

Confronting the Moral Crisis of Mass Incarceration

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

OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES FOR GETTING INVOLVED

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Note: See Contents of This Document on page 3, after the Headlines section below.
New additions, including new articles and other information added to this document since the last update, **are shown in bold** throughout

Digital Access

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

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

Headlines and Actions for the New Year:

Volunteer Opportunities

[Learn about many manageable volunteer opportunities where you can make a difference in the Chicago area, starting on page 4 below.]

Information Request Re Hiring People with Criminal Records

Suggest employers with experience in hiring people with criminal records to work with the Restoring Rights and Opportunities Coalition of Illinois (RROCI) in supporting enactment of the Employee Background Fairness Act bill (formerly HB 5334) in Illinois

contact Yaacov Delaney at ydelaney@communityrenewalsociety.org

Class Action Court Date

Attend the hearing at 8:30 am on Wednesday February 20 at 219 South Dearborn Street to support the law suit against Sheriff Tom Dart's inexcusable behavior in refusing to release people from jail that judges had ordered released while awaiting trial;

more information and sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/events/384274162377384/>

(arrive early to go through security)

On-Line Petition

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

Theater

Go to see Pipeline by Dominique Morisseau – premiers February 1, 2019 and runs through March 3 at Victory Gardens Theater at 2433 North Lincoln Avenue in Chicago

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

more information and tickets at <https://victorygardens.org/event/pipeline/>

Note the special performance of Pipeline for the benefit of St. Leonard's Ministries on Sunday February 24 –1:30 p.m. reception, 3:00 p.m. performance, followed by a panel discussion featuring

the men of St. Leonard's and Crystal Laura, author of "Being Bad: My Baby Brother and the School-to-Prison Pipeline.

for tickets go to <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4055336>

Mini Documentary

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

Upcoming Events

Meet the authors – Two Books on Black Childhood and Criminalization in America, at **The Newberry Library** at 60 West Walton Street at 6:00 on **Wednesday February 13**

<https://www.newberry.org/02132019-two-books-black-childhood-and-criminalization-america>
register without charge at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-childhood-criminalization-in-america-tickets-47318777738>

Lawyers Rock – 6:00 **Thursday March 14** at **Lincoln Hall**, 2424 North Lincoln Avenue – Food, Drink Live Music from your Favorite Lawyer Led Bands – supporting the Illinois Bar Foundation's work in ensuring access to justice and improving our juvenile justice system

information and tickets available at www.illinoisbarfoundation.org/lawyersrock

Recent Reports

Investing in Futures – Economic and Fiscal Benefits of Postsecondary Education in Prisons –

A January 2019 report of the Vera Institute of Justice on lifting the current ban on awarding Pell Grants to incarcerated people in the reauthorization, pending in Congress, of the Higher Education Act of 1965

<https://www.vera.org/publications/investing-in-futures-education-in-prison>

Emerging Adult Justice in Illinois – Toward an Age Appropriate Approach

<https://justicelab.columbia.edu/Emerging-Adult-Justice-in-Illinois>

A report of the Columbia University Justice Lab issued at the January 24 launch of the Reimagine Justice Policy Academy in Chicago, and discussed at:

<https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2019-01-24/juvenile-justice/report-illinois-justice-needs-age-appropriate-approach/a65313-1>;

John Howard Association Special Report on the Fox Valley Adult Transitional Center (the only female work release center of the four remaining adult transitional centers within the Illinois Department of Corrections) -

<http://www.thejha.org/sites/default/files/JHA%20Fox%20Valley%20Report%202018.pdf>

[access other important reports from the past 6 months starting at page 13 below]

Recent Articles

"State Agrees to Sweeping Health Care Reforms, Oversight at All Prisons" – from the Chicago Tribune, January 4, 2019

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-met-illinois-prison-health-lawsuit-20190103-story.html>

[access other recent articles on criminal justice reform staring at page 15 below]

Webinar on Resource for Understanding Barriers to Successful Reentry

Learn how to