

Understanding the Criminal Legal 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 6, after the Headlines section below

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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

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Supporting Justice Reform Legislation Now Under Consideration in Illinois:

Email or call your representatives and state senators now, getting contact information at:

<https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/>

to support some or all of the following pending legislative proposals on Justice Reform:

[you can learn more about the terms of a bill with simple search: e.g. for “HB___ Illinois 2021”]

Earned Discretionary Reentry – House Bill 2399, Senate Bill 2333, discussed at:

<https://paroleillinois.org/2021/03/02/senate-bill-2333-earned-discretionary-reentry/>

The Judicial Quality Act – Senate Bill 0563, discussed at:

<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/support-for-sb-0563-judicial-quality-act/>

Reducing Barriers to Recovery – House Bill 3447, discussed at:

<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/support-for-hb-3447-reducing-barriers-to-recovery/>

Limiting Negotiations by Police Unions to Wages Only – House Bill 3891 and Senate Bill 2447,

to repeal current provisions allowing police union contracts to overpower Illinois Law, discussed at:

<https://www.illinoispolicy.org/illinois-law-lets-police-union-contracts-overpower-state-law/>

Restoring eligibility of former felons for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – House Bill 0088

Bad Apples in Law Enforcement Accountability Act – House Bill 1727

Abolishing Juvenile Life w/o Parole Sentences – House Bill 1821

Confidentiality of Restorative Justice Proceedings – House Bill 3248, Senate Bill 0064

Raising the Lower Age for Pretrial Detention – Senate Bill 0065

Criminal ID-Expungement Fee Reform – House Bill 2367

Theft and Retail Theft Sentencing Reform – House Bill 2402

Eliminating Felony Conviction as a Bar to Name Change – House Bill 2542

Torture Inquiry/Relief Commission – House Bill 2613

Torture Commission Restrictions – Senate Bill 2119

Criminal ID-Expungement Reform – House Bill 2743

Penalty Reduction – House Bill 34443

Restorative Sentencing Act – House Bill 3594, Senate Bill 2123

State Resentencing Motion – Senate Bill 2129

Criminal Penalties – Senate Bill 2186

Accountability – Senate Bill 2276

Jury Duty, Prior Convictions – Senate Bill 2437

Felony Murder Reform – Senate Bill 2113

Sentence Credit – Senate Bill 2115

Community Emergency Services and Supports Act – House Bill 2784, Senate Bill 2117

Elder Parole Bill – House Bill 2399, Senate Bill 2120

Requiring Employment Background Checks To Be Conducted by the State Police – SB ?

Minimum Wage for Prisoners – Senate Bill 0649

Inmates Right to Seek Post Conviction Hearing – House Bill 2745

The Mind Strong Act (mandating education about adult mobile crisis response services) - House Bill 2944, Senate Bill 347

Making firearms sentencing enhancements discretionary – House Bill 2989

Making public grand jury proceedings regarding excessive use of force by a peace officer or discharge of a firearm by a peace officer resulting in death or bodily harm – [House Bill 3230](#)
Use of Force Reporting – [House Bill 3239](#)
Expungement and Sealing of Criminal Records – [House Bill 3239](#)
Prohibiting No-Knock Warrants – [House Bill 3261](#)
Crime Victims Compensation – [House Bill 3295](#), [Senate Bill 0627](#)
Officer-Worn Body Camera – [House Bill 3347](#)
Re Bail-Rehearing Denial – [House Bill 3361](#)
Re Failure to Appear – [House Bill 3362](#)
Re Recognizance – [House Bill 3363](#)
Reporting Prisoner Deaths – [Senate Bill 0624](#)
Communication Rights for Those in Custody – [Senate Bill 0625](#)
Decriminalizing Transmission of HIV– [Senate Bill 0655](#)
Ex-Offender Preference – [Senate Bill 1945](#)
Statewide point of contact for families with IDOC – [Senate Bill 1976](#)
Assault Weapons Ban – [Senate Bill 2510](#)

Developments in Illinois Justice Reform

On February 22 Governor Pritzker signed into law the Omnibus Criminal Justice Reform Bill passed by the General Assembly in January.

Find links to discussions of the Omnibus Criminal Justice Reform Act at page 9 below.

A list of the reforms enacted by this legislation, including the Pretrial Fairness Act, is available at:

<https://kanecountyconnects.com/2021/02/governor-signs-hb-3653-criminal-justice-reform-bill-that-abolishes-bail-requires-body-cameras/>

Online Resources on Justice Reform Available on Demand:

[Legislative Advocacy Training with Restore Justice Illinois Director Jobi Cates –recorded March 6, 2021](#), presented in collaboration with the [Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzfHkqvaEe4>

Conversations with University of Chicago Professor Reuben Jonathan Miller about his new book: *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration* –

---at the Ford School of Public Policy

<https://crownschool.uchicago.edu/reuben-miller-discussed-racial-issues-aftermath-mass-incarceration-ford-school>

and with NPR's Terry Gross:

<https://crownschool.uchicago.edu/reuben-jonathan-miller-talks-about-his-new-book-npr%E2%80%99s-terry-gross>

The book is available at:

<https://www.semcoop.com/halfway-home-race-punishment-and-afterlife-mass-incarceration>

[Please review the list on [pages 15 through 17 below](#) of links to other Podcasts, Webinars, and Conference Videos that are available to watch on demand]

Recent Reports with Information To Guide Justice Reform Efforts in Illinois and Nationally:

[Decarcerating Cook County](#), a March 2021 report of Reclaim Chicago, The People's Lobby, Chicago Council of Lawyers, and Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts on diversion programs being employed by State's Attorney Kim Foxx for low-level, "non-violent" felonies:

