www.chicagomag.com/city-life/March-2018/How-Court-Costs-Trap-People-in-Povertyand-How-Lawmakers-Are-Trying-to-Fix-It/>

Smart Decarceration Initiative of the center for Social Development, Washington University-St. Louis

Learn more at

<https://csd.wustl.edu/OurWork/SocialJustice/Decarceration/pages/default.aspx>

#ChallengingEcarceration: Electronic Monitoring project of the Center for Media Justice proposes guidelines for the use of electronic monitoring

<http://centerformediajustice.org/our-projects/challengingecarceration-electronic-monitoring/>

Social Media Kit for spreading word about the proposed guidelines is available at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/18RLoSXTfjp2wtIAqp_Q12FiwAEhgoeCWwZEtKgKX2l/edit

Resource Guides and Hubs:

Resource Guide: Prisons, Policing, and Punishment, by Micah Hirskind, last updated July 2020

<https://medium.com/@micahherskind/resource-guide-prisons-policing-and-punishment-effb5e0f6620>

TransformHarm.org of Mariame Kaba

<https://transformharm.org/>

Reports:

Projecting Illinois Crime Rates and the Impact of Further Prison Population Reductions, a November 2020 report of Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation projecting that Illinois could reduce its prison population by 25% without seeing an increase in crime

https://hfg.org/illinois_crime_forecast.pdf

Dollars and Safety in Cook County, November 19, 2020 report concluding that reducing the use of cash bail did not result in an increase in crime in Cook County, by Done Stemen and David Olson of Loyola University Chicago,

<http://www.safetyandjusticechallenge.org/resource/dollars-and-sense-in-cook-county/>

Bail Reform, Reducing Pretrial Populations and Improving Public Safety a November 17, 2020 report of the Prison Policy Institute titled Releasing People Pretrial Doesn't Harm Public Safety

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2020/11/17/pretrial-releases/>

Statement on the Future of Probation and Parole in the United States by Executives Transforming Probation And Parole, issued November 19, 2020, calling for probation and parole to be smaller, less punitive, and more equitable, restorative, and hopeful

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d2cd5943236f70001aeee14/t/5fb2ef2eefbbc40e681ebbf1/1605562158191/EXiT+Statement.pdf>

Incarcerated Women and Girls, a November 24, 2020 report of the Sentencing Project on the increase in the number of women incarcerated in the United States:

<https://www.sentencingproject.org/publications/incarcerated-women-and-girls/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=c4425635-bffb-4212-a0c6-0332611da240>

When Police Use Dogs as Weapons, a November 2020 special presentation of The Marshall Project,

in cooperation with the Invisible Institute

Find the link here:

[THE MARSHALL PROJECT - WHEN POLICE USE DOGS AS WEAPONS](#)

UCLA Civil Rights Project report on [How Disparate School Discipline Continues to Drive Differences in Opportunities to Learn](https://www.civilrightsproject.ucla.edu/research/k-12-education/school-discipline/lost-opportunities-how-disparate-school-discipline-continues-to-drive-differences-in-the-opportunity-to-learn), published October 11, 2020

<https://www.civilrightsproject.ucla.edu/research/k-12-education/school-discipline/lost-opportunities-how-disparate-school-discipline-continues-to-drive-differences-in-the-opportunity-to-learn>

Never Fully Free: The Scale and Impact of Permanent Punishments on People with Criminal Records in Illinois, a June 2020 report of the Heartland Alliance

<https://socialimpactresearchcenter.issuelab.org/resource/never-fully-free-the-scale-and-impact-of-permanent-punishments-on-people-with-criminal-records-in-illinois.html?ms=TargetedEmail&emci=527b527f-2512-eb11-96f5-00155d03affc&emdi=1b60060b-1c13-eb11-96f5-00155d03affc&ceid=3222695>

Marshall Project's Most Recent Survey of Incarcerated People

Learn what would have kept them out of prison and what about defunding the police?

