

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: See the Table of Contents of this document on page 3, after the Headlines section below

Also, **all new items** added to this document since the last update **are shown in bold** throughout

Questions, Suggestions, Digital Access

Please direct questions or suggestions to: johnmclees@outlook.com

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:

Volunteer Opportunities

(See the list starting on page 4 below of some of the many manageable volunteer opportunities, including some new items, where you can make a difference and learn more about the workings of the criminal justice system in the Chicago)

Upcoming Events

(See a more complete list of Upcoming Events starting on page 4 below)

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<https://www.lyricopera.org/lyric-notes/november-2019-lyric-notes/jake-heggie-dead-man-walking/>

For tickets go to: https://boldticket.com/search/?kwds=Dead+Man&redirect-search=1&token=06e63ea29085b0670000016e4cc9b501d&utm_campaign=BT.HOS2&utm_source=Dead-man&utm_medium=0

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Advocacy

Supporting Election of Reform Prosecutors Across the Country in 2020

- Join the Accountable Justice Action Fund (AJAF) - <https://accountablejusticeaction.org/> now, by writing to Senior Strategic Advisor Chris Maggiano at chris@cormierco.com, to get ongoing access to detailed information about all of opportunities to elect reform prosecutors around the country, and about how to support their election.
- AJAF is a leading group coordinating and financing support for reform candidates for prosecutor in counties around the country
- AJAF was instrumental in electing at least 6 reform prosecutors in 2019 in counties with a total population of over 2.5 million (nearly 3.5 million if Chesa Boudin wins in San Francisco in a race that is still too close to call), and in 10 such wins last year

Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness

- Learn about the Housing Not Handcuffs campaign - <http://housingnohandcuffs.org/about/>
- Endorse the campaign and get others to do so - <http://housingnohandcuffs.org/join-us/>
- Contact Rajan Bal to get involved in organizing for the campaign, at rbal@nlchp.org or (202) 638-2532 x. 105.

Limiting Cash Bail in Illinois

- Join in the activities of the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice: <https://endmoneybond.org/illinois-network-for-pretrial-justice/>

Reports

(A complete list, including Information and links for many additional consequential current reports, starts on page 18 below)

- “The Kim Fox Effect: How Prosecutions Have Changed in Cook County” – an October 2019 Report of the Marshall Project:
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>
- “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>

- “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 existing 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/>
- “Emerging Adult Justice in Illinois -Toward and Age Appropriate Approach”, a January 2019 report of the Columbia University’s Justice Lab,
For information about the report and the work of the Reimagine Justice Policy Academy, 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
- Rand Corporation report on “The Long-Term Economic Impact of Criminalization in American Childhoods” - Click [here](#) to view the report.

Video and Television

Conversation on **Race and Criminal Justice in a Color Blind America**, with Kim Foxx and others, organized and recorded in New York by the Vera Institute of Justice on October 15, 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/verainstitute/videos/vb.104760636770/537540307004469/?type=2&theater>

(start listening a minute 5:00)

60 Minutes Segment Featuring the Success of the Restoring Promise Initiative for Young Adults in Prison of the Vera Institute for Justice, at the T.R.U.E. Community prison housing unit in Connecticut

[Watch the episode here.](#)

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Thursday November 14, Westside Justice Center Fundraiser and Tribute to Attorney Stan Willis
6:00 to 10:00 pm at 601 South California. *For details and tickets go to:*

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/westside-justice-center-a-tribute-to-stan-willis-an-all-black-affair-tickets-76467340875>

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Wednesday November 20, Vera Institute for Justice telephone briefing about New York's decision to replace its old jail and massively reduce jail population, as discussed in [this statement](#).

