

# Confronting the Moral Crisis of Mass Incarceration

Understanding the Criminal Justice System, Making Change Happen in Illinois,  
and Addressing the Needs of the Incarcerated and of Those Who Have Been Released

## OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES FOR GETTING INVOLVED

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Note: New additions to this list and new information since the last update **are shown in bold**.

### Digital Access

Please go to <http://incarcerationreform.com/> for digital access to:

- This document, with live links to the information discussed here about events, volunteer and training opportunities, needs for advocacy, resources for learning, and organizations deserving our support
- Documents discussing how the criminal justice system at every stage in the process systematically diverges from just results and contributes to a cycle of crime and punishment
- Presentation Videos from Winter 2018 Programs on Confronting the Moral Crisis of Mass Incarceration.

### Headlines

#### Upcoming Event

**Tuesday July 17 - Convening on Challenging Electronic Monitoring in Cook County from Noon to 5:00 pm at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, 969 E. 60th Street**  
**[Register here](#)** for this free event, which is co-sponsored Chicago Appleseed and others.  
See also information about the ***#ChallengingEcarceration: Electronic Monitoring*** initiative of the Center for Media Justice at:  
**<http://centerformediajustice.org/our-projects/challengingecarceration-electronic-monitoring/>**

**Advocacy needed this summer in Illinois - see details in the Advocacy section at page 3 below**

#### Supporting the Bond Reforms in Cook County

Please go online to sign the [petition to support bond reform](#) asking the Criminal Justice Stakeholders in the County Government and Cook County Court System to protect the important bond reforms implemented in September 2017 and to work to ensure their full implementation.

**NOTE - June 29 Court hearing was cancelled - The lawsuit challenging the use of money bond in Cook County was dismissed on procedural grounds earlier this week and will be refiled.**

#### **Reducing Housing Discrimination In Cook County Against Those Who Have Been Arrested and Those Who Have Been Convicted of a Crime.** There are details on pages 3 and 4 below on how to:

- 1. Endorse the initiative of the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance and Housing Action Illinois to amend the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance to prohibit landlords:**
  - from refusing to rent to an individual because of an arrest record and
  - from having a policy of not renting to anyone who has been convicted of a crime,
- 2. Join the effort to build grass roots support in each Cook County Commissioner District by collecting cards signed by individuals to present to each of their County Commissioners**

#### Continuing Advocacy for Legislation on Criminal Justice Issues Pending in Springfield, Discussed in the Advocacy Section Below

Pressing Governor Rauner to sign numerous important bills passed by the Legislature  
Collaborating in efforts to persuade legislators to pass the SAFE act and reject the remaining portion of Mayor Emmanuel's "car jacking" legislation in the November legislative session

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## Upcoming Events in Illinois

**Sunday July 1 - Premier of the new CNN Films production: "[American Jail](#)," at 8:00 pm Eastern Time on CNN and CNNgo -**

Academy see: <https://www.cnn.com/shows/american-jail-film>

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**5th Annual (In)Justice for All Film Festival - Friday October 5 through Saturday October 13 - 50 films at 16 locations throughout the Chicago area**

For more information to go <http://www.injusticeforallff.com/>

## Volunteer Opportunities in Illinois:

Volunteer opportunities at the **John Howard Association** in:

Prisoner Information Services

General Administrative/Office & Fundraising

Citizen Prison Monitoring

Learn more from Scott McWilliams at [smcwilliams@thejha.org](mailto:smcwilliams@thejha.org)

or by visiting: <http://thejha.org/volunteer>

To volunteer in the jail with JHA monthly or get involved with election implementation, fill out the our Google form at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XhDg5BR2G7KeDfBLzYSgaNiev6CLvf5wzOUzWBTRh1k/edit>

Volunteer opportunities at **St. Leonard's Ministries** including mentoring, training in interviewing and

other skills,

*Learn more from Sharon Kushiner at [skushiner@slministries.org](mailto:skushiner@slministries.org)*

Volunteer with the **Chicago Community Bond Fund** to support individuals in their hearings in bond court

*Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1WZrbPZp8o9T15lozyFE5XAT5-iCi0JefhRB9CbRhVQOT6A/viewform>*

Daily opportunities to court watch and support people in **Cook County Bond Court**:

- You can attend bond court, which is held daily at 1:30 pm (including weekends) at 2600 S California, to observe whether the new rules restricting the use of cash bail are being followed.
- Here is the [complete schedule of bond hearings in Cook County](#).
- Note that the normal court room (room 100) is currently under construction, so the situation could be a little wonky for the next couple months.)