Go to: [second survey](#)

Governor Pritzker's Four-Year Plan for Transforming the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice

<https://www2.illinois.gov/idjj/Pages/transformation.aspx>

Announcement video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mDU8NGe24U&feature=youtu.be>

John Howard Association's comments:

<https://www.thejha.org/statements-and-testimony/073120>

Parole and Probation Feed Mass Incarceration Crisis, a report of Human Rights Watch and the ACLU, issued July 31, 2020

<https://thecrimereport.org/2020/08/04/probation-and-parole-feed-mass-incarceration-report/>

Visualizing the Racial Disparities in Mass Incarceration (in 17 charts), by Wendy Sawyer of the Prison Policy Institute, July 27, 2020

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2020/07/27/disparities/>

Report on Illinois Residency Restrictions – entirely preventable homelessness and incarceration, disproportionately impacting poor Black men, issued by the Chicago 400 Alliance and more than 50 other organizations on July 7, 2020, with supplementary reporting by WBEX and WGLT

<https://linktr.ee/Chicago400>

Evaluation of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission's Final Report and Recommendations on Pretrial Practice, issued on July 22, 2020 by the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice

<https://endmoneybond.org/2020/07/22/report-release-evaluation-of-the-illinois-supreme-court-commissions-final-report-and-recommendations/>

Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice response to the Chicago Tribune critique of the performance of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, August 11, 2020

<https://mailchi.mp/186095ac4f01/current-system-for-investigating-sexual-misconduct-complaints-against-chicago-police-officers-welcomes-bias-4117073?e=9b71449375>

Court Costs, Fines and Fees Are Bad Policy: Recommendations for Illinois Legislators – July 23, 2020 Report of Chicago Appleseed and the Chicago Council of Lawyers

<https://mailchi.mp/67c3c85cb608/regressive-court-fines-fees-and-costs-unfairly-penalize-people-for-their-poverty?e=9b71449375>

ACLU report: Embracing Clemency: How Governors Can Liberate Thousands of People from State Prisons, August 2020

https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_document/report_-_embracing_clemency.pdf

"Justice For Black Lives" Resolution Passes the Cook County Board of Commissioners – August 22, 2020 report of the Chicago Community Bond Fund

<https://mailchi.mp/chicagobond/justice-for-black-lives-resolution-passes-cook-county-board?e=26813fbadd>

The Opposite of Punishment: Imagining a Path to Public Redemption – U of Penn Law School, Public Research Paper No 19-27, by Paul H. Robinson and Muhammad Sarahne

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3406761

Discussed in “What’s the Opposite of Punishment?” in the Crime Report at:

<https://thecrimereport.org/2020/07/16/whats-the-opposite-of-punishment/>

Social Justice Resources Center July 2020 Newsletter – Race and Law Enforcement

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/July-2020-Newsletter.html?soid=1120290311070&aid=yFnNgy-rgcs>

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/July-2020-Newsletter.html?soid=1120290311070&aid=yFnNgy-rgcs>

Vera Institute June 2020 Report on What Policing Costs in Chicago and Other Cities:

[Explore the Vera Institute’s new tool analyzing policing budgets:](#)

Nation Magazine July 13/20 Issue, focused on Police Reform

https://www.thenation.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/nation20200713_r1.pdf

Can We Eliminate the Youth Prison (And What Should We Replace It With?) – an Executive Session Paper of the Square One Project of the Columbia University Justice Lab

<https://squareonejustice.org/paper/can-we-eliminate-the-youth-prison-and-what-should-we-replace-it-with-by-vincent-schiraldi-june-2020/>

with a [virtual event](#) introducing the paper, featuring author Vinny Schiraldi, Vivian Nixon and others in a conversation about ending youth prisons.

Prison Policy Institute and ACLU Report of June 25, 2020: Failing Grades: State Response to COVID-19 in Jails and Prisons

https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/failing_grades.html

The Prison Policy Initiative’s Legislative Guide for Winnable, High-Impact Criminal Justice Reforms, issued June 10, 2020:

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2020/06/10/winnable-reforms/>

Organizing and Advocacy Resource of the Community Justice Exchange and Defender Impact Initiative:

[A Social Media Toolkit for Organizing and Advocacy to End Mass Criminalization and Incarceration](#)

Final Report of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Pretrial Practices Concerning Pretrial Reform in the Illinois Criminal justice system, issued in April 2020:

<https://courts.illinois.gov/Probation/FinalReport.pdf>

see the Court’s press release at:

<https://courts.illinois.gov/Media/PressRel/2020/040220.pdf>

John Howard Association Reports on;