<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/22021-03-CCSAO-Diversion-Report-FINAL.pdf>

also discussed at:

<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/decarcerating-cook-county-states-attorneys-diversion-programs>

[Strengthening and Elevating Public Defense to Achieve Equal Justice](#), by Cliff Nellis of Lawndale Christian Legal Center

<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcllc.net%2Fif-you-believe-black-lives-matter-then-strengthening-public-defense-must-matter-to-you->

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Injustice Watch April 7 report on proposed limits on public disclosure of records by the Cook County Circuit Court:

https://www.injusticewatch.org/news/courts/2021/cook-county-clerk-of-court-foia-transparency/?utm_source=Injustice+Watch+Newsletter+Subscribers&utm_campaign=ee00dfd1e0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_04_02_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1a5f79d769-ee00dfd1e0-229852929&mc_cid=ee00dfd1e0&mc_eid=5e64435292

Illinois Must Improve Standards for the Care of Youth in Detention and Strengthen Juvenile Justice Oversight – March 2021 Report of the John Howard Association

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5beab48285ede1f7e8102102/t/6047a1b31be4ce414d052b98/1615307188905/JHA+Statement+on+Juvenile+Detention+Centers+March+2021.pdf>

A Snapshot of Life in Prison – March 2021 Report of the John Howard Association

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Body Worn Cameras in Policing: Benefits and Costs, a March 2021 working paper of the National Bureau of Economic Research produced by the Council on Criminal Justice and the University of Chicago Crime Lab

https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w28622/w28622.pdf

Enormous Cost of Imprisonment for Parole Violations, March 2021 Report of the Columbia University Justice Lab –

https://justicelab.columbia.edu/sites/default/files/content/Cost_Parole_Violations_in_New_York.pdf

Expanding Voting Rights to All Citizens in the Era of Mass Incarceration, a March 2021 report of **The Sentencing Project**

<file:///C:/Users/johnm/Downloads/Expanding-Voting-Rights-to-All-Citizens-in-the-Era-of-Mass-Incarceration.pdf>

Winnable Criminal Justice Reforms for 2021, a January 2021 report from the **Prison Policy Institute**

<https://static.prisonpolicy.org/reports/winnable2021.pdf>

Transformative Justice – Recommendations for the New Administration and the 117th Congress, from the **Justice Roundtable** on law enforcement, pretrial and courts, drug policy reform, sentencing and prison reform, reentry, clemency, racial Justice and human rights, January 2021

<https://justiceroundtable.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Transformative-Justice.pdf?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=0827b8a8-e3e0-4218-878a-fed0eedb5db4>

[Please also go to the links in list on pages 23 through 31 below to read other important recent reports on the operation of our criminal justice system and urgent matters of justice reform]

New Books on Justice Reform:

Necropolitics – The Religious Crisis of Mass Incarceration in America, by Professor Christopher Ringer of the Chicago Theological Seminary, published November 17, 2020 – available at:

<https://www.booktopia.com.au/necropolitics-christophe-d-ringer/ebook/9781793626806.html>

“prisons Make Us Safer”: and 20 Other Myths about Mass Incarceration, by Victoria Law, (Beacon Press 2021) -

<https://bookshop.org/books/prisons-make-us-safer-and-20-other-myths-about-mass-incarceration/9780807029527>

Find excerpts from the book at Literary Hub Daily of April 8, 2021:

<https://lithub.com/lit-hub-daily-april-8-2021/>

Regular Reports on Justice Related Issues:

Illinois Justice Project **Weekly News Summary** – subscribe by scrolling down at:

<https://www.iljp.org/news>

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

Vera News of the Vera Institute of Justice – to subscribe go to <https://www.vera.org/>

Brennan Center for Justice updates – subscribe at

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

Weekly Crime Report of the John Jay College of Law – subscribe at

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<https://chicago-community-jail-support.webnode.com/>

Learn how to volunteer at:

<https://chicago-community-jail-support.webnode.com/my-work/>

Learn about volunteer roles at:

<https://chicago-community-jail-support.webnode.com/volunteer-roles/>

Learn of other ways to contribute:

<https://chicago-community-jail-support.webnode.com/donate/>

Follow on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook:

<https://chicago-community-jail-support.webnode.com/follow-us/>

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

Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry Network through the **Church of the Larger Fellowship Ambassador Program for Illinois** /

follow the steps outlined at <http://www.uupmi.org/penpals.html>

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

Campaign to Free Incarcerated Survivors of Police Torture (CFIST)

Learn how to help in seeking pardons from Governor Pritzker at <https://www.caarpr.org/cfist>

Join the CFIST list serve by writing to cfist@caarpr.com to participate in the monthly online CFIST meetings at 6:00 the first and third Thursday of each month to help in drafting the survivor stories for these men. See https://www.caarpr.org/survivor_stories

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 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>

Defy Ventures <https://www.defyventures.org/>– volunteer to mentor incarcerated and formerly | incarcerated individuals in the entrepreneurial programs that enable them to find their inner strength and to become the CEOs of their own lives: <https://defyventures.org/take-action-main/volunteer-1>.
Register to be a volunteer at: <https://learn.defyventures.org/apply/>
To volunteer to participate in Defy Ventures' new book club, [Sign up here!](#)

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 and note "Volunteer Training" in the subject line.

