

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

### Questions, Suggestions, Digital Access

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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.

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[Dr. Leah Pope interview to Mother Jones;](#)

[Emily Bazelon in the New York Times – "Courts and Jails Are Putting Lives at Risk."](#)

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2020/3/19/21186898/cook-county-jail-coronavirus-tom-dart-covid-19-social-distancing>

**Kim Foxx wins**– Thank you and congratulations to all who supported Kim Foxx in winning the Democratic nomination for section term as Cook County State’s Attorney and preserving her reform agenda.

**Illinois Criminal Justice Reform Legislation on hold** – In response to the Corona virus, the Legislature is limiting its spring sessions in a way that appears likely to prevent any criminal justice reform legislation from being considered in Illinois at least until the fall.

**New Reports and Articles on Criminal Justice Issues – Resources for Study and Contemplation During Our Period of Confinement**

(Note: See complete lists of recent reports and recent articles on criminal justice issues starting on pages 21 and page 25 respectively)

**Episcopal Public Policy Network Criminal Justice Series**: Here is a link:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aascds%3AUS%3A1c04cad1-07ae-4875-93ac-6c5175aff784>

to a special comprehensive series of reports on criminal justice reform issued in February 2020 by the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations, with substantial resources covering:

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

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

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

**2019 Annual Report of the Sentencing Project** – available at: [2019 Annual Report](#).

**Also, Remember to Check Out and Subscribe to Some of the Regular Reports That You Can Receive on Justice Related Issues**

(a list of relevant reports and links for subscribing to them starting at page 16, noting in particular the following important new addition to the list):

**The Marshall Project’s daily “Opening Statement”, See an example and subscribe [HERE](#).**

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## Upcoming Events:

[none scheduled]

## Volunteer Opportunities in Illinois:

**Tutor/Mentor Program of the Tutor/Mentor Institute** – Volunteer to tutor at risk kids all 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](mailto:rbal@nlchp.org) or (202) 638-2532 x 105 to get involved in helping to organize the campaign

**Kolbe House Prison Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago** – volunteer to help prep, deliver, or underwrite the cost of meals for their twice monthly FAITH night--Families Affected by Incarceration; contribute basic items to their clothing and food pantry which serves individuals coming out of jail and families in need, and find out about possible opportunities to participate in their in-jail ministry at the Cook County Jail  
*Information about how to learn more about Kolbe House's mission, ministry, and needs is available at* <https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/kolbe-house-jail-ministry/contact-us>

**Social Change** – Volunteer to become a change agent in amplifying community voices and disrupting the legacy of systematic injustice through organizing, policy advocacy and storytelling, at <https://socialchange.site/join-us>

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](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 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 [evekleinerman@cglanet.net](mailto:evekleinerman@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](http://www.communityrenewalsociety.org).

Member of the Restoring Rights and Opportunities

## 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)>  
*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 - <http://ciji.org/training>

PenPAL Orientation

Sunday February 16. 1:00 to 2:30 pm at Unity Temple, 1019 South Blvd. , Oak Park.

[Register here](#). More information available at: <http://www.uupmi.org/>

Radical Hospitality Workshops - 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>

## 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/>

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## 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 at:  
[https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/demand-the-illinois-supreme-court-commission-on-pretrial-practices-recommend-supreme-court-rule?just\\_launched=true](https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/demand-the-illinois-supreme-court-commission-on-pretrial-practices-recommend-supreme-court-rule?just_launched=true)  
demanding that its forthcoming report on pretrial reforms recommend adoption of a proposed Supreme Court Rule to prohibit incarceration due solely to the inability to afford a money bond

### 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 the Election of Reform Prosecutors Around 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](mailto: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. - **no contribution is required**
- AJAF is a leading group in 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