Detrimental Impact of Housing Restriction Laws on Releasing People from Prison (May 2020):

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5beab48285ede1f7e8102102/t/5ecf1c0b7112f61d1bd8ca85/1590631436157/JHA+Statement+on+Housing+for+IDOC+Populations+May+2020.pdf>

Illinois Department of Corrections-wide Survey on COVID-19 Inside Illinois Prisons (June 2020):

<https://www.thejha.org/covid19-surveys>

COVID-19 Survey of Illinois Department of Corrections Staff (June 2020):

[results of our IDOC Staff COVID-19 Survey](#)

Vera Institute of Justice Policy Brief and Appeal to Corrections Leaders to ‘Choose Life Over Death’ in the Health Crisis, issued May 11, 2020

<https://www.vera.org/downloads/publications/coronavirus-guidance-crisis-behind-bars.pdf>

Updated Vera Institute Spotlight on Chicago – COVID-19 and Criminal Justice Updates 6/20

<https://www.vera.org/covid-19/criminal-justice-city-spotlights/chicago>

John Howard Association Report: COVID-19 Exposes the Detrimental Impact of Housing Restriction Laws on Releasing People from Prison, issued May 27, 2020

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5beab48285ede1f7e8102102/t/5ecf1c0b7112f61d1bd8ca85/1590631436157/JHA+Statement+on+Housing+for+IDOC+Populations+May+2020.pdf>

Policy Fact Sheet for the Cook County Jail Prison Issued May 8, 2020, showing the growth of the Covid-19 cases in the Jail –

https://www.prisonpolicy.org/virus/covid19_factsheet.pdf

2019 Annual Report of the Sentencing Project - [2019 Annual Report](#).

ACLU Analytics April 2020 Report: [COVID-19 Model Finds Nearly 100,000 More Deaths Than Current Estimates, Due to Failures to Reduce Jails](#)

https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_document/aclu_covid19-jail-report_2020-8_1.pdf

Episcopal Public Policy Network Criminal Justice Series: Special comprehensive series of reports on criminal justice reform issued in February 2020 by the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations, with substantial resources covering:

- Introduction: 13th Amendment
- School-to-Prison Pipeline
- Public Defenders
- Sentencing
- During Incarceration
- Re-entry

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A1c04ca-d1-07ae-4875-93ac-6c5175aff784> [Note – this one takes time to open]

Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars – a comprehensive report of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission on the state of federal civil rights protections for incarcerated women and exploring women’s experiences while incarcerated

<https://www.usccr.gov/pubs/briefing-reports/2020-02-26-Women-in-Prison.php>

Report of the Justice Equity and Opportunity Initiative of Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, January 9, 2020 –

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/ltg/Documents/JEO-Draft-Report.pdf>

For coverage of the Governor’s 2020 priorities for criminal justice reform, set forth in the report, see: <https://capitolnewsillinois.com/NEWS/pritzker-puts-criminal-justice-reforms-atop-2020-agenda>

John Howard Association Report on Conditions at the Logan Correctional Facility, one year after Women’s Correctional Services Act passed–

[Read the report on Logan here](#) and [find WBEZ report here](#)

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Report on Experiences of Justice Involved irls:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/f05d77ca001/67bac8fc-66d0-4cac-bb93-cb22cd630120.pdf>

2019 Report Chicago Community Bond Fund – [2019 Year-End Report](#)

Vera Institute of Justice reports on People in Jail in 2019:

<https://www.vera.org/downloads/publications/people-/in-jail-in-2019.pdf>;

NYT coverage of the report at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/13/us/rural-jails.html?action=click&module=News&pgtype=Homepage>

The Challenge of Criminal Justice Reform, January 2020 report of The Square One Project, by Bruce Western of the Columbia University Justice Lab –

http://www.safetyandjusticechallenge.org/wpcontent/uploads/2019/02/TheChallengeofCriminalJusticeReform_BruceWestern_Final.pdf

The Sentencing Project’s Annual Newsletter for 2019

<https://www.sentencingproject.org/publications/sentencing-projects-2019-annual-newsletter/>

Regarding the performance of the Cook County State’s Attorney

- October 2019 Report of the Marshall Project: [“The Kim Fox Effect: How Prosecutions](#)

Have Changed in Cook County”

click [here](#) to read the report.