11:00 am – noon - *To get the call-in number contact Jordan Kessler at JordanKessler@vera.org*

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Thursday December 12, Stories of Second Chances Lunch sponsored by Restore Justice

11:30 to 1:30 at the City Winery, 1200 West Randolph

For more information and tickets go to:

https://restorejustice.org/about-us/events/lunch/?mc_cid=2f7c367cb6&mc_eid=b92d12e360

Volunteer Opportunities in Illinois:

Tutor/Mentor Program of the Tutor/Mentor Institute – Volunteer to tutor at risk kids tall over Chicagoland. *Get more information at:* <http://www.tutormentorexchange.net/volunteer>

Housing Not Handcuffs Campaign (<http://housingnohandcuffs.org/about/>) – Contact Rajan Bal at rbal@nlchp.org or (202) 638-2532 x 105 to get involved in helping to organize the campaign

The Prison Fellowship offers a variety of opportunities to volunteer as individuals or congregations in its extensive programs for ministering to prisoners and to those who have been released from prison.

For more information go to <https://www.prisonfellowship.org/action/> and <https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/justicereform/second-chance-month/>

Storycatchers Theatre -Learn about a variety of rewarding volunteer alternatives from which you can choose for supporting the youth development programs of Storycatchers Theatre for young people who are incarcerated or who are working to rebuild their lives, depending on the amount of time that you have to get involved. Details available at: <https://www.storycatcherstheatre.org/get-involved/>

Help in the work of **Chicago Books to Women in Prison** (<https://chicagobwp.org/about-us/>) by contributing paperback books, hosting a book drive or fundraiser, volunteering in packaging and sending incarcerated women books that they have requested, or soliciting books from publishers and authors.

[Learn more here](#) or write chicagobwp@gmail.com and note "Volunteer Training" in the subject line.

Opportunities to be a **Pen Pal** with someone who is incarcerated. Find details for:

Black and Pink's program at <http://www.blackandpink.org/pen-pals/>

The **Write a Prisoner** program at <https://www.writeaprisoner.com>

The **Friends Beyond the Wall** program at <http://www.friendsbeyondthewall.com>

The **Write to Prisoners Project** at <https://prisoninmates.com/>

Go to <https://jmail.cc/> for further information about how to communicate with prisoners without disclosing your address

The Federal Prisons all have email via www.corrlinks.com

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 or 773-762-6381 to get involved*

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

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

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 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

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 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.

Member of the Restoring Rights and Opportunities

Training Opportunities in Illinois

Fierce Conversation Spring Workshop offered by the Episcopal Church, on how to have vital conversations that interrogate reality, provoke learning, resolve tough challenges and enrich relationships

16 hours of experiential training from 6:00 pm Sunday May 12 to 11:00 am Wednesday May 15 at Nicholas Center of St. James Commons at 65 East Huron

For details and to register go to: <https://episcopalchicago.wufoo.com/forms/q1mppf1z03yz9wj/>

Restorative Justice Training - offered by:

- Trinity Nehemiah Rising - bc@jjustice.org<bcjuv@aol.com>

Learn more from - Michelle Day at mday2@sbcglobal.net

- Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice - <http://www.ibarj.org/>

- Community Justice for Youth Institute - https://www.facebook.com/pg/Community-Justice-forYouth-Institute-141340905931890/about/?ref=page_internal

Training Offered by the People's Lobby

Second Saturday Leadership Training Money

Training

Details at <https://www.thepeopleslobbyusa.org/calendar/>

Click on the event name to RSVP

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>

Advocacy

Direct Action, On-Line Public Comment, Community Feedback and Petitions

Limiting Cash Bail in Illinois

- Join in the activities of the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice:
<https://endmoneybond.org/illinois-network-for-pretrial-justice/>
- Sign petition to the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Pretrial Practices demanding that it recommends adoption of a proposed Supreme Court Rule to prohibit incarceration due solely to the inability to afford a money bond, in its report on pretrial reforms in December, at:
https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/demand-the-illinois-supreme-court-commission-on-pretrial-practices-recommend-supreme-court-rule?just_launched=true