Volunteer with the **Lawndale Christian Legal Center**:

- to provide academic tutoring assistance to LCLC youth
- to be a mentor to a young person in Lawndale on the journey to become a good citizen
- to provide part time job placements for LCLC youth
- to offer specialized skills in info tech, website development, graphic design, accounting, etc.
- to Host a house party or corporate networking event benefitting LCLC to introduce your friends and colleagues to LCLC
- to join the volunteer legal team

*learn more at <http://lclc.net/partnering/volunteering/>, or <http://lclc.net/partnering/>, go to <http://lclc.net/contact-us/> or contact Maggie Lamb, at [mlamb@lclc.net](mailto:mlamb@lclc.net) or 773-762-6381 to get involved*

**Volunteer opportunities at Cabrini-Green Legal Aid:**

1. Helping people expunge and seal their criminal records (attorneys)
2. Assisting CGLA with data input for the thousands of people we are working to clear their records.

*learn more from Eve Kleinerman at [evkleinerman@cglanet.net](mailto:evkleinerman@cglanet.net)*

**Volunteer opportunities at Safer Foundation at locations throughout Illinois and eastern Iowa**

*Learn more at: <http://saferfoundation.org/How-You-Can-Help/Volunteer>*

Volunteer to register voters in in the **Cook County Jail** (requires voter registration training)

3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on July 8

[Click here to sign up](#)

*Learn more <http://www.uupmi.org/calendar.html>*

*And for more information see: <https://chicagodefender.com/2018/04/18/voting-behind-bars-2/>*

Volunteer to join a **Unitarian Universalists Covenant Group** meeting every other week with incarcerated people

*Learn more at: <http://www.uupmi.org/prison-ministries.html>*

Volunteer opportunities in **Illinois Correctional Facilities** through the Department of Corrections

*Learn more at <https://www2.illinois.gov/idoc/programs/Pages/VolunteerPrograms.aspx>*

*and from the volunteer coordinators at each facility (available at the phone number for each facility available at a link in that page*

Volunteer opportunities at the **Community Renewal Society** in Policy and Organizing, depending on

available time commitment and areas of interest -see: [www.communityrenewalsociety.org](http://www.communityrenewalsociety.org).

Member of the Restoring Rights and Opportunities

*(2018 criminal justice reform priorities currently under consideration)*

Watch for possible volunteer opportunities:

- To work on the 5<sup>th</sup> annual *(In)justice for All* Film Festival - October 4 to 13, 2018  
Regular planning meetings are now underway  
See <http://www.injusticeforallff.com/>  
Learn more from: Daryle Brown - [debrown@trinitychicago.org](mailto:debrown@trinitychicago.org)

## Issue Advocacy in Illinois

### With The Cook County Board of Commissioners on Reducing Housing Discrimination In Cook County Against Those Who Have Been Arrested and Those Who Have Been Convicted of a Crime.

Supporting the initiative the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance and Housing Action Illinois to amend the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance to prohibit landlords:

- from refusing to rent to an individual because of an arrest record and
- from having a policy of not renting to anyone who has been convicted of a crime,

To incorporate HUD guidance under the Fair Housing Act into a Cook County Ordinance (Landlords would retain the right to consider prior convictions on an individual basis.)

See: <https://www.cafha.net/jhi-subpage2>

1. This summer - Fill out a the Endorsement Form, available at the website above, to endorse the proposed amendment to the Human Rights Ordinance, and send in the completed form to Patricia Fron, Executive Director, Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance, 401 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1101, Chicago 60605
2. This summer - Use the "post card" forms, which will be available at the website above, to obtain signed endorsements of the proposed Amendment by:
  - getting individual citizens of Cook County to fill out and sign the post card form,
  - collecting the signed forms, and
  - returning them (for sorting and presentation to the Commissioners for the districts in which the individuals reside) to Patricia Fron, Executive Director, Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance, 401 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1101, Chicago 60605

*For more information go to the website above or contact Patricia Fron at [pfron@cafha.net](mailto:pfron@cafha.net)*

### With Cook County Officials on Supporting and Expanding Bond Reform in the County

Going online to sign the [petition to support bond reform](#) asking the criminal justice stakeholders in the Cook County Government and the Cook County Court System to protect the important bond reforms implemented in September 2017 and to work to ensure their full implementation.