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

Programming and Training Opportunities in Illinois

Legislative Advocacy Training with Restore Justice Illinois Director Jobi Cates –recorded March 6, 2021, presented in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzfHkqvaEe4>

Restorative Justice Training - offered by:

- Nehemiah Trinity Rising -<https://www.nehemiahtrinityrising.org/>

Learn more from - Michelle Day at 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>

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://isinglepayer.org/article/federal-judge-issues-permanent-injunction-idoc-mental-health-lawsuit>

Other Developments in Illinois Justice

Enactment of the Omnibus Criminal Justice Reform Bill proposed by the legislative Black Caucus: On February 22, Governor Pritzker signed into law the 760 page omnibus criminal justice reform legislation, which includes the Pretrial Fairness Act, that the General Assembly had passed in January as HB3653 and which:

- Abolished money bond and allow pretrial detention *only* for certain, specific charges;
- Reforms the process for violations of pretrial release conditions;
- Requires reconsideration of detention and release conditions at every court date;
- Ensures people who are on electronic monitoring pretrial receive time-served credit and guaranteed movement permissions;
- Authorizes law enforcement to release people charged with low-level offenses instead of holding them until they can appear in court;
- Reforms the warrant process;
- Regulates risk assessment tools; and
- Ensures transparency and oversight through data collection, publication, and ongoing advisory groups.

For broader discussion of the many other important provisions in this momentous legislation: on policing, on conditions of arrest, imprisonment and mandatory supervised release, on ending prison gerrymandering, and on victim compensation, see:

Governor Signs HB 3653 Criminal Justice Reform Bill that Abolishes Bail, Requires Body Cameras
<https://kanecountyconnects.com/2021/02/governor-signs-hb-3653-criminal-justice-reform-bill-that-abolishes-bail-requires-body-cameras/>

6 Key Reforms in the Massive Criminal Justice Bill Illinois Lawmakers Passed Last Week
by Patrick Smith for WBEZ (January 20, 2021)

<https://www.wbez.org/stories/6-key-reforms-in-the-massive-criminal-justice-bill-illinois-lawmakers-passed-last-week/5f526342-9f19-40e6-8563-d8e0bbfe1138>

Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts has this summary of the bill:

<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/victory-illinois-just-ended-money-bond-by-passing-the-pretrial-fairness-act/>

"Illinois criminal justice reform critics playing "Fear-Mongering Bingo"

by State Senator Robert Peters

<https://www.injusticewatch.org/commentary/2021/black-caucus-criminal-justice-reform-end-cash-bail/>

Statement of Governor J.B. Pritzker

<https://www2.illinois.gov/news/release?ReleaseID=22643>

Comments of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle:

https://paper.suntimes.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=23852361-79c8-4994-a0a3-014c0bd43838

Illinois May Be the First State to Eliminate Cash Bail, But the Fight Isn't Over, by Tanya Watkins, Sharlyn Grace, Will Tanzman and Sharone Mitchell Jr. in Truthout, February 2, 2021

<https://truthout.org/articles/illinois-may-be-first-state-to-eliminate-money-bail-but-the-fight-isnt-over/>

Massive Illinois Police Reform Bill Ends Cash Bail, Limits Deadly Force, Mandates Body Cameras, and Makes It Easier To Dump Crooked Cops, January 24, 2021 in Reason

<https://reason.com/2021/01/14/massive-illinois-police-reform-bill-ends-cash-bail-limits-deadly-force-mandates-body-cameras-and-makes-it-easier-to-dump-crooked-cops/>

Sweeping reforms could transform Illinois' criminal justice system, Injustice Watch, January 15

<https://mailchi.mp/injusticewatch/newsletter37-3867637?e=5e64435292>

Governor Pritzker's October 6, 2020 announcement of Reform Principles Aim to Modernize Criminal Code, End Cycles of Recidivism, and Increase Police Accountability.

See [Office of the Illinois Governor news release](#)

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

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

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

John Howard Association's comments:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Repeal of the 1994 statutory ban on the "Second Chance Pell Grants" to finance the college credit state and Federal prisons –

The repeal of that ban, and repeal of the 1998 law restricting federal financial aid for college students who are convicted of a drug crime, were included in 2020 year-end spending bill.

See: <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/12/20/congress-pell-grant-prisoners-449364>, and <https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?u=6542df2be696ba0ea2f17b66a&id=fa4e549ff1&e=6f6e47c276>

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/hres/702/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 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

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:

Conversation with University of Chicago Professor Reuben Jonathan Miller on Race, Punishment and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration, discussing his new book: Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration

<https://livestream.com/uc-ssa>

The book is available at:

<https://www.semcoop.com/halfway-home-race-punishment-and-afterlife-mass-incarceration>

Illinois Justice Project Weekly News Summary – subscribe by scrolling down at:

<https://www.iljp.org/news>

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 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 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://jjjustice.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_b4df4pbveyzEEC1hAysXxryuS1c8ldoxGpSzNJGCL6F5Rt7Kmw_NetOdqc0WlzpAzzegWIS3gmXfoMj5roTyxL8ZJi7rd7vzhAJmsnEdfkrp5LIDj1TpHPlgpufIWGXGcrPENHxYSarGjruiyr

[Inner-City Muslim Action Network](#) - register at <https://www.imancentral.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](#) r

resources regarding the [Criminal Justice System](#) at:

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

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

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/>
 Anti-Recidivism Coalition – <https://antirecidivism.org/>
 Arnold Ventures LLC – <https://www.arnoldventures.org/>
 Brennan Center For Justice - <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/justice-all>
 Catholic Mobilizing Network – <https://catholicismobilizing.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>
 Chicago Community Jail Support – <https://chicago-community-jail-support.webnode.com/>
 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
 Illinois Justice Project - <https://www.iljp.org>
 John Howard Association – <http://www.thejha.org/>

Juvenile Justice Initiative - <http://jjjustice.org/about-us/>
 Justice Action Network – <https://www.justiceactionnetwork.org/>
 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/>
 Nehemiah Trinity Rising – <https://www.nehemiahtrinityrising.org/>
 Parole Illinois – <https://paroleillinois.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/>
 Unitarian Universalist Ministry of Illinois – <http://www.uupmi.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/>