Limiting E-Carceration through Electronic Monitoring

- Sign petition to Demand #NoDigitalPrisons in Illinois, organized by The Center for Media Justice, at:
<https://centerformediajustice.org/2018/11/13/demand-nodigitalprisons-in-illinois/>

Supporting Criminal Justice Reform in Cook County by Reelecting Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx:

Read the latest evaluations of the performance of the State's Attorney's office under her leadership:

- **The Kim Foxx Effect: How Prosecutions Have Changed in Cook County** – an October 2019 Report of the Marshall Project:
click [here](#) to read the report.
- July 2019 Report of the People's Lobby and Chicago Appleseed 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 (for December 2016 to August 2019)
https://www.cookcountystatesattorney.org/sites/default/files/files/documents/sao_report.pdf

Learn about her pioneering data driven approach to achieve just outcomes and inform the public, at:

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Write to Mayor Elect Lightfoot at the "Share Your Ideas" portal she has provided at

<https://bettertogetherchicago.com/> to ask her to support State's Attorney Foxx and her reform agenda against Federation of Police attacks

See the Sun-Times assessment: "Venom directed at Kim Foxx is about taking down an African

American reformer", at: <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/4/15/18443004/venom-directed-at-kim-foxx-is-about-taking-down-an-african-american-reformer>

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Supporting and Expanding Bond Reform in Cook County

Learning About Pretrial Detention in Cook County and the controversy regarding release pending a trial on the merits of individuals accused of unlawful possession of a firearm who have not been accused of a violent crime:

- [WBEZ Primer on Bail and Pretrial Detention](#)
- May 2019 [report](#) of Chief Judge Evans on the impact of policies and action of the Cook County Circuit Court in releasing those accused of a crime in Cook County pending their trial to determine their guilt or innocence
- President Toni Preckwinkle's [letter](#) of July 16 to Mayor Lightfoot challenging claims by Police Chief Johnson that release of individuals who have been accused of unlawful possession of a firearm but who have not been convicted and have not been accused of violent use of a firearm contributes significantly to gun violence in Chicago
- Mayor Lightfoot's response:
<https://www.chicagoreporter.com/lightfoot-blames-bond-court-reform-for-gun-violence/>
- Amy Campanelli Critique's of the Police Department "Gun Offender Dashboard" identifying and classifying those accused (but not convicted) of gun offenses:
 - <http://twitter.com/tahmanbradley/status/1159215848810262533>
- Police Chief Johnson's Defense of the Dashboard
 - <https://home.chicagopolice.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CPDs-Response-to-the-Cook-County-Public-Defenders-Press-Release-Regarding-CPDs-Gun-Offender-Dashboard.pdf>
- Analysis of the Dashboard by Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice:
 - <http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/our-blog/cpds-gun-offender-dashboard-contains-disturbing-inaccuracies-that-are-misleading-the-public-about-the-causes-of-violent-crime/?fbclid=IwAR3pZm58U-heU4CQH08pcvkKqIUKEmmPx9sex58Z7YHKcD6OT2JDsVSHefM>
- Commentary: Data Alone Won't Stop Chicago Gun; Cook County Needs a Public 'Violence Reduction Dashboard', by Paula Wolff in the Chicago Tribune, August 7, 2019
 - <https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/commentary/ct-opinion-cpd-gun-offender-dashboard-20190807-oauk7hgvs5ai5kthk3qmn45iy-story.html>
- Commentary suggesting that the County's use of "Public Safety Assessment" scores to assess "high risk" of pretrial violence, and to deny pretrial release, overstates the risk:
<https://theappeal.org/how-a-tool-to-help-judges-may-be-leading-them-astray/>

Writing and calling Sheriff Tom Dart to ask 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, 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-tonipreckwinkle-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/>

Task Force To Cut Female Prison Population in by Half in Illinois

See developments related to this initiative at <https://womensjustice.net/wji-news> and <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-met-women-prison-population-20180711story.html>