Writing and calling Sheriff Tom Dart to demand that he obey the law and stop refusing to release accused people that the courts have ordered to be released pending trial:

at (312) 603-6444, [sheriff.dart@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:sheriff.dart@cookcountyil.gov) or 50 W. Washington St. Chicago 60602

See: *Dart's Misguided Approach to Jail Reform* at:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/commentary/ct-perspec-dart-misguided-jail-reform-toni-preckwinkle-0313-story.html>

and *No need for Tom Dart to be gun-shy on bail reform* at

<http://www.chicagoreporter.com/no-need-for-tom-dart-to-be-gun-shy-on-bail-reform/>

### With Governor Rauner, on Signing Important Legislation into Law

Contacting the Governor, individually or with others, to ask him to sign the bills promoting criminal justice reform that passed the Legislature, and that need his signature to become law (partial list)

#### Penalties and Corrections

- [HB 3920](#) (Driving on a Suspended License) to reclassify as a petty offense (rather than a Class A

misdemeanor) the first two instances of driving on a suspended license due to unpaid traffic fines and failing to pay support or to comply with visitation orders. It passed t

- [HB 4888](#) (Data Collection re Corrections Issues) to require the inclusion of specific data, such as incidence of violence in correctional facilities, parole revocations by county, completion of evidence-based programs, vacancy rates at work-release centers, in Department of Corrections' quarterly report, to enable executive team to review, identify trends and take steps to mitigate violence.

#### **Diversion**

- [SB 3388](#) (Incentives to Counties to Divert Those Charged to Community Based Services) to expand eligibility to participate in Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) to all probationable offenses
- [SB 3023](#) (Substance Abuse) to create the Community-Law Enforcement Partnership for Deflection and Addiction Treatment Act to allow law enforcement to facilitate contact between community members and substance use treatment providers.

#### **Registries and Collateral Consequences**

- [SB 3489](#) (Registration of Offenders) to allow individuals required to register on the Murder and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry to request review of any errors in the information that led to the registration mandate.
- [SB 336](#) (Use of Medical Marijuana) to authorize the Department of Public Health to establish the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program The program to allow treatment of a medical condition with medical marijuana rather than an opioid, and to remove the restriction for individuals with conviction for "excluded offenses" on eligibility for a cannabis registry identification card.
- [SB 2560](#) (Publication of Criminal Records) to provides that any website that publishes criminal record information for profit shall correct any errors in a record within 5 business days of notification of the error and shall not publish booking photographs for civil offenses and offenses that are classified as less than a Class A misdemeanor.

#### **Court debt**

- [HB 4594](#) (Court Fees and Costs) to organize and consolidate court fees and costs that are imposed on court users and create a sliding scale fee waiver for poor criminal defendants.
- [HB 5341](#) (Sealing Criminal Records) to prevent denial of sealing petition for unpaid fees, fines or assessments ordered by a court, law enforcement or other units of government.

#### **Prisoner rights:**

- [HB 4469](#) (Voting Rights)- to insure that people held in jails in Illinois can vote - [Here is a story on that measure.](#)
- [HB 5104](#) (Medical copay) to abolish the \$5 copay that IL inmates must pay to see a doctor

#### **Gun safety:**

- [SB 3256](#) (Gun Purchase Waiting Period)- to increase the waiting period on all gun purchases to 72 hours.
- [HB 2354](#) (Firearms Restraining Order) to allow family or law enforcement to petition the courts to have a firearms temporarily removed from the home of a person determined to be a risk to themselves or others.
- [SB 337](#) (Combating Illegal Gun Trafficking Act) to require that Federal Firearms License holders in Illinois be certified by state police.

#### **With the Illinois State Legislature:**

*Find your state rep's contact info here.*

## Advocacy Needed With Illinois State Legislators Over the Summer on Pending Legislation

Supporting the proposed SAFE ACT (Illinois House Bill 5308), which passed the Senate with members of the House, for passage in the November "veto" session

This legislation would mobilize state economic development and social service agency outreach to the communities most damaged by violence.

- For more information on the SAFE Act, including a fact sheet and a supporters list, please visit [www.iljp.org/thesafeact/](http://www.iljp.org/thesafeact/).

Opposing Senate passage of the revised "car jacking" bill (Illinois Senate Bill 2339), Mayor Emanuel's proposal, as amended in the House, to eliminate proof of intent and to reinstitute incarceration of juveniles accused of possessing a stolen vehicle.

(It is also important to ask the Governor to veto an even more amended version of the bill (Illinois House Bill 1804 / Illinois Senate Bill 2), which changes definitions and is opposed by the ACLU and

- see: "Cracking down on armed carjacking in Chicago and the suburbs," Sun-Times Feb. 12

## Advocacy Needed for other Legislation Proposed This Year But Not Discussed Above in Connection with Results of the Spring Legislative Session

### Suspension of Drivers Licenses

Supporting Illinois Senate Bill 2411 (the "License to Work Act", a practical proposal of great value that would eliminate an existing law that allows drivers licenses to be suspended for non-driving offenses, thereby depriving people of the ability to keep a job and driving many poor (mostly black and brown) citizens further into poverty and often into a life of crime.