## Supporting and Expanding Bond Reform in Cook County and the State of Illinois

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- Write to your legislators now (find them here: <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/>), asking them to support:
  - Repeal of the use of the use of cash bail in Illinois, as proposed by Governor Pritzker and Lieutenant Governor Stratton, and
  - Enactment of the Pretrial Justice Fairness Act, which is being introduced into this spring's session of the Illinois State Legislature
- Get more information:



- about the Pretrial Justice Fairness Act and creating a just pretrial system in Illinois at: <http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/vision-for-a-just-pretrial-system.pdf> and
- about Governor Pritzker's agenda for criminal justice reform at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/ltg/Documents/JEO%20Report%202020.pdf> and at <https://capitolnewsillinois.com/NEWS/pritzker-puts-criminal-justice-reforms-atop-2020-agenda>

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-oauk7hgvs5ai5ktlhk3qmn45iy-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](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-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](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

**Illinois Criminal Justice Reform Legislation on hold** – In response to the Corona virus, the Legislature is limiting its spring sessions in a way that appears likely to prevent any criminal justice reform legislation from being considered in Illinois at least until the fall.

Justice Reform Initiatives in the Illinois Legislature – Illinois Senate forms a New Special Senate Committee on Public Safety to set legislative priorities on Criminal Justice Reform – See press release of February 6, 2020 - <http://illinoisenedemocrats.com/caucus-news/8079-senate-dems-unveil-public-safety-priorities?platform=hootsuite>

Find your Senator's and Representative's names and addresses here to register support or opposition to a bill: <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/>.

(You can find details about the content and status of Senate and House Bills by number at: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp>)

**Partial List of 2020 Illinois Bills to Support** (in addition to the Pretrial Fairness Act discussed above):

Write [johnmclees@outlook.com](mailto:johnmclees@outlook.com) to get draft letters that you can use to support Illinois House Bill 1615, to limit the scope of prosecution for Felony Murder: Illinois House Bill 1115, to greatly reduce the use of electronic monitoring for those who have completed their term of incarceration (under consideration in the Senate)

Contact Yaacov Delaney of the Community Renewal Society at [ydelaney@communityrenewalsociety.org](mailto:ydelaney@communityrenewalsociety.org)

to learn more about the following Bills and how you can support them:

The Violent Offender Registry Reform Bill (to reduce the time a person is on a public registry, to de-felonize all penalties, and to remove automatic 10 year penalty extension) and

The Restorative Sentencing Bill (to grant program sentencing credit eligibility for people sentenced under Truth in Sentencing)

The Employee Background Fairness Bill (to create reasonable standards in the hiring process for people with records) and

The Public Housing Access Bill (to minimize local housing authority restrictions/bans for people with records).

Contact Betsy Clarke or Luis Klein of the Juvenile Justice Initiative at [bcjuv@aol.com](mailto:bcjuv@aol.com) or [lkjjustice@gmail.com](mailto:lkjjustice@gmail.com)

to learn more about the following Bills and how you can support them:

Illinois House Bill 4613, to reform juvenile detention law to change the standard for detention to ensure it is last resort, and require the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission to include recommendations regarding the availability of youth services to address the use of detention

in its annual report  
Illinois House Bill 4610, to raise the minimum age for incarcerating children in juvenile detention from 13 to 14  
Illinois Senate Bill 239, to expand the initial jurisdiction of Juvenile Court to include all young adults charged with misdemeanors (first defined as those 18 or younger and moving over time to those 20 and younger)  
Illinois House Bill 4295, to establish a privilege for communications made during restorative justice proceedings  
Illinois House Bill 4609, to expand the category of youth who must be accompanied by lawyers in any interrogation, up from 15 at present  
Transfer Reform, to require a hearing in juvenile court to decide whether to prosecute a child under age 18 in adult criminal court.