Learn more about the Task Force at: <https://womensjustice.net>

Supporting Basic Human Rights of Incarcerated People

Going to the following link to sign a petition supporting the demands of prisoners participating in last year's prison strike for an end to penal enslavement and other human rights violations in prisons:

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-basic-humanrights-for-incarcerated-people?detail=emailactionLL&link_id=0&can_id=5704777eccbe23910611b0d58fa9f3cd&source=email-its-going-down-largest-prison-strike-in-us-history-continues-sign-and-send-the-petition&email_referrer=email_413003_subject_520398&email_subject=usa-the-country-thatincarcerates-25-of-the-worlds-population-sign-and-send-the-petition

See also:

<https://therealnews.com/stories/prisoners-strike-across-america-canada-to-end-penal-enslavement>

Advocacy with the Illinois State Legislature

(You can find details about the content and status of Senate and House Bills by number at:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp>)

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>

ACLU's *2019 Illinois Legislative Wrap Up*, with suggested Action Items for supporting enactment of the proposed License to Work Act, legislation to Ban the Box in Higher Education, and legislation for Defelonization of Drug Possession and for Increasing the Felony Thresholds for Property Crimes:

<https://www.aclu-il.org/en/news/2019-aclu-illinois-legislative-wrap>

Legislative Action in the Spring of 2019 –

Before adjourning on May 31, in response to the hard work of many advocates, the Illinois General Assembly passed and sent to Governor Pritzker the following legislation making several important improvements our criminal justice system:

(thanks to Evan Freund of the Interfaith Criminal Justice Task Force for compiling the results of the legislative session):

Resources for Impacted Communities

HB 1438 legalizing the personal use and sale of Marijuana – will devote 25% of the revenue raised by the cannabis tax to communities defined by high levels of violence, of people returning from prison or jail and of childhood poverty

(Thanks to everyone who contacted their representative after the Senate added this provision to the House bill!)

(See a conversation about that important initiative between Sharone Mitchell of the Illinois Justice Project and Anna Lee of the Chicago Community Trust at:

<https://www.cct.org/2019/07/how-illinois-cannabis-laws-aim-to-reduce-violence-and-restore-communities/?fbclid=IwAR2sD1OIM5NHYUIXz0W0VgNLDu-vJGT1qbT3g-GwndZMg3u2k3Avt5pZIEU>)

HB1587 – provides harm reduction services to addicts

Driver's License Revocation

HB 3005/SB 1786 – License to Work Act – will limit driver license suspensions for nonpayment of fees, civil penalties or taxes - For discussion of the bill, see: <https://www.license2work.org/>

Policing

- HB 0051 – Requires notice on default of fine 30 days prior to issuance of a warrant
- HB 1613 – Combats racial profiling by maintaining data collection re traffic and pedestrian stops– see: <https://www.aclu-il.org/en/publications/racism-rear-view-mirror> and: <https://www.aclu-il.org/en/legislation/hb-1613-continue-traffic-and-pedestrian-data-collection-law-enforcement>

Definition of Offenses and Sentencing

- HB 0094 – Grants sentencing credits for those convicted of offenses prior to 1998
- HB 1587 – To reduce sentences for non-violent felonies -with probation, supervisory release

Pretrial Considerations

- SB1609 – Increases “bail credit” compensation (deducted from fines) for pretrial incarceration to \$30 per day**

Incarceration

- HB2040 – Prohibits for-profit correctional institutions in Illinois
- HB 2045/HB 2288 – Eliminates inmate co-payments for medical care

Post Release

- HB 3061 – Enables initiation of background check prior to offer of employment in health care jobs
- HB 3227/SB 1780 – prohibits landlords from using arrest records and records ordered expunged and sealed in rental decisions
- HB 1438 legalizing the personal use and sale of Marijuana – will result in expungement of the individual’s records for some minor drug offenses, after review by prosecutors**