Action needed to encourage your state Senator to support this legislation

For more information see the Action alert of the Safer Foundation at:

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102405162255&ca=bf4df71b-7cff-4171-a582-a2b8103bbaeb>

### Sentencing Reform:

Supporting Illinois House Bill 3355 – To Implement Recommendations of the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform

Learn more from: Ben Ruddell - [bruddell@ACLU-il.org](mailto:bruddell@ACLU-il.org)

### Juvenile Justice:

Supporting Illinois House Bill 531 – to reintroduce parole in Illinois for juveniles

Learn more from: Jobi Cates: [jcates@restorejustice.org](mailto:jcates@restorejustice.org)

Supporting Illinois House Bill 4473 - to require that a juvenile be brought before a judge within 24 hours of arrest to determine whether he or she should be further held in pre-trial custody

Learn more at: [jjj@jjustice.org](mailto:jjj@jjustice.org)

Supporting Illinois House Bill 4336 - to raise the age of juvenile detention to age 13 from age 10

Learn more from: Jennifer Vollen-Katz of the John Howard Association: [jvollen@thejha.org](mailto:jvollen@thejha.org) and from Elizabeth Clarke at [bc@jjustice.org](mailto:bc@jjustice.org) <[bcjuv@aol.com](mailto:bcjuv@aol.com)>

Supporting Illinois Senate Bill 1265 - to mandate lawyers for children during interrogation

Learn more from Elizabeth Clarke at [bc@jjustice.org](mailto:bc@jjustice.org) <[bcjuv@aol.com](mailto:bcjuv@aol.com)>

Supporting Illinois House Bill 4543 - to implement youth support services to provide alternatives to detention and to prevent deeper criminal involvement

Learn more from: <http://www.uuani.org/>

### Prisoner Rights and Opportunities:

Supporting Illinois House Bill 4505 - to authorize Illinois to participate in the Federal Prison Industry Enhancement Certification ("PIE") Program, which would provide Federal funds to develop training programs for inmates in Illinois Prisons (details attached here)

Learn more from: Patrick Simon [patrick.simon@illinois.gov](mailto:patrick.simon@illinois.gov) or Michael Lane

[michael.r.lane@illinois.gov](mailto:michael.r.lane@illinois.gov) at the Illinois Dept. of Corrections

Supporting Illinois House Bill 4741 - to safeguard prison visiting rights

*Learn more from: Jobi Cates: [jcates@restorejustice.org](mailto:jcates@restorejustice.org)*

Supporting House Bill 4888 - to require improvements in conditions, treatment, accountability and communication and structural changes in the operation of the Department of Corrections, and collection and sharing of information and data

*Learn more from Jennifer Vollen-Katz: [jvollen@thejha.org](mailto:jvollen@thejha.org)*

#### Restrictions on Rights and Opportunities of Former Inmates and those convicted of a crime:

Supporting Illinois Senate "Path To Restoration" Bill 3489 - to allow individuals that are subject to registration after release from prison in the Violent Offender Against Youth Registry to amend incorrect information and appeal their inclusion in the database.

*Learn more at <https://www.imancentral.org/support-path-restoration/>*

Supporting Illinois House Bill 3142 - to prohibit colleges, universities, and trade schools from asking or considering an individual's criminal record for purposes of admissions

*Learn more from: Samantha Tuttle : [stuttle@heartlandalliance.org](mailto:stuttle@heartlandalliance.org)*

Supporting Illinois House Bill 5340, the License to Work Act - to eliminate the practice of restricting the rights to a driver's license or vehicle registration as a result of things such as a failure to satisfy a fine or penalty, failure to pay a taxes or civil penalties owed to the Illinois Commerce Commission, or being a convicted sex offender.

#### Maintenance of records of offenses:

Supporting Illinois Senate Bill 3415 - to permanently continue traffic and pedestrian data stop collection in Illinois

*Learn more from Chelsea Diaz at [CDiaz@aclu-il.org](mailto:CDiaz@aclu-il.org)*

#### Records of Eviction Proceedings

Supporting Illinois House Bill 4968 - to provide for sealing and impoundment of a court file for an ----- eviction action in which the court does not find that a tenant or an occupant has materially breached the lease

*Learn more from Bob Palmer at [bob@housingactionil.org](mailto:bob@housingactionil.org)*

#### Availability and Allocation of Resources

Identifying and Supporting: Legislation to redirect budget priorities toward social services and away from incarceration

See: <https://chicago.suntimes.com/opinion/recognition-of-budget-cuts-not-enough-time-to-fund-up/>

#### State Financial Resources

Supporting: Legislation to amend the Illinois' Constitution to allow enactment of a progressive income tax:

*Learn more from: Alex Tindal Weisendanger - [alex@responsiblebudget.org](mailto:alex@responsiblebudget.org)*