Organizations and Initiatives Led by Former Prisoners -

Alumni Association – <http://thealumniassociation.org/>
Learn more from Ray Robinson at rayrobinson1108@gmail.com
 Ex-cons for Community and Social Change - <https://www.facebook.com/TyroneECCSC/>
Learn more from Tyrone Farrakhan Muhammad at tyronemuhammad17@gmail.com
 Families and Prisoners United
Learn more from Fahmi Jones at (312) 846-0744
 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/>
 Chicago Prison Outreach Ministries – <http://www.cpoministries.org/>
 Counseling First - <http://www.counselingfirst.org/>
 Defy Ventures <https://www.defyventures.org/>
 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
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/
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/>

Online Programs – Podcasts, Webinars and Conference Videos Available on Demand:

Legislative Advocacy Training with Restore Justice Illinois Director Jobi Cates –recorded March 6, 2021, presented in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzfHkqvaEe4>

Conversation with University of Chicago Professor Reuben Jonathan Miller on Race, Punishment and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration, discussing his new book: *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*:

--at the Ford School of Public Policy

<https://crownschool.uchicago.edu/reuben-miller-discussed-racial-issues-aftermath-mass-incarceration-ford-school>

and with NBR's Terry Gross

<https://crownschool.uchicago.edu/reuben-jonathan-miller-talks-about-his-new-book-npr%E2%80%99s-terry-gross>

The book is available at:

<https://www.semcoop.com/halfway-home-race-punishment-and-afterlife-mass-incarceration>

Mental Illness is Not a Crime podcast from the Sozosei Foundation, December 2020

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/mental-illness-is-not-a-crime/id1543026246>

Saving Prisoners, Saving Ourselves, a January 25 episode of Rattling the Bars on vaccinating prisoners from The Real News Network

https://therealnews.com/refusing-to-vaccinate-prisoners-is-both-cruel-and-dangerous?utm_medium=email&utm_source=The+Real+News+Network&utm_campaign=fdc3b0ecac-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_01_27_07_22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_020676f7fe-fdc3b0ecac-420850729&mc_cid=fdc3b0ecac&mc_eid=a4ff50a13a

Shriver Center's Spotlight on the Foster Care System Webinar Series (November through January 2021)

Webinar #1: Parent Leaders' Perspectives on the Movement for Child Welfare Justice at

[Watch it here](#)

Webinar #2: Policing By Another Name: Mandates Reporting as State Surveillance at

[Watch it here](#)

Webinar #3: Recommendations for the Biden Harris Administration at

<https://www.povertylaw.org/report/recommendations-for-the-biden-harris-administration/>

Webinar #4 Intersection Between the Health Care and Foster Care Systems at
<https://www.povertylaw.org/article/webinar-your-family-or-its-health/>

Chicago Appleseed's on-line October panels on Reshaping Criminal "Justice" in Cook County and Illinois
Watch at [October panels](#)

From October 9 – Vision for Collaborative Justice Reinvestment

From October 16 – Improving the Bench in Cook County

From October 23 – Reshaping Criminal "Justice" in Cook County and Illinois

The ACLU's October 27th Virtual Town Hall on The Future of Policing and Criminal Justice in Illinois
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOoOpf4KPil>

Anti-Racism –four-part series on Christian Discipleship and the Problem of Racism presented by Bexley Seabury Seminary and St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church.

Breaking Free from Ideologies that Hinder Our Christian Discipleship, with Rev. Dr. Reggie Williams - Professor of Christian Ethics at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago -

Recording: <https://www.facebook.com/330717800937/posts/10156972575125938/>

The History and Sin of Racism, with Rev. Dr. Jason Fout - Associate Professor of Anglican Theology at Bexley Seabury Seminary, in conversation with Dr. Williams

Recording: <https://www.facebook.com/330717800937/videos/1442323575953448>^{29th}:

Panel Discussion – faculty from Bexley Seabury Seminary, and Rev. Williams, moderated by the Rev. Wes Smedley of St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church

Recording: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=347005703311943>

Practical Next Steps – Rev. Williams and others

Recording: <https://www.facebook.com/StChrysChicago/videos/660234881547786/>

Video of John Howard Association's Virtual Annual Event of Thursday October 22 at:
<https://www.thejha.org/virtual-event>.

Webinar presented by the Shriver Center on Poverty Law on Justice for Black Lives – Reforming the Criminal Justice System,

[Click here](#) to view the September 22, 2020 webinar

NEW Podcast – Chasing Justice – with Chesa Boudin, San Francisco's new State's Attorney
Listen to the recordings of all episodes (and subscribe) at:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/chasing-justice/id1517729177>

These include:

Race Policing and Protest with James Forman, Jr.