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>

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>

### **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

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
(2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
(2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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  
(2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

2017 Illinois House Bill 4741 - to safeguard prison visiting rights  
*Learn more from:* Jobi Cates: [jcates@restorejustice.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

## **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**

Approval by the Cook County Board, on November 21, 2019, of Rules implementing the Just Housing Amendment to the County's Human Rights Ordinance, enacted early in 2019, prohibiting landlords:

- from refusing to rent to an individual because of an arrest record,
  - from having a policy of not renting to anyone who has been convicted of a crime, and
  - from refusing to rent to an individual based on a conviction that is more than three years old
- (Landlords retain the right to consider prior convictions within the last three years on an individual basis under standards set forth in the ordinance.)

For more details about this significant development, go to <https://justhousinginitiative.org/> and <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102405162255&ca=7a450cb8-d28b-4da1-bb96-64814ce14382>

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](mailto:jcates@restorejustice.org)

Justice, Equity and Opportunity Initiative

Quinn Rallins, formerly of the Illinois Justice Project was appointed to lead the Pritzker administration's Justice, Equity and Opportunity Initiative, created by executive order in February 2019 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

On November 15, 2019, Senators Dick Durbin of Illinois and Mike Lee of Utah introduced the Smarter Sentencing Act, to enact sentencing reform not included in last year’s “First Step Act”, with cosponsors Senators Patrick Leahy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Richard Blumenthal, Ron Wyden, Angus King, Tim Kaine, Elizabeth Warren, Tammy Baldwin, Cory Booker, and Kamala Harris (D-CA):

<https://www.durbin.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/durbin-lee-introduce-smarter-sentencing-act>

On November 14, 2019, Ayanna Presley, Member of Congress from Massachusetts introduced H. Res. 702, as The People’s Justice Guarantee, designed to transform the criminal justice system to be based on “Shared Power, Freedom Equality, Safety, and Dignity” by reducing prison populations, transforming the experience of confinement, eliminating wealth based discrimination and corporate profiteering, and investing in impacted communities:

<https://pressley.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-presley-launches-bold-progressive-criminal-legal-reform-resolution-people> and

<https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hres702/BILLS-116hres702ih.pdf>

On March 7, 2019, Senator Cory Booker and Congresswoman Boney Coleman introduced the Next Step Act to follow up the First Step Act enacted last year with Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform:

[https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=press\\_release&id=895](https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=895) and

<https://www.scribd.com/document/401327169/S-697-Next-Step-Act-Booker>

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

[https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=press\\_release&id=888](https://www.booker.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=888)

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.

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2018/12/12/the-criminal-justice-reform-bill-you-ve-never-heardof?ref=hp-2-111>

## Electronic Newsletters and Updates:

**The Marshall Project’s daily “Opening Statement”, See an example and subscribe [HERE](#).**

Envisioning Justice Digest of Illinois Humanities

To subscribe contact [Elliot.Heilman@ilhumanities.org](mailto: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/>

Week In Review from The Marshall Project - <https://www.themarshallproject.org/>

Invisible Institute - <https://invisible.institute/contact/> Illinois Justice Project’s news summary -

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

Weekly Crime Report of John Jay College of Law – subscribe at <https://thecrimereport.org/register/>

Newsletter of Designing Justice + Designing Spaces - <https://designingjustice.org/connect/>

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](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\\_NetOdqc0WlzpAzzegWIS3gmXfoMj5roTyxL8ZJi7rd7vzhAJmsnEdfkrp5LIDj1TpHPiGpufIWXGcrPENHxYSarGjruiyr](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001s6pS_QJvIMMkL_b4df4pbveyzEEC1hAysXxryuS1c8ldoxGpSzNJGCL6F5Rt7Kmw_NetOdqc0WlzpAzzegWIS3gmXfoMj5roTyxL8ZJi7rd7vzhAJmsnEdfkrp5LIDj1TpHPiGpufIWXGcrPENHxYSarGjruiyr)  
 Inner-City Muslim Action Network - register at <https://www.imacentral.org/>  
 Newsletter of the Catholic Mobilizing Network – <https://catholicmobilizing.org/join>  
 Newsletter of the Housing Not Handcuffs Campaign – (get it by writing to endorse the campaign at: <http://housingnohandcuffs.org/endorse/>)  
 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](#).  
 Newsletter of the Social Justice Resources Center– subscribe at: <https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/>  
 Newsletter of the Tutor Mentor Institute – to subscribe [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](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, Operate Restorative Justice Hubs, or Design Facilities in Which to Conduct Restorative Justice Processes