See also the Safer Foundation Legislative Update:at <http://www.saferfoundation.org/Safer-Policy-Institute/Policy-News/Articles/illinois-legislative-update-jun-1-2018>

### **Political Organizations - Engaging with Political Organizations with a Focus on Criminal Justice Issues**

Law Enforcement Leaders To Reduce Crime and Incarceration - <http://lawenforcementleaders.org/>

The People's Lobby - <https://www.thepeopleslobbyusa.org/>

Critical Resistance – <http://criticalresistance.org/>

Responsible Budget Coalition - <http://www.responsiblebudget.org/>

Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression - <http://naarpr.org/>

### **Training Opportunities in Illinois**

Restorative Justice Training - offered by:

- Trinity Nehemiah Rising - [bc@jjustice.org](mailto:bc@jjustice.org) <[bcjuv@aol.com](mailto:bcjuv@aol.com)>  
**Monday through Thursday, July 16-19**  
**Monday through Thursday, September 17-20**  
*Learn more from - Michelle Day at [mday2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mday2@sbcglobal.net)*
- Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice - <http://www.ibarj.org/>
- Community Justice for Youth Institute - [https://www.facebook.com/pg/Community-Justice-for-Youth-Institute-141340905931890/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Community-Justice-for-Youth-Institute-141340905931890/about/?ref=page_internal)

Six-hour Circle Facilitator's Training workshop for leading covenant groups in prisons and jails, offered by the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois -.contact for information on schedule:  
<http://www.uupmi.org/prison-ministries.html> and <http://www.uupmi.org/registration.html>

Radical Hospitality 101 - cultivating skills needed to work with currently or formerly incarcerated people, offered by the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois at the Third Unitarian Church, 301 N. Mayfield Ave, Chicago

*Learn more at: <http://www.uupmi.org/radical-welcome.html>*

Wellstone Foundation Training

*More information about these training opportunities at: <https://www.wellstone.org/events>*

Camp Wellstone training in progressive political action - April 27-29 in Seattle, May 19-20 in Minneapolis  
 Integrated Voter Engagement Training - April 25-26 in Topeka, Kansas  
 Data Analytics Camp - March 27-30 in Phoenix, May 22-25 in Cleveland  
 Digital Organizing School - April 23-26 in Durham, NC, June 11-14 in Washington, DC.

### Electronic Newsletters and Updates:

ACLU of Illinois - register for updates at <https://www.aclu-il.org/>

Safer Foundation newsletters - register for the weekly newsletter at <http://www.saferfoundation.org/>

Clergy for a New Drug Policy Newsletter - register for the newsletter at <http://newdrugpolicy.org/blog/>

Juvenile Justice Initiative - register for updates at <http://jjustice.org/category/news/>

Children and Family Justice Center newsletters register at

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/cfjc/>

Brennan Center for Justice updates - register at:

<http://www.brennancenter.org/civicrm/profile/create?gid=13&reset=1>

Law Enforcement Leaders To Reduce Crime and Incarceration - register at:

<http://lawenforcementleaders.org/>

Restore Justice News and Updates - subscribe at <https://restorejusticeillinois.org/>

Community Renewal Society Updates - register at

[http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50480/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup\\_page\\_KEY=9322](http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50480/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup_page_KEY=9322)

Lawndale Christian Legal Center - subscribe to get updates at

[https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001s6pS\\_QJvIMMKL\\_b4df4pbveyzEEC1hAysXxryuS1c8ldoxGpSzNJGCL6F5Rt7Kmw\\_NetOdcq0WlzpAzzegWIS3gmXfoMj5roTyxL8ZJi7rd7vzhAJmsnEdfkrp5LIDj1TpHPlgpufiWYGcrPENHxYSarGjruyrr](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001s6pS_QJvIMMKL_b4df4pbveyzEEC1hAysXxryuS1c8ldoxGpSzNJGCL6F5Rt7Kmw_NetOdcq0WlzpAzzegWIS3gmXfoMj5roTyxL8ZJi7rd7vzhAJmsnEdfkrp5LIDj1TpHPlgpufiWYGcrPENHxYSarGjruyrr)

Inner-City Muslim Action Network - register at <https://www.imacentral.org/>

### Media Organizations Follow and Support-

Illinois Justice Project's news summary -

To subscribe contact [jimbray1@mac.com](mailto:jimbray1@mac.com)

Archive of past issues is available at:

<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=eec202973d7612f9b029f7a8d&id=04ed805c10>