Other Criminal justice reform bills considered in the 2019 session of the General Assembly:

Violence Prevention

- HB 0327 – to provide Chicago Violence prevention targeted grants

Policing

- HB 2519 – to repeal gang data base
(Passed the House, re-referred to the Senate Assignment Committee)
- HB 0021 – to end practice of requiring sworn affidavit as basis for a policing complaint
- HB 1616 – to require that police grant anyone taken into custody the right to three completed phone calls within one hour after arrival at the station
(2nd reading ,re-referred to the Rules Committee)
- HB 0056 – to regulate police officer accountability

Restorative Justice

- HB 1458 – to create a new “privilege” to prevent statement made in restorative justice proceedings from being used in court proceedings
(2nd reading, re-referred to the Rules Committee, held on calendar)

Definition of Offenses and Sentencing

- SB 1610 – Guilty plea – Alien admonition
- SB 1968 – Modifications for Class 3 and 4 Non-Violent Crimes < 4 months electronic Monitoring/Adult Transition Center
- HB 1614 – to increase the felony dollar threshold for retail theft
(2nd reading, re-referred to the Rules Committee)
- HB 1615 – to modify the level of responsibility required for conviction of felony murder
See: “5 Teens Charged Under a Rule That Must Change” by Dahleen Glanton in the Chicago Tribune, Aug 15, 2019
http://digitaledition.chicagotribune.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=61853e92-45c7-484e-bfc8-27319961046d
- HB 2039 – to allow those serving time for a crime for which the penalties have been

subsequently reduced to petition the trial court for an equivalent reduction
(2nd reading, re-referred to the Rules Committee)
HB2620 (see HB0094 above)– to provide sentencing credit for truth in sentencing
offences
(Amendment re-referred to Rules Committee)
HB 0055 – to limit imposition of sentence higher than documented pretrial offer
HB 1587 – to reduce sentences/probation/supervision for non-violent felonies

Pretrial Considerations

SB 1188 – to provide for diversion of mentally ill from the justice system pretrial
(Passed the Senate, sent to the House Judiciary/Criminal Law Committee)
HB 2046 (see SB1609 above) – to provide for incarceration credit compensation (deducted
from fines) to \$30 per day for unbailed incarceration
(2nd reading, re-referred to the Rules Committee)
HB 2689 – Pretrial Data Act – to require monthly reporting by counties of Pretrial Orders, Pretrial Bail
Proceeds, and Pretrial Custody and Release
HB 3347 – Equal Justice for All Act – to abolish money bail and govern pretrial proceedings

Juvenile Justice

**HB1478 – to raise the minimum age that one can be held in juvenile detention from 10 to 13
(2nd reading)**

- HB 2305 – to raise the minimum age to 14 for a youth to be incarcerated in Illinois
- HB 1465 – to expand the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for young adults charged
charged with misdemeanors
- HB 1615 – to limit agency responsibility for murder for juveniles
See: “5 Teens Charged Under a Rule That Must Change” by Dahleen Glanton in the Chicago
Tribune, Aug 15, 2019
http://digitaledition.chicagotribune.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=61853e92-45c7-484e-bfc8-27319961046d
- HB 2644 – Best Interest of the Child Act
- HB 2922 – to require a lawyer for children in interrogation in any case that could be
transferred to adult court