Modern Civil Rights Movements with Angela Davis

Prosecutorial Discretion with Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx

The Personal is Political with San Francisco State's Attorney Chesa Boudin

An Epidemic within an Epidemic: The Drug Crisis with Dr. Leana Wen

Who's Policing the Prosecutors? Prosecutorial Accountability with Emily Bazelon

For the People": Finding the Humanity in Our Criminal Legal System – with Sajid Khan and Avi Singh

Playing Ball with People's Lives: The Three Strikes Law – with Susan Champion

The Criminalization of Poverty: Bail – with Alec Karakatsanis

Season 1 Finale: Overcoming Obstacles to Our Movement—with DA Rachael Rollins

Justice Reform – Full recording at <https://www.iljp.org/justice-2020> of the July 24, 2020 Justice 2020 Convening of the Illinois Justice Project and Cabrini Green Legal Aid

Policing | 9:00am-10:15am

Courts & Incarceration | 11:15am-12:45pm

Post Release & Re-Entry | 1:30pm-2:45pm

July 8 2020 City Club speech of Jamaal Cole of My Block My Hood My City:

<https://www.cityclub-chicago.org/video/2474/jahmal-cole>

University of Chicago Law School Discussion on Policing –

Watch all of the sessions here: <https://www.law.uchicago.edu/discussion-series-policing>:

July 8 – Civilian Control of Police, Public and Private with Sharon Fairley and Jonathan Masur

July 15 – Police Culture: Training and Unions with Mary Anne Case and Richard McAdams

July 22 – Police Hiring, Certifications and Use of Force Policies with C. Flors and J. Rappaport

July 29 – Race, Equal Protection, and Policing with Aziz Hug and Alison Siegler

August 5 – Policing and Substantive Criminal Law: Overcriminalization and Police Defenses
with Herschella Conyers and John Rappaport

August 12 – Civil Lawsuits and Qualified Immunity with Will Baude and Craig Futterman

University of Chicago Law School Colloquium on the Crisis in Policing of June 12, 2020:

https://www.law.uchicago.edu/recordings/colloquium-crisis-policing?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTUdFeU5EUm1aRE15TkRCaSlSnQIiJKYTIOQ2k4dWtkRTBueWFvZE10KzdZWFBuY0NaWXhwMHdrT2VMUVI4T2JhaVlIRWViTXRxelwvWHJwQU9xMjh mUHlrdkxHdUh2ODJwOXBpQ1FiNm1VZTJGWnBsRU1mSndqQXQyRWc3QWxZDZXZCQ VwvblUzV0FwaDZ6ejBaXC9HY080UCJ9

Marshall Project May 21, 2020 Briefing on Criminal Justice Policy in a Pandemic –

[watch it here.](#)

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/>

Vera Institute of Justice Conversation on Race and Criminal Justice in a Color Blind America of October 15, 2019, with Kim Foxx and others,

<https://www.facebook.com/verainstitute/videos/vb.104760636770/537540307004469/?type=2&theater>
(start listening a minute 5:00)

Vera Institute of Justice 60 Minutes Segment Featuring the Success of the Restoring Promise Initiative for Young Adults in Prison 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

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

Eve Abrams on the human stories behind mass incarceration:

https://www.ted.com/talks/eve_abrams_the_human_stories_behind_mass_incarceration?language=end

Salil Dudani on how jails extort the poor:

https://www.ted.com/talks/salil_dudani_how_jails_extort_the_poor

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

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

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

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

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

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

Projects and Campaigns

Coalition to End Money Bond

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

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

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

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

Learn more at

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

#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/18RLoS0XTfp2wtIAqp_Q12FiwAEhgoeCWwZEtKgKX2I/edit

Resource Guides and Hubs:

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

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

Tools to Build and Equitable Justice System – links to things to read and watch, resources for faith communities and organizations to support, compiled by Represent Justice

<https://www.representjustice.org/blog/were-standing-with-protesters-across-the-nation-heres-how-you-can-support-them-too/>

TransformHarm.org of Mariame Kaba

<https://transformharm.org/>

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.icja.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:

***Necropolitics – The Religious Crisis of Mass Incarceration in America* by Professor Christopher Ringer of the Chicago Theological Seminary, published November 17, 2020 – available at:**

<https://www.booktopia.com.au/necropolitics-christophe-d-ringer/ebook/9781793626806.html>

***“prisons Make Us Safer”: and 20 Other Myths about Mass Incarceration*, by Victoria Law, (Beacon Press 2021) -**

<https://bookshop.org/books/prisons-make-us-safer-and-20-other-myths-about-mass-incarceration/9780807029527>

Find excerpts from the book at Literary Hub Daily of April 8, 2021:

<https://lithub.com/lit-hub-daily-april-8-2021/>

Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration, by University of Chicago Professor Reuben Jonathan Miller, published February 2, 2021 – available at:

<https://www.semcoop.com/halfway-home-race-punishment-and-afterlife-mass-incarceration>

- Conversations with Professor Miller about his book:

- --at the Ford School of Public Policy

<https://crownschool.uchicago.edu/reuben-miller-discussed-racial-issues-aftermath-mass-incarceration-ford-school>

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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:

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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

Reports:

Decarcerating Cook County, a March 2021 report of Reclaim Chicago, The People's Lobby, Chicago Council of Lawyers, and Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts on diversion programs being employed by State's Attorney Kim Foxx for low-level, "non-violent" felonies:

<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-03-CCSAO-Diversion-Report-FINAL.pdf>

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<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/decarcerating-cook-county-states-attorneys-diversion-programs>

Strengthening and Elevating Public Defense to Achieve Equal Justice, by Cliff Nellis of Lawndale Christian Legal Center

<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ficlc.net%2Fif-you-believe-black-lives-matter-then-strengthening-public-defense-must-matter-to-you-too%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C7263e1428db142a119f108d8dd37ce69%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637502579036310414%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=751IkiewN9P1hHboFUIIL6XOOnAvIlfIlOnNefLzc%3D&reserved=0>

Injustice Watch April 7 report on proposed limits on public disclosure of records by the Cook County Circuit Court:

https://www.injusticewatch.org/news/courts/2021/cook-county-clerk-of-court-foia-transparency/?utm_source=Injustice+Watch+Newsletter+Subscribers&utm_campaign=ee00dfd1e0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_04_02_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1a5f79d769-ee00dfd1e0-229852929&mc_cid=ee00dfd1e0&mc_eid=5e64435292