The Marshall Project - <https://www.themarshallproject.org/>

Center for Media Justice - <http://centerformediajustice.org/about/>

Injustice Watch - <https://www.injusticewatch.org/>

WBEZ - <https://www.wbez.org/>

ProPublica Illinois - <https://www.propublica.org/about/illinois/>

The Chicago Reporter - <http://www.chicagoreporter.com/category/key-issue/criminal-justice/>  
The Atlantic - <https://www.theatlantic.com/projects/the-presence-of-justice/>  
Rattling the Bars Initiative of The Real News Network -  
[http://therealnews.com/t2/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=832&Itemid=74&jumival=1441](http://therealnews.com/t2/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=832&Itemid=74&jumival=1441)

## **Restorative Justice -**

### **Supporting Organizations That Provide Restorative Justice Training or Operate Restorative Justice Hubs**

Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation <https://pbmr.org/>  
Lawndale Christian Legal Center Restorative Justice Hub - <http://lclc.net/programs/rjhub/>  
Nehemiah Trinity Rising - <https://www.nehemiahtrinityrising.org/>  
Circles and Ciphers - <http://www.circlesandciphers.org/>

### **Other Organizations to Support and Follow -**

- Donating to 501(c)(3) Organizations That Are Devoted to Criminal Justice Reform and
- Checking Their Websites for Information About:
  - Criminal Justice Reform Efforts and
  - Opportunities to Get Involved in Their Work

### Organizations Leading Reform Efforts

ACLU of Illinois - <https://www.aclu-il.org/>  
Action Committee for Women in Prison - <https://acwip.wordpress.com/>  
Brennan Center For Justice - <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/justice-all>  
Chicago Appleseed - <http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/criminal-justice/>  
Chicago Community Bond Fund - <https://chicagobond.org/site/give/index.html>  
Civil Rights Corps - <http://www.civilrightscorps.org/>  
Clergy for a New Drug Policy – <http://newdrugpolicy.org/>  
Coalition To End Money Bond - <http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/coalition-to-end-money-bond/>  
Community Renewal Society - <http://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/>  
Faith in Public Life - <https://www.faithinpubliclife.org/>  
Heartland Alliance - <https://www.heartlandalliance.org/>  
Housing Action Illinois - <http://housingactionil.org/who-we-are/mission-values-vision/#>  
**Human Rights Watch** - <https://www.hrw.org/united-states/criminal-justice>  
Illinois Justice Project - <https://www.iljp.org>  
John Howard Association – <http://www.thejha.org/>  
Juvenile Justice Initiative - <http://jjustice.org/about-us/>  
Mental Health America of Illinois - <http://www.mhai.org/>  
Restore Justice - <https://restorejustice.org/about-us/>  
Shriver Center for Poverty Law - <http://www.povertylaw.org/communityjustice>  
Southern Poverty Law Center - <https://www.splcenter.org/issues/mass-incarceration>

### Organizations and Initiatives Led by Former Prisoners -

Ex-cons for Community and Social Change - <https://www.facebook.com/TyroneECCSC/>  
*Learn more from Tyrone Farrakhan Muhammad at [tyronemuhammad17@gmail.com](mailto:tyronemuhammad17@gmail.com)*  
Inmates for Change - <http://illinoisinstitute.net/idea-exchange/inmates-for-change/>  
*Learn more from Budder Jones at [inmatesforchange@yahoo.com](mailto:inmatesforchange@yahoo.com)*  
Inner City Muslim Action Network ("IMAN") - <https://www.imancentral.org/>  
*Learn more from Rami Nashashibi at [shamar@imancentral.org](mailto:shamar@imancentral.org)*

### Other Organizations Serving the Accused, Those Incarcerated, and the Formerly Incarcerated

Bard Prison Initiative - <https://bpi.bard.edu/>  
John Howard Association – <http://www.thejha.org/>  
Lawndale Christian Legal Center - <http://lclc.net/>  
Mental Health America of Illinois - <http://www.mhai.org/>  
Nehemiah Trinity Rising - <https://www.nehemiahtrinityrising.org/>  
Positive Pathways Chicago - [www.positivepathwayschicago.org](http://www.positivepathwayschicago.org)

Prison and Neighborhood Arts Project - <http://p-nap.org/donate.html>  
Reading Between the Lines - <https://www.readingbetweenthelines.org/>  
Recipe for Change - <http://recipeforchangeproject.org/>  
Safer Foundation - [www.saferfoundation.org/](http://www.saferfoundation.org/)  
Saint Leonard's Ministries - <https://slministries.org/>  
Shriver Center for Poverty Law - <http://www.povertylaw.org/communityjustice>  
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) - <http://www2.tasc.org/>  
Thresholds - <http://www.thresholds.org/>  
Westside Health Authority - <http://healthauthority.org/>

## Learning From the Experts -

Presentation Videos From Winter 2018 Programs on Confronting the Moral Crisis of Mass Incarceration - now available digitally at