Incarceration

SB 1158 – to repeal indemnification by prisoners for prison costs
(2nd reading in the Senate, re-referred to Judiciary/Criminal Committee)
HB 0182 – to limit the use of solitary confinement
HB 2620/SB 2054 – Restorative Sentencing Act – to enact a program of sentence credit for prisoners
who participate in programs contributing to their rehabilitation to reduce time service to below the
85% or 100% of the prescribed sentence as otherwise required by law
HB 2649 – Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents
HB 2925 – to establish a separate Ombudsman Bureau within the Department of Corrections
HB 3090 – to require prompt investigation and reporting of all deaths of people while in
custody – For discussion of this bill, see:
<https://www.wbez.org/shows/wbez-news/new-bill-would-force-transparency-on-how-people-die-in-prison/58b387b8-667c-4295-a76d-90337a3e9f2f>
HB 1617 – to regulate use of vending machines in prison facilities
HB 3060 – to provide sentencing credit for home detention and to include electronic home
monitoring in the definition of “custody”
HB 0179 – to address claims for wrongful incarceration of innocent individuals

Children and Family Considerations

HB 2444 – Best Interest of the Child Act – to require a Family Impact Statement and
consideration of alternatives to incarceration in sentencing a parent or guardian

HB 2649 – to require recognition of the rights of children to maintaining their relationship with parents who are incarcerated

Parole

HB 3214 – to implement parole in Illinois for all prisoners other than sex offenders and those who have committed two or more murders

Post Release

HB2474 – to limit reasons for denials of professional licensing to those convicted of crimes (deadline extended – hold for 2nd reading)

HB0097 – to expand expungement of criminal records (to be reintroduced)

HB 01115 – Limiting electronic monitoring with Mandatory Supervised Release or Parole (Passed House, re-referred to Senate Assignment Committee)

HB 3056 – Employee Background Fairness Act – to regulate how employers take into account prior criminal records of job applicants

HB 0044 – to regulate publication of Criminal records – innocent, sealed or expunged

HB 0932 – to provide for non-violent probationer to attend job training and pre-employment session

HB 3332 – to provide a tax credit for landlords who rent to people with a conviction record

Bills opposed by criminal justice reform advocates as steps backwards:

- HB0221 – to allow counties to opt out of bail reform
- HB0244 – to impose life imprisonment for all First Degree murders
- HB0287 – to deny Internet use to paroled sex offenders
- HB2244 – to place additional conditions on parole, to limit associations

Other bills on which the Legislature did not complete action in 2018:

SAFE ACT (2017 Illinois House Bill 5308), which passed the Senate but not the House in 2017 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 introduced in 2017, including a fact sheet and a supporters list, please visit www.iljp.org/thesafeact/.

Sentencing Reform:

2017 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

Juvenile Justice:

2017 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

2017 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:

2017 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 or Michael Lane michael.r.lane@illinois.gov at the Illinois Dept. of Corrections

2017 Illinois House Bill 4741 - to safeguard prison visiting rights

Learn more from: Jobi Cates: jcates@restorejustice.org

2017 Illinois 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

Restrictions on Rights and Opportunities of Former Inmates and those convicted of a crime: 2017

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.imacentral.org/support-path-restoration/>

2017 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

Records of Eviction Proceedings

2017 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

Availability and Allocation of Resources

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-tofund-up/>

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/>

Recent Judicial Decisions in Illinois

Federal Court Orders Illinois Department of Corrections to Fulfill Its Duty to Provide Adequate Health Care to Inmates. More details available at: <https://ilsinglepayer.org/article/federal-judge-issues-permanent-injunction-idoc-mental-health-lawsuit>

Other Developments in Illinois Justice

Enactment by the Cook County Board of the proposed Just Housing Amendment to the County's Human Rights Ordinance, which will 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, (Landlords retain the right to consider prior convictions on an individual basis.)

For more details about this significant development, go to <https://justhousinginitiative.org/>

Appointment of a Rob Jeffries as the New Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections

To read the response of the John Howard Association to his appointment, go to:

<http://www.thejha.org/statement051419>

New Parole System in Illinois for Juvenile Offenders with long sentences

On April 1st, Governor J.B Pritzker signed HB531 which creates a new parole system, allowing individuals convicted prior to reaching age 20 of crimes committed after June 1, 2019, to petition the Illinois Prisoner Review Board for parole after 10 years (20 years in the case of conviction for first-degree murder or aggravated criminal sexual assault) and to give such individuals information on parole, legal guidance, and rehabilitation.