Illinois Must Improve Standards for the Care of Youth in Detention and Strengthen Juvenile Justice Oversight – March 2021 Report of the John Howard Association

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Body Worn Cameras in Policing: Benefits and Costs, a March 2021 working paper of the National Bureau of Economic Research produced by the Council on Criminal Justice and the University of Chicago Crime Lab

https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w28622/w28622.pdf

Enormous Cost of Imprisonment for Parole Violations, March 2021 Report of the Columbia University Justice Lab –

https://justicelab.columbia.edu/sites/default/files/content/Cost_Parole_Violations_in_New_York.pdf

Expanding Voting Rights to All Citizens in the Era of Mass Incarceration, a March 2021 report of **The Sentencing Project**

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City of Chicago Inspector General's Report of February 18, 2021 on Chicago Police Department failings in response to the protests and unrest following the killing of George Floyd

<https://igchicago.org/2021/02/18/oig-finds-that-chicagos-response-to-george-floyd-protests-and-unrest-included-breakdowns-in-the-mass-arrest-process-unfulfilled-use-of-force-reporting-obligations-and-operational-structure/>

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Conducting Prison Research with a Racial-Equity Frame, a January 2021 report by Cassandra Ramdath of the Urban Institute

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Transformative Justice –Recommendations for the New Administration and the 117th Congress, from the Justice Roundtable on law enforcement, pretrial and courts, drug policy reform, sentencing and prison reform, reentry, clemency, racial Justice and human rights, January 2021

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Learned Helplessness, Criminalization, and Victimization in Vulnerable Youth, a December 2020 report of the Square One Project of Colombia University

<https://squareonejustice.org/paper/learned-helplessness-criminalization-and-victimization-in-vulnerable-youth-by-elizabeth-trejos-castillo-evangelina-lopoo-and-anamika-dwivedi-december-2020/>

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<https://www.arnoldventures.org/stories/part-1-locked-up-and-then-locked-out>

Can We Wait 60 Years to Cut the Prison Population in Half? a January 2021 report of the Sentencing Project

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

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

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

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

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

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

Go to: [second survey](#)

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

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

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<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

- "13th" (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/>

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>

2nd Opportunity, LLC, 847-257-2713, Website www.2ndopp.com

Learn more from Augie Bhilarducci at augie@2ndopp.com

Alumni Association – <http://thealumniassociation.org/>

Learn more from Ray Robinson at rayrobinson1108@gmail.com

Anti-Recidivism Coalition – <https://antirecidivism.org/>

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

Chicago Jobs Council Member Directory - http://www.cjc.net/member_dir.php

Chicago Prison Outreach Ministries – <http://www.cpoministries.org/>

Counseling First – case management with DUI offenders and diversion referrals. (312) 620-0896

Learn more from Cynthia Barry at cynthia@counselingfirst.org

Defy Ventures – <https://www.defyventures.org/>

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

Ex-cons for Community and Social Change - <https://www.facebook.com/TyroneECCSC/>

Learn more from Tyrone Farrakhan Muhammad at tyronemuhammad17@gmail.com or 708-677-8178

Families and Prisoners United

Learn more from Fahmi Jones at (312) 846-0744

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.imancentral.org/project-green-reentry/>

Heartland Alliance, main number 312.660.1300

Learn more from Marlon Chamberlain at mchamberlain@heartlandalliance.org or (312) 216-0170,

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

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

Learn more from Budder Jones at inmatesforchange@yahoo.com

Inner City Muslim Network, main number [\(773\) 434-4626](tel:7734344626)

Learn more from Shamar Hemphill, Director of Organizing, shamar@imacentral.org ,

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](mailto:com@www.positivepathwayschicago.org)
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/

Roosevelt University Reentry Project

Learn more from David DiSabato at ddisabat@gmu.edu or [703.993.5212](tel:7039935212)

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/>

Victors of Circumstance, www.victorsofcircumstance.org, located in the south suburbs

Learn more from John Karedis, President at jkaredis@victorsofcircumstance.org or 630-360-6618

Westside Health Authority, main number 773- 378-1878

Learn more from Roger Ehmen, Director of Re-entry Services at (773) 378-1878, and Quiwana Bell, COO at (708) 937-3733 or qbell@healthauthority.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

Advocacy in Illinois

Electing Reform-Minded Prosecutors. The Accountable Justice Action Fund equips local and national groups with the resources, relationships, and strategic insights to help elect prosecutors committed to justice reform. In the past two years it played a significant role in electing 29 new reform-minded DAs – 18 of whom are people of color – who now oversee a combined population of nearly 38 million people.

Contributing – If you are able to make substantial contributions to funding support for the election and reelection of reform-minded prosecutors in key races in 2021 and 2022, when more than 1,000 DAs will be on the ballot, consider joining the Accountable Justice Action Fund without initial obligation, by simply writing to Chris Maggiano <chris@cormierco.com>.

Monthly Briefings – Joining AJAF will give you access to a wealth of information and to AJAF's monthly briefings on the political landscape for these races at 4:00 central time on the second Tuesday of each month. The next briefing will take place at 4:00 on Tuesday March 9.

Write to Governor Pritzker thanking him for signing HB3653, the Criminal Justice Reform Act:

<https://action.aclu.org/send-message/tell-governor-pritzker-support-police-accountability-and-criminal-justice-reform>

You can also leave a brief message thanking him for signing “HB 3653, the Criminal Reform Act” at:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/gov/contactus/Pages/VoiceAnOpinion.aspx>

Ongoing Action to Combat Misinformation and Political Pressure Attacking the Omnibus Criminal Justice Reform Legislation passed by the Illinois General Assembly

Go to This Link To Write to Your Legislators – It will automatically let you thank them if they voted for the Pretrial Fairness Act (or let them know that you do not support their failure to do so):

<https://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/take-action-pages/pretrial-fairness-act-follow-up?emci=207897ed-7c61-eb11-9889-00155d43c992&emdi=dacc2f04-b061-eb11-9889-00155d43c992&ceid=3222695>

You can also IDENTIFY YOUR LEGISLATORS AND SEND THEM EMAILS in support of HB3653 by going to: <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/> and entering your address.