<http://incarcerationreform.com/>

and

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ZYmD3yv4fw9RsoMo1\\_jXA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ZYmD3yv4fw9RsoMo1_jXA)

Discussion of the Origins and Impact of Mass Incarceration - January 25, 2018

- Rev. Al Sharp, Professor David Olson, Sharone Mitchell, moderator Rob Wildeboer

Discussion of Imprisonment, Release and Reentry - February 1, 2018

- John Baldwin, Jennifer Vollen-Katz, Victor Dickson, Erwin Mayer, moderator John Bouman

Discussion of Alternatives to Incarceration - February 8, 2019

- Pam Rodriguez, Mark Ishaug, Professor Mark Heyrman, moderator Carroll Bogert

Discussion of What's Changing, What More Needs to be Done, What We Can Do To Help -  
February 15, 2018

Amy Campanelli, Kim Foxx, John Maki and Ben Ruddell, moderator Rob Wildeboer

Earlier presentations on Mass Incarceration and Criminal Justice Reform from the fall of 2017

are also available at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ZYmD3yv4fw9RsoMo1\\_jXA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ZYmD3yv4fw9RsoMo1_jXA):

Rev. Al Sharp - How Our System of Incarceration Has Developed, and Some Key Issues - 9/10/17

Jahmal Cole - Broadening Horizons of Chicago's Youth - 9/17/17

Amy Thompson - How the Criminal Justice System Works, Barriers to Reducing Incarceration - 9/24/17

Courtney Lance - *Pruno, Ramen and a Side of Hope: Stories of Wrongful Conviction* - 10/1/17

Andrea Ritchie - Special Problems with the Treatment of Women and LGBT People - 10/15/17

Rev. Andrew McGowan - How Faith Communities Engage with Integrity and Impact - 10/22/17

Pam Rodriguez - Adult and Juvenile Alternatives to Incarceration - 11/05/17

Paula Wolff - Criminal Justice Reform: a Historical Perspective - 11/12/17

Toni Preckwinkle - County Reform Initiatives: Progress and Next Steps - 11/19/17

Nate Steinfeld - Prison Reform Initiatives: Proposals, Actions and Practical Implications - 11/26/17

Mark Ishaug and Jill Valbuena - Focus on Mental Health Issues and Imprisonment - 12/3/17

Professor David Olson - Who Pays: The Real Cost of Excessive Criminalization - 12/07/17

Ben Ruddell - Pending Criminal Justice Reform Legislation - 12/10/17

Erwin Mayer - Release and Reentry - Issues Facing Those Who Leave Prison - 1/7/18

## 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>

#ChallengingEcaracration: 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/18RLoS0XTfjp2wtlAqp\\_Q12FiwAEhgoeCWwZEtKgKX2l/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18RLoS0XTfjp2wtlAqp_Q12FiwAEhgoeCWwZEtKgKX2l/edit)

#### Recent Articles and Reports:

Chicago Appleseed May 2018 Report on the Importance of Reforming Wealth-Based Driver's License Suspension  
<http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/driven-into-debt/>

Metropolitan Planning Council May 2018 report on how to decrease the impact of segregation and move the Chicago region toward increased racial equity and economic opportunity:  
[Our Equitable Future](#) , including the importance of cash bail reform to break the link between people with low incomes and incarceration

A Synopsis of the 16th Annual Policy Conference of the Council of Advisors to Reduce Recidivism through Employment on October 16, 2017 (CARRE)  
<http://www.saferfoundation.org/Safer-Policy-Institute>

Why Illinois Needs to Restore Parole for Juvenile Lifers  
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/commentary/ct-perspec-parole-juvenile-lifers-prison-illinois-children-criminals-0222-story.html>

Monitoring Cook County's Central Bond Court: A Community Courtwatching Initiative, issued February 27, 2019 by the Coalition to End Money Bond, see [the press release](#) issued by the Coalition for more details

Stemming the Tide: Diverting Youth with Mental Health Conditions from the Illinois Juvenile Justice System - <http://povertylaw.org/stepping-the-tide>

Handcuffs in the Hallways: The State of Policing in the Chicago Public Schools  
<http://povertylaw.org/handcuffs>

#### Archives

Educating Ourselves archive of the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois -  
<http://www.uupmi.org/self-led-learning>