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/>  
 Designing Justice +Designing Spaces - <https://designingjustice.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>  
Catholic Mobilizing Network – <https://catholicsmobilizing.org>  
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/#>  
Housing Not Handcuffs – <http://housingnohandcuffs.org/about/>  
Human Rights Watch - <https://www.hrw.org/united-states/criminal-justice> Illinois  
Illinois Prison Project – [www.illinoisprisonproject.org](http://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 Change** - <https://socialchange.site/home-vision-campaigns>  
Social Justice Resource Center - <http://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/cause/criminal-justice-system/>  
Southern Poverty Law Center - <https://www.splcenter.org/issues/mass-incarceration>  
**The Square One Project – Reimagine Justice** - <https://squareonejustice.org/>  
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](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.imacentral.org/>  
Learn more from Rami Nashashibi at [shamar@imacentral.org](mailto: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/>  
Kolby House Jail Ministry - <https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/kolbe-house-jail-ministry>  
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>  
Prison Fellowship - <https://www.prisonfellowship.org/>  
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>  
**Social Change** - <https://socialchange.site/solve>  
StoryCatchers Theatre - <https://www.storycatcherstheatre.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](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  
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  
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-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/18RLoS0XTfjp2wtIAqp\\_Q12FiwAEhgoeCWwZEtKgKX2l/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18RLoS0XTfjp2wtIAqp_Q12FiwAEhgoeCWwZEtKgKX2l/edit)

### Webinars and Conferences:

Vera Institute of Justice Conference: Best of Conversations on Justice Reform at the University of Iowa on January 30, 2020

Review the program at <https://mailchi.mp/vera/bestof2019-773629?e=6f6e47c276>

Watch the 2 hour video of the program at [this link](#) (the session starts 10 minutes in)

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:

**2019 Annual Report of the Sentencing Project - 2019 Annual Report.**

**Episcopal Public Policy Network Criminal Justice Series: Here is a link:**

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aascds%3AUS%3A1c04cad1-07ae-4875-93ac-6c5175aff784>

to a special comprehensive series of reports on criminal justice reform issued in February 2020 by the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations, with substantial resources covering:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[http://www.safetyandjusticechallenge.org/wpcontent/uploads/2019/02/TheChallengeofCriminalJusticeReform\\_BruceWestern\\_Final.pdf](http://www.safetyandjusticechallenge.org/wpcontent/uploads/2019/02/TheChallengeofCriminalJusticeReform_BruceWestern_Final.pdf)

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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](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/>

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

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– 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.](#)

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

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

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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.

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for more information about the report go to

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

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

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

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

Click [here](#) to access the report

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

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

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

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

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

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Why Illinois Needs to Restore Parole for Juvenile Lifers

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/commentary/ct-perspec-parole-juvenile-lifersprison-illinois-children-criminals-0222-story.html>

Monitoring Cook County's Central Bond Court: A Community Court Watching Initiative,

issued February 27, 2018 by the Coalition to End Money Bond, see [the press release](#) issued by the Coalition for more details

## Websites

Social Justice Resource Center on the Criminal Justice System

<https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/cause/criminal-justice-system/>

highlighting Facts and Figures, Websites, Publications, Films, Prayers, Quotes, and Teachings of the Catholic Church

Website for people returning home from prison, at <https://reentryillinois.net/#/?step=1>,

created by [Education Justice Project](#) and [Chi Hack Night](#),

National Reentry Resource Center - <https://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc>

The [National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Conviction](#) (NICCC) - a 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

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-centerNew>  
State Innovation Exchange - <https://stateinnovation.org/issue/criminal-justice-reform/>  
American Legislative Exchange Council - <https://www.alec.org/issue/criminal-justice-reform/>