Supporting Justice Reform Legislation Now Under Consideration in Illinois:

Email or call your representatives and state senators now, getting contact information at:

<https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/>

to support some or all of the following pending legislative proposals on Justice Reform:

[you can learn more about the terms of a bill with simple search: e.g. for “HB____ Illinois 2021”]

Earned Discretionary Reentry – [House Bill 2399](#), [Senate Bill 2333](#), discussed at:

<https://paroleillinois.org/2021/03/02/senate-bill-2333-earned-discretionary-reentry/>

The Judicial Quality Act - [Senate Bill 0563](#), discussed at:

<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/support-for-sb-0563-judicial-quality-act/>

Reducing Barriers to Recovery - [House Bill 3447](#), discussed at:

<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/support-for-hb-3447-reducing-barriers-to-recovery/>

Limiting Negotiations by Police Unions to Wages Only - [House Bill 3891](#) and [Senate Bill 2447](#),

to repeal current provisions allowing police union contracts to overpower Illinois Law, discussed at:

<https://www.illinoispolicy.org/illinois-law-lets-police-union-contracts-overpower-state-law/>

Restoring eligibility of former felons for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - [House Bill 0088](#)

Bad Apples in Law Enforcement Accountability Act – [House Bill 1727](#)

Abolishing Juvenile Life w/o Parole Sentences – [House Bill 1821](#)

Confidentiality of Restorative Justice Proceedings – [House Bill 3248](#), [Senate Bill 0064](#)

Raising the Lower Age for Pretrial Detention – [Senate Bill 0065](#)

Criminal ID-Expungement Fee Reform – [House Bill 2367](#)

Theft and Retail Theft Sentencing Reform – [House Bill 2402](#)

Eliminating Felony Conviction as a Bar to Name Change – [House Bill 2542](#)

Torture Inquiry/Relief Commission - [House Bill 2613](#)

Torture Commission Restrictions – [Senate Bill 2119](#)

Criminal ID-Expungement Reform – [House Bill 2743](#)

Penalty Reduction – [House Bill 34443](#)

Restorative Sentencing Act – [House Bill 3594](#), [Senate Bill 2123](#)

State Resentencing Motion – [Senate Bill 2129](#)

Criminal Penalties – [Senate Bill 2186](#)

Accountability – [Senate Bill 2276](#)

Jury Duty, Prior Convictions – [Senate Bill 2437](#)

Felony Murder Reform – [Senate Bill 2113](#)

Sentence Credit – [Senate Bill 2115](#)

Community Emergency Services and Supports Act – [House Bill 2784](#), [Senate Bill 2117](#)

Elder Parole Bill – [House Bill 2399](#), [Senate Bill 2120](#)

Requiring Employment Background Checks To Be Conducted by the State Police – SB ?

Minimum Wage for Prisoners – [Senate Bill 0649](#)

Inmates Right to Seek Post Conviction Hearing – [House Bill 2745](#)

The Mind Strong Act (mandating education about adult mobile crisis response services) -

[House Bill 2944](#), [Senate Bill 347](#)

Making firearms sentencing enhancements discretionary – [House Bill 2989](#)

Making public grand jury proceedings regarding excessive use of force by a peace officer or discharge of a firearm by a peace officer resulting in death or bodily harm – [House Bill 3230](#)

Use of Force Reporting – [House Bill 3239](#)

Expungement and Sealing of Criminal Records – [House Bill 3239](#)

Prohibiting No-Knock Warrants – [House Bill 3261](#)

Crime Victims Compensation – [House Bill 3295](#), [Senate Bill 0627](#)

Officer-Worn Body Camera – [House Bill 3347](#)

Re Bail-Rehearing Denial – [House Bill 3361](#)

Re Failure to Appear – [House Bill 3362](#)

Re Recognizance – [House Bill 3363](#)

Reporting Prisoner Deaths – [Senate Bill 0624](#)

Communication Rights for Those in Custody – [Senate Bill 0625](#)

Decriminalizing Transmission of HIV– [Senate Bill 0655](#)

Ex-Offender Preference – [Senate Bill 1945](#)

Statewide point of contact for families with IDOC – [Senate Bill 1976](#)

Assault Weapons Ban – Senate Bill 2510

Other bills that were schedule for consideration at the 2020 fall veto session, which was cancelled:

HB1115 to Limit Electronic Monitoring for People on Mandatory Supervised Release,

Learn more about it in Shriver Center's discussion of its the 2020 Veto Session at:

<https://www.povertylaw.org/article/veto2020/>

HB4613, HB4608 and HB4295, to limit the detention of juveniles in Illinois,

as discussed and supported in this letter to legislators the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus re Juvenile Justice Priorities for the November Veto Session :

https://jjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/JJI-Reforms-Letter-9_15.pdf

from a coalition of Illinois organizations including the Juvenile Justice Initiative, the ACLU, the John Howard Association, The Chicago Urban League, Cabrini Green Legal Aid, the Cook County Public Defender and 20 other organizations – it addressee: pretrial detention, availability of counsel, legal privilege for communications in restorative justice proceedings, and beginning juvenile proceedings in juvenile court

Funding Advocacy for Reform – help fund the work of Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice

Learn more about Appleseed's extraordinary work, which you will be supporting at:

<http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Accomplishments-Final.pdf>

