

Upcoming In-Person Events for Learning and Supporting Advocacy for Justice in Illinois

Wednesday September 16, 11:30 to 1:30, Juvenile Justice Initiative 2026 Gala Luncheon at a **NEW LOCATION: Fogo de Chao, 661 North LaSalle Street**, celebrating and discussing recent legislation moving Illinois toward a “Child First” concept guiding our juvenile justice system

Learn more about the event at: <https://www.jjustice.org/>

Purchase tickets here:

<https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E333875&id=51>

[also discussed in the NPR interview with Betsy Clarke referenced and linked above]

Thursday September 17, 11:00 to 3:00, The Strategy & Education of Ending Permanent Punishments at UIC Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted, 3rd floor, a program presented by the Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishments (ENDPP.ORG) in partnership with the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) - Jane Adams School of Social Work, exploring the history and lasting impact of the criminal legal system in America.

Register to attend without charge here:

https://secure.everyaction.com/Rhj76LTAikOgLOCJaM_qPQ2#

Thursday September 17, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Cabrini Green Legal Aid 2026 Cocktail Reception: Root Down to Rise Up! at Jenner & Block, 315 North Clark Street:

Learn more at: <https://www.cgla.net/2026-fall-cocktail-reception>

Buy tickets at:

<https://give.cgla.net/event/cgla-2026-fall-fundraiser/e807117/register/new/select-tickets>

Thursday September 17, 11:00 to 1:30, Constitution Day Rally to Restore Second Chances at 555 West Monroe, at the offices of Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Human Rights – a peaceful demonstration against extreme sentencing in Illinois and in support of passage of [\(HB 2764\)](#) to restore Earned Reentry in Illinois

https://mcusercontent.com/478c5f4e905ab81ba0578cb66/files/9bb5a4aa-eb4c-7e96-e9fe-a2ac7f4e0246/9_17_2026_Constitution_Day_Rally_to_Restore_Second_Chances.pdf?mc_cid=6a2f4ea77&mc_eid=76688094e9

Friday September 18, 10:00 to 3:00, Credit for Change Community Forum at 2150 South Canalport, an opportunity to learn about the Credit for Change statewide campaign to restore sentencing credits for good conduct in Illinois

Register to participate without charge at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/credit-for-change-act-community-forum-tickets-1998550434148>

Thursday September 23, 1:00 to 8:00, Annual Membership Assembly of ENDPP.ORG's Fully Free Campaign, to eliminate permanent punishments and legal barriers for formerly incarcerated individuals

Get more information and register to attend various elements of the event at:

<https://secure.everyaction.com/JR5QyPonHEilk6-VU4urfq2>

Monday October 5, 6:00 to 9:00 pm, Recipe for Change fundraiser at Tocco restaurant at 507 Chestnut in Winnetka

Get more information and purchase tickets at:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-fundraiser-31>

Friday October 9, 11:30 to 1:30 pm, Stories of Transformation luncheon event of Restore Justice, celebrating recent legislative victories and the growing community impact of Restore Justice

Get your tickets to the event here:

https://secure.givelively.org/event/restore-justice-foundation/the-fund-for-restore-justice-fy2027/stories-of-transformation-2026?mc_cid=b6c1ebf418&mc_eid=b92d12e360

Friday October 16, 6:00 pm, Sixth Annual Illinois Prison Project Gala at the Chicago Cultural Center at 78 East Washington Street

Purchase tickets here:

<https://illinoisprisonproject.networkforgood.com/events/97420-illinois-prison-project-s-6th-annual-gala>

Friday October 23, 6:00 pm, 125th Anniversary Celebration of the John Howard Association of Illinois, featuring Larry Miller, Chairman of the Jordon Brand at Nike and Founder of JUMP (Justice and Upward Mobility Project)

Purchase tickets here:

<https://www.thejha.org/events/125>

October 22 to 25, Resilience Arts Fest, various hours at Definition Theatre at 1160 East 55th Street and Logan Center for the Arts at 915 East 60th Street, showcasing stories from prison and beyond, presented by Mud Theatre Project and the Chicago Torture Justice Center (attendance free or with optional donation)

Learn more at: <https://www.resiliencefest.org/about-the-festival>

Get tickets at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-resilience-arts-festival>

See sponsorship opportunities at: <https://www.resiliencefest.org/>

Thursday November 19, 5:00 to 8:30 pm, All in For Public Health, fall reception of the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago.

Learn more and purchase tickets at:

<https://givebutter.com/all-in-for-public-health-copy-eauxmw>

Upcoming On-Line Events

Wednesday September 23, 12:00 to 1:00, a lunchtime opportunity organized by Restore Justice to learn about, and get involved in, the statewide campaign to support Credit for Change, proposed Illinois legislation, Earned Reentry (HB 2764), which would restore meaningful sentencing credit for good behavior and participation in rehabilitative programming for people serving time in Illinois prisons.

Register here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIKSHfCNIWolpGwsBAdwf8gzdnCK6iCsLkd36binQ4qJJozA/viewform?usp=dialog>

Thursday September 24, 12:00, Voices that Shape Policy: the Importance of Lobbying, a lunchtime opportunity presented by the Illinois Prison Project to learn about the importance of legislative lobbying, the power and complex process of lobbying, and the strategy required to bring about the change you want to see

Register to participate without charge at:

[//">https://illinoisprisonproject.networkforgood.com/events/104753-september-virtual-lunch-learn-voices-that-shape-policy-the-importance-of-lobbying //](https://illinoisprisonproject.networkforgood.com/events/104753-september-virtual-lunch-learn-voices-that-shape-policy-the-importance-of-lobbying)