- July 2019 Report of the People’s Lobby and Chicago Applesed on Kim Foxx’s Second Year in Office

<https://www.thepeopleslobbyusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-07-Final-Report-Kim-Foxx-ForPrint.pdf>

- August 2019 Report of the State’s Attorney’s Office (covering the period December 2016 to August 2019)

https://www.cookcountystatesattorney.org/sites/default/files/files/documents/sao_report.pdf

“Prosecutors, Democracy and Justice: Holding Prosecutors Responsible” – a September 2019 report of the Institute for Innovation in Prosecution at John Jay College –

Click [here](#) to read the report.

No More Shackles: 10 Arguments Against Pretrial Electronic Monitoring, an October 2019 report of the Center for Media Justice

<https://mediajustice.org/news/new-no-more-shackles-report-argues-against-pretrial-electronic-monitoring/>

A video of the October 20 launch event for the report can be [found here](#).

ACLU October 29, 2019 Report on the passage of the Illinois License to Work Act (SB 1786)

<https://www.aclu-il.org/en/legislation/sb-1786-license-work-act>

“From Risk to Opportunity: Afterschool Programs Keep Kids Safe When Juvenile Crime Peaks” – an October 2019 report of the Fight Crime: Invest in Kids campaign of the Council for a Strong America

<https://strongnation.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/693/4af605ed-7f54-4d11-81fe-ce6ec893b106.pdf>

“Prisoner Access to the Court and Adequate Law Libraries”, an October 2019 Special Report by the John Howard Association

<https://www.thejha.org/special-reports/lawlibrary>

“The Trouble with Reentry – Five Takeaways from Working with People Returning to Chicago from Prison”, an October 2019 Special Report by the John Howard Association

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5beab48285ede1f7e8102102/t/5d9dfa3d967b2a57e83db5e7/1570634303704/JHA+Special+Report+The+Trouble+with+Reentry.pdf>

The ACLU’s New Smart Justice 50-State Blueprints to end mass incarceration state-by-state

– learning what policies Illinois and other states should consider. *Click to:*

[Find your state to get a blueprint of what smart justice could look like in your community.](#)

“Housing Not Handcuffs: Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness in U.S Cities”

– an October 2019 report of the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty:

<https://nlchp.wpengine.com/criminalization/>

“Re-Entry Housing – A New Approach to Moving from Incarceration to Community” – a report of the Metropolitan Planning Council and the Illinois Justice Project –

<https://www.metroplanning.org/work/project/38>

- “The Prison Industrial Complex: Mapping Private Sector Players” – a report of Worth Rises –

<https://worthrises.org/picreport2019>

“Arrest, Release Repeat – How police and jails are misused to respond to social problems”

an August 2019 report of the Prison Policy Initiative:

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/repeatarrests.html>

“How Many people in your state go to local jails every year?” (173,000 per year in Illinois)

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<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2019/09/18/state-jail-bookings/>

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<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2019/09/11/worststatesphones/>

“Collateral Consequences: The Crossroads of Punishment, Redemption and the Effects on Communities”,

a comprehensive report released on June 13, 2019 by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission on the 44,000 collateral consequences exist nationwide that continue to punish people with felony records long after the completion of their sentence.

<https://www.sentencingproject.org/news/u-s-commission-civil-rights-calls-limiting-collateral-consequences/>

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for more information about the report go to

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Reimagining-Justice---What-We-Learned-from-Germany.html?soid=1112866631854&aid=T4mNPdqG7gq>

“Women’s Incarceration: The Whole Pie 2019” – The Prison Policy Initiative’s comprehensive report on why and where women are locked up in the United States

https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie2019women.html?utm_source=November+&utm_campaign=January+11+Newsletter&utm_medium=email

“Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie 2019” – The Prison Policy Initiative’s comprehensive breakdown of places of incarceration and reasons for incarceration for the 2.3 million people currently in jails and prisons in the United States:

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie2019.html>

Rand Corporation report on “The Long-Term Economic Impact of Criminalization in American Childhoods”

Click [here](#) to view the report.

Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Committee 2019 Report on Average Felony Conviction Profiles

Click [here](#) to access the report

ACLU Report – Cops and No Counselors – How the Lack of School Mental Health Staff is Harming Students

<https://www.aclu.org/report/cops-and-no-counselors>

Report of the Brennan Center for Justice on the simultaneous reduction in the rate of incarceration and the amount of crime over the past decade in states around the country, showing how Illinois lags behind 24 other states in reducing its prison population during that period:

<https://www.brennancenter.org/blog/between-2007-and-2017-34-states-reduced-crime-and-incarceration-tandem>

Brennan Center’s December 2018 report: Criminal Justice Solutions: Model State Legislation, containing text of model legislation to address a wide range of criminal justice issues, including eliminating incarceration for lower level crimes, making sentences proportional to crimes, abolishing cash bail, reforming prosecutorial incentives, reforming marijuana laws, calibrating fines to defendants’ ability, eliminating fees, reducing opioid deaths, and curbing the number of women entering state prisons

<https://www.brennancenter.org/publication/criminal-justice-solutions-model-state-legislation>

State of Justice Reform 2018 – January 2019 report of the Vera Institute of Justice

<https://www.vera.org/state-of-justice-reform/2018>

Investing in Futures – Economic and Fiscal Benefits of Postsecondary Education in Prisons, a January 2019 report of the Vera Institute of Justice on lifting the current ban on awarding Pell Grants to incarcerated people in the reauthorization, pending in Congress, of the Higher Education Act of 1965

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<https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2019-01-24/juvenile-justice/report-illinois-justice-needsage-appropriate-approach/a65313-1>;

John Howard Association Special Report on the Fox Valley Adult Transitional Center (the only female work release center of the four remaining adult transitional centers within the Illinois Department of Corrections), issued -

<http://www.thejha.org/sites/default/files/JHA%20Fox%20Valley%20Report%202018.pdf>

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<https://www.vera.org/publications/reimagining-prison-print-report>

Father Reentry and Child Outcomes, a November 2018 report of the Urban Institute exploring children's behaviors when a father is incarcerated and when he is released.

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https://www.aclu-il.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/lippert_report_of_second_court-appointed_expert.pdf

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Restoring Hope, Creating Opportunity- October 2018 Safer Foundation White Paper on the Need for Comprehensive Reentry Services and Progressive Justice Reform in Illinois

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Prepared by a Coalition of Organizations led by the Illinois Justice Project

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Independent Analysis of Cook County State's Attorney Data from the People's Lobby and Chicago Appleseed, June 11, 2018

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<http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/driven-into-debt/>

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<http://www.saferfoundation.org/Safer-Policy-Institute>

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October 29, 2019

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The Real Cost of Prisons Comix, by Lois Ahrens

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Not a Crime To Be Poor, by Peter Edelman

Men on the Inside, by Tyrone Muhammed - available for purchase at:

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tyrone-f-muhammad/men-on-the-inside/paperback/product-23336713.html>

Policing the Black Man, edited by Angela Davis

Inside Private Prisons, by Lauren-Brooke Eisen

Theater:

Pipeline by Dominique Morisseau –premiered in February 2019 at Victory Gardens Theater at 2433 North Lincoln Avenue in Chicago

Explores parenthood, the state of our public schools and school to prison pipeline
Lettie, by Boo Killebrew – premiered last season, in the spring of 2018, at Victory Gardens Theatre
Portrays the struggles of a woman who has been released from prison
Inspired by the experience of women at Grace House of St. Leonard's Ministries in Chicago

Film:

College Behind Bars – A 4-part series from PBS that explores the transformative power of higher education programs for inmates

<https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/resources/college-behind-bars/>

Short video about the collaborative program between Calvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan and the Michigan prison system that allows incarcerated people there to participate in a fully accredited college degree program.

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- "13th" (Netflix documentary on criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom) –
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- "American Jail," CNN Films Production premiered Sunday July 1, 2018 on CNN and CNNgo -
see: <https://www.cnn.com/shows/american-jail-film>

Milwaukee 53206 – about those affected by mass incarceration in America's most incarcerated ZIP code - <https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/resources/milwaukee-53206/>

This is Crazy: Criminalizing Mental Illness - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fhg4M0GGTJI>

- Seventh annual (In)Justice for All Film Festival, October 2020 – dozens of films at locations throughout the Chicago area - *information will be available later in the year* at <http://www.injusticeforallff.com/>