Donate to Appleseed's annual appeal with a credit card or electronic check at

<https://secure.chicagoappleseed.org/np/clients/caffi/donation.jsp?campaign=60&secureIdCustomer=1&>

Join the ACLU's Redemption Campaign – Sign its petition to the governors asking them to use their executive power to grant clemency to the thousands of people in their states who are unjustifiably imprisoned:

<https://action.aclu.org/petition/tell-governors-embrace-clemency-pathway-redemption>

Join the Campaign to Free Incarcerated Survivors of Police Torture (CFIST)

Learn how to help in seeking pardons from Governor Pritzker at <https://www.caarpr.org/cfist>

Join the CFIST list serve by writing to cfist@caarpr.com

to participate in the monthly online CFIST meetings at 6:00 the first and third Thursday of each month

to help in drafting the survivor stories for these men. See

https://www.caarpr.org/survivor_stories

Organizing and Advocacy

New organizing and advocacy resource from the Community Justice Exchange and the Defender Impact Initiative, issued in April 2020:

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

Advocacy for Defunding Incarceration and Funding Justice in Cook County:

Write to your Cook County Commissioner now, [by going to this link](#), to thank them for passing the “Justice for Black Lives resolution to reallocate funds from the Cook County Jail and to devote the money to other important needs of people in the county.

Advocacy for Reduction in Fines and Fees and for Restructuring Enforcement Mechanisms to Relieve Burdens on the Most Economically Disadvantaged

Write to your alderman and to Mayor Lightfoot at <https://webapps1.chicago.gov/eforms/contactUsForm> to thank them for the changes that the City Council has enacted in Chicago's vehicle Vehicle Impoundment Ordinance. See:

<http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/our-blog/support-proposed-changes-chicago-vehicle-impoundment-ordinance/>

Actions to Support Decarceration in the Time of the Corona Virus –

Writing to Kim Foxx - [sign on here](#) to the letter asking Kim Foxx to exercise her authority to resentence older people who are in the Illinois Department of Corrections, to secure their immediate release. The Illinois Prison Project and Restore Justice have determined that this is the most effective way to get some immediate reduction in the elderly population in Illinois prisons.

Signing the petition to Governor Pritzker .demanding:
[*No Covid “Death Sentences” in Illinois Prisons.*](#)

Calling Governor Pritzker (217-782-0244) and Lt. Governor Stratton (217-558-3085) and [your Illinois Representative and Illinois Senator](#) to ask for wide-scale release to reduce the spread of Covid and save lives

Writing to Governor Pritzker – go to:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/gov/contactus/Pages/VoiceAnOpinion.aspx>
to write, asking him to:

- Immediately grant all pending commutation petitions that seek release based on substantiated terminal illness. (authority)
- Encourage IDOC to use its discretion to release elderly people with less than 12 months to serve and people serving Class 2-4 felonies who are vulnerable to serious illness or death due to an underlying medical condition. (authority)
- Commute the sentences of anyone over the age of 60 with less than five years remaining to time served. Commute the sentences of all others over 60 to the judicially imposed term *with* the possibility of *expedited* parole in order to make these prisoners eligible for release after an expedited review by the Prisoner Review Board. (authority)
- Encourage IDOC and the Prisoner Review Board to expedite credit restoration, implementation of discretionary release programs, and every other step necessary to bring IDOC’s population back to capacity. (authority)
- Immediately release juvenile detainees and expand quarantine friendly services to those remaining in detention, as requested by a large coalition of organizations in this letter: <https://ilyouthprisonscovidresponse.com/our-letter>, which they sent to Governor on Friday March 20.

Writing to the Illinois Department of Corrections – go to doc.covid@illinois.gov to write, asking them to:

- Immediately release elderly people with less than 12 months to serve and people serving Class 2-4 felonies who are vulnerable to serious illness or death due to an underlying medical condition. (authority)
 - Fast-track all requests for earned time credits made by inmates over the age of 60, all inmates who are due to be released within the next 24 months, and all at higher risk due to underlying medical conditions. (authority)
- Additional Information about decarceration efforts – Here are links to additional information, including full details of the efforts of the Illinois Prison Project and Restore Justice, the Marshall Project’s curation of links to information on coronavirus in prisons (updated daily), information and guidance released March 19 by the Vera Institute of Justice, which is working with government and advocacy partners around the country to get people out of jails, prisons, and detention centers whenever possible in response to the COVID 19 crisis, and a March 19 editorial of the Sun-Times calling for mass release of prisoners to deal with the crisis:
- <https://www.illinoisprisonproject.org/coronavirus-response/#recommendations>
[The Marshall Project’s “The Record.”](#)

<https://mailchi.mp/vera/brooklyn-773710?e=6f6e47c276>;
[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>

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

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

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

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

see the Court’s press release at: <https://courts.illinois.gov/Media/PressRel/2020/040220.pdf>

Learn 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/>
- “Bail Reform and Bond Funds Do Not Undermine Public Safety”, by Curtis Black in The Chicago Reporter, May 8, 2020
<https://www.chicagoreporter.com/bail-reform-and-bond-funds-do-not-undermine-public-safety/>

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-thepetition&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>

Ongoing Advocacy with the Illinois State Legislature

- Recent Justice Reform Initiatives in the Illinois Legislature –

New Special Senate Committee –

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://illinoisenatedemocrats.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 Illinois Bills to Support if and when they are considered

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 minimizes local housing authority restrictions/bans for people with records).

Contact Betsy Clarke or Luis Klein of the Juvenile Justice Initiative at

bcjuv@aol.com or 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=IwAR2sD1OIM5NHUYUIXz0W0VgNLDu-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

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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 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
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- 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/>