To learn more click [here](#) or contact Jobi Cates at: jcates@restorejustice.org

Justice, Equity and Opportunity Initiative

Quinn Rallins, formerly of the Illinois Justice Project has been appointed to lead the Pritzker administration's Justice, Equity and Opportunity Initiative, created by executive order in February under the auspices of the lieutenant governor's office, to work with state agencies and other organizations across Illinois to conduct research, create pilot programs and advocate for legislation with a "restorative justice" approach, prioritizing rehabilitation over incarceration. There also will be a focus on creating educational and economic opportunities in areas with high crime and incarceration rates.

Developments in Federal Justice

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Passed

by Congress on December 13, 2018

Bans states from holding children in adult jails, require states receiving federal funds to collect data on racial disparities in the juvenile system and come up with plans for addressing those inequities, ban the shackling of pregnant girls, and provide funding for tutoring, mental health, and drug and alcohol programs for kids. See: <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2018/12/12/the-criminal-justice-reform-bill-you-ve-never-heard-of?ref=hp-2-111>

Fair Chance Act proposal to "Ban the Box" in applications for Federal Employment introduced February 7, 2019 by a bipartisan group of Senators and Members of Congress –

See: https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=888

Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform legislation introduced in the Senate and the House on March 7, 2019 as the Next Step Act

See: https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=895

Electronic Newsletters and Updates:

Envisioning Justice Digest of Illinois Humanities

To subscribe contact Elliot.Heilman@ilhumanities.org or go to <https://envisioningjustice.org/>

Vera News of the Vera Institute of Justice

To subscribe go to <https://www.vera.org/>

Invisible Institute - <https://invisible.institute/contact/>

Illinois Justice Project's news summary -

To subscribe contact jimbray1@mac.com or go to <https://www.iljp.org/news/>

Archive of past issues is available at:

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

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:

<https://www.brennancenter.org/subscribe>

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

Lawndale Christian Legal Center - subscribe to get updates at

https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001s6pS_QJvIMMkL_b4df4pbveyzEEC1hAysXryuS1c8ldoxGpSzNJGCL6F5Rt7Kmw_NetOdqc0WlzpAzzegWIS3gmXfoMj5roTyxL8ZjJi7rd7vzhAJmsnEdfkrp5LIDj1TpHPIgpufIWXGcrPENHxYSarGjruyrr

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

Chicago Reporter Electronic Edition- subscribe at - <https://www.chicagoreporter.com/signup/>

Social Justice Resource Center Monthly Newsletter - subscribe using the link on the home page at

<http://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/>; for past Newsletters, [click here](#).

Media Organizations to Follow and Support-

Invisible Institute - <https://invisible.institute/introduction>

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 Intercept - <https://theintercept.com/>

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

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/>

Adlai Stevenson Center for Democracy - <https://www.stevensoncenterondemocracy.org/>

Brennan Center For Justice - <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/justice-all>

Center for the Study of Human Flourishing of King's College in New York City

<https://www.tkc.edu/academics/centers/cshf>

Chicago Appleseed - <http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/criminal-justice/>

Chicago Community Bond Fund - <https://chicagobond.org/site/give/index.html>

Children and Family Justice Center - <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/cfjc/>

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/>

Drug Policy Alliance - <https://www.drugpolicy.org/about-us>

Envisioning Justice Initiative of Illinois Humanities – <https://envisioningjustice.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

Illinois Prison Project – www.illinoisprisonproject.org

Illinois Justice Project - <https://www.iljp.org>

John Howard Association – <http://www.thejha.org/>

Juvenile Justice Initiative - <http://jjustice.org/about-us/>

Law Enforcement Leaders To Reduce Crime and Incarceration -

<http://lawenforcementleaders.org/>

Media Justice - <https://mediajustice.org/>

Mental Health America of Illinois - <http://www.mhai.org/>

Prison Policy Initiative – <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/>

Pro Publica Illinois - <https://www.propublica.org/illinois/> Restore

Justice - <https://restorejustice.org/about-us/>

The Sentencing Project – <https://www.sentencingproject.org/>

Shriver Center for Poverty Law - <http://www.povertylaw.org/communityjustice>

Social Justice Resource Center - <http://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/cause/criminal-justice-system/>

Southern Poverty Law Center - <https://www.splcenter.org/issues/mass-incarceration>

Vera Institute of Justice - <https://www.vera.org/>

Women's Justice Institute - <https://womensjustice.net/>

Worthy Now Prison Ministry Network of the Church of the Larger Fellowship -

<https://worthynow.org/>

<https://worthynow.org/>

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

Inmates for Change - <http://illinoisinstitute.net/idea-exchange/inmates-for-change/>

Learn more from Budder Jones at inmatesforchange@yahoo.com

Inner City Muslim Action Network ("IMAN") - <https://www.imacentral.org/>

Learn more from Rami Nashashibi at shamar@imacentral.org

Interactive Networking Resource Connecting Returning Citizens with Services Of All Kinds

Inside Out Network – <https://insideoutnetwork.net/welcome>, and [Inside Out Network Donation page](#)

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

Bard Prison Initiative - <https://bpi.bard.edu/>

Chicago Books to Women in Prison - <https://chicagobwp.org/about-us/>

Inside Circle – <https://insidecircle.org/>

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

Organizations Addressing the Causes of Crime and Poverty

The Tutor/Mentor Institute - <http://www.tutormentorexchange.net/>

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

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:

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

Jamal 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

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-Poverty-and-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/18RLoS0XTfjp2wtlAqp_Q12FiwAEhgoeCWwZEtKgKX2l/edit

Webinars:

Sentencing Project webinar: Criminal Justice: Racial Injustice on advancing racial justice in criminal justice reform

- **Get access the Webinar at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Y25nw7IEQ8&feature=youtu.be&t=1>

National Reentry Resource Center webinar: Using the National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Conviction Website (the NICC is an important compendium of the legal and regulatory restrictions that limit or prohibit people convicted of crimes from accessing employment, housing, and other rights, benefits, and opportunities long after their sentences have been served.)

- **Get access the Webinar and a PDF of the presentation at:**

<https://niccc.csgjusticecenter.org/2018/10/31/using-the-new-national-inventory-of-collateral-consequences-of-criminal-conviction-website/>

Reports:

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 Appleseed 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.wpenqine.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)

a September 2019 report of the Prison Policy Initiative:

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

“The biggest priorities for prison and jail phone justice in 40 states”

a September 2019 report of the Prison Policy Initiative:

<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/>

“Emerging Adult Justice in Illinois - Toward and Age Appropriate Approach”, a January 2019 report of the Columbia University’s Justice Lab,

for more information about the report go to

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Reimagining-Justice---What-We-Learned-from-Germany.html?soid=1112866631854&aid=T4mNPdqG7qo>

“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

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Inspired by the experience of women at Grace House of St.Leonard's Ministries in Chicago

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Inside Out Network - Interactive Networking Resource Connecting Returning Citizens with Services Of All Kinds

– <https://insideoutnetwork.net/welcome>

Website for people returning home from prison, at <https://reentryillinois.net/#/?step=1>, created by [Education Justice Project](#) and [Chi Hack Night](#),
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Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership - <http://www.workforceboard.org/>

Chicago Jobs Council Member Directory - 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 -

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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-prisonerfamily.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/

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

Cook County Public Defender – <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/agency/public-defender-1> call
1(844) 81RIGHT i.e. 1(844) 817- 4448
24 hours a day / 7 days a week

Cabrini Green Legal Aid -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