#### Websites:

National Reentry Resource Center - <https://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc>  
The Sentencing Project - <https://www.sentencingproject.org/>  
Children and Family Justice Center - <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/cfjc/>  
Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission - <http://ijjc.illinois.gov/publications/commission-resources>  
Justice Divided - <https://justicedivided.com/>  
Black and Pink - <http://www.blackandpink.org/>  
Adult Redeploy Illinois - <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/redeploy/>  
Illinois Institute for Community Law and Affairs -  
<http://illinoisinstitute.net/idea-exchange/category/news-articles-essays/>  
The Mental Health Summit - <https://mentalhealthsummit.wordpress.com/>  
Prison and Neighborhood Art Project Resources page - <http://p-nap.org/resources.html>  
Gains Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation of The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – <https://www.samhsa.gov/gains-center>  
State Innovation Exchange - <https://stateinnovation.org/issue/criminal-justice-reform/>  
American Legislative Exchange Council - <https://www.alec.org/issue/criminal-justice-reform/>

#### Books:

*Race to Incarcerate*, by Sabrina Jones and Marc Mauer  
*The Real Cost of Prisons Comix*, by Lois Ahrens

*The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander  
*Locked In*, by John Pfaff  
*The Collapse of American Criminal Justice*, by William Stuntz  
*The Protestant Ethic and The Spirit of Punishment*, by T. Richard Snyder  
*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:**

*Lettie*, by Boo Killebrew – premiered in the spring of 2018 at Victory Gardens –  
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  
more information at: <http://victorygardens.org/our-season/lettie/>

**Film:**

- “13<sup>th</sup>” (Netflix documentary on criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom) –  
more information at: <https://www.netflix.com/title/80091741>
- **The new CNN Films Production: “American Jail.” premiering Sunday July 1, 2018 at 8:00 pm Eastern Time on CNN and CNNgo - see: <https://www.cnn.com/shows/american-jail-film>**
- Fifth annual (In)Justice for All Film Festival, Friday October 5 through Saturday October 13 -  
50 films at 16 locations throughout the Chicago area  
For more information to go <http://www.injusticeforallff.com/>

## **Sources of Reentry Services and Support for Returning Citizens**

Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership - <http://www.workforceboard.org/>

Chicago Jobs Council Member Directory - [http://www.cjc.net/member\\_dir.php](http://www.cjc.net/member_dir.php)

Green Reentry – A project run by the Inner-City Muslim Action Network. They rehab foreclosed and vandalized property in Chicago Lawn. These are then used for transitional housing for ex-offenders during their reentry - <https://www.imacentral.org/project-green-reentry/>

Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) - offers insurance to high-risk workers including ex-criminals who need insurance to get certain types of jobs, through a Federal Bonding program -

Illinois Department of Employment Security / Chicago Jobs Council Website: Workforce Resources for those who Assist Ex-offenders - [www.ides.state.il.us/exoffenders](http://www.ides.state.il.us/exoffenders)

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) – Focuses on ex-offenders building and/or maintaining relationships with their children, employment and life skills - <https://www.lssi.org/services-prisoner-family.php>

MPOWR – A reentry network that connects many different people and organizations involved in the criminal justice system.

National H.I.R.E. Network / Legal Action Center - Services to ex-felons to help them in areas such as listing of agencies that help ex-felons with job placement - <http://www.hirenetwork.org/>

Positive Pathways of Chicago - Provides a unique training program works to re-develop the relationship and employability skills of formerly incarcerated and underemployed adults to prepare for and obtain meaningful and lifelong employment -for more information contact [com www.positivepathwayschicago.org](http://www.positivepathwayschicago.org)

Re-Entry Illinois – A directory of services and reentry housing for ex-offenders in Illinois - <http://www.reentryillinois.net/>

Reentry Source – A large organization that has branches in multiple states, offering free reentry services for people with criminal records looking for a better life

Resource Directory of Reentry Friendly Services and Housing - developed by the Corporation for Supportive Housing and Chicago Metropolis 2020 - [www.reentryillinois.net/](http://www.reentryillinois.net/)

Safer Foundation – Education , employment services, other services - <http://www.saferfoundation.org/>

7-70 Re-entry Services – A faith-based organization that provides coaching, mentoring, and counseling - <http://70x7liferecovery.org/re-entry/>

St Leonard's House – Provides transitional housing, job training and placement, and other support services - <http://slministries.org/>

Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) – advocacy and case management services - <http://www2.tasc.org/>

Teamwork Englewood – Serving the South Side of Chicago, supporting ex-offenders connect with partners at their headquarters in Englewood - <http://www.teamworkenglewood.org/index.html>

Thresholds –helping ex-offenders create better lives and stay out of prison - <http://www.thresholds.org/>

### **Sources of Legal Aid for Accused and Those Released from Prison**

Cabrini Green Legal Aid -[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

Lawndale Christian Legal Center - <http://lclc.net/>

Illinois Legal Aid Online - <http://www.illinoislegalaidonline.org/>

Juvenile Expungement Help Desk - in the Juvenile Court Building at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, IL 60612; call for more information: 312.347.8373

CGLA Expungement Help Desk, in room 1006 at the Daley Center, 312.850.4783