Books:

*Women Leaving Prison: Justice-Seeking Spiritual Support for Female Returning Citizens*  
(*Emerging Perspectives in Pastoral Theology and Care*) by Jill Snodgrass

*Charged: The New Movement to Transform American Prosecution and End Mass  
Incarceration* –by Emily Bazelon, published by Random House  
Reviewed in the New York Times Book Review on April 8, 2019:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/08/books/review/emily-bazelon-charged.html>

*Prisoners of Politics: Breaking the Cycle of Mass Incarceration* by Rachel Barkow, published by  
Harvard University Press

<http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674919235>

*Beyond Prisons: A New Interfaith Paradigm for Our Failed Prison System* (and study guide)  
by Laura Magnani and Harmon Wray of the American Friends Service Committee

For more information see:

<https://www.afsc.org/document/beyond-prisons-study-guide>

*Community Health Equity: A Chicago Reader*,

edited by Fernando De Maio, Raj Shah, John Mazzeo, and David Ansell

*Beyond These Walls: Rethinking Crime and Punishment in the United States*, by Tony Platt

*American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey Into the Business of Punishment*, by Shane  
Bauer

*Locking Up Our Own*, by James Forman Jr.

(winner of the Pulitzer Prize)

*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:

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

Explores parenthood, the state of our public schools and school to prison pipeline

*Lettie*, by Boo Killebrew – premiered last season, in the spring of 2018, at Victory Gardens Theatre

Portrays the struggles of a woman who has been released from prison

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

Film:

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

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neBbpwdgTJE>

Reclaiming the Crown – The Footwork King’s Battle with Money Bail – Prepared and released by the Chicago Community Bond Fund in January 2019

- “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>
- Girls on the Wall, a production of Story Catchers Theatre
- “American Jail,” CNN Films Production premiered Sunday July 1, 2018 on CNN and CNNgo - see: <https://www.cnn.com/shows/american-jail-film>

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

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

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

### **Videos and Television:**

Conversation on Race and Criminal Justice in a Color Blind America, with Kim Foxx and others, organized and recorded 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 of Justice, at the T.R.U.E. Community prison housing unit in Connecticut - [Watch the episode here.](#)

### **TED Talks:**

Deanna Van Buren on building structures for restorative justice and imagining the world without prisons:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/deanna\\_van\\_buren\\_what\\_a\\_world\\_without\\_prisons\\_could\\_look\\_like#t-4755](https://www.ted.com/talks/deanna_van_buren_what_a_world_without_prisons_could_look_like#t-4755)

Alice Goffman on how we are priming some kids for college and others for prison

<https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/resources/how-were-priming-some-kids-for-college-and-others-for-prison/>

Adam Foss on a prosecutor’s vision for a better justice system:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/adam\\_foss\\_a\\_prosecutor\\_s\\_vision\\_for\\_a\\_better\\_justice\\_system](https://www.ted.com/talks/adam_foss_a_prosecutor_s_vision_for_a_better_justice_system)

Eve Abrams on the human stories behind mass incarceration:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/eve\\_abrams\\_the\\_human\\_stories\\_behind\\_mass\\_incarceration?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/eve_abrams_the_human_stories_behind_mass_incarceration?language=en)

Salil Dudani on how jails extort the poor:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/salil\\_dudani\\_how\\_jails\\_extort\\_the\\_poor](https://www.ted.com/talks/salil_dudani_how_jails_extort_the_poor)

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

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](#),

New Texting Resource to facilitate communication between returning citizens and service providers

more information about the pilot program available at <https://www.tiltas.co/>;  
see also the discussion at:

<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20180524/ISSUE01/180529974/chicago-startup-tiltasconnects-ex-offenders-to-nonprofit-services>

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)

Designing Justice +Designing Spaces - <https://designingjustice.org/>

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-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 Metropolitan 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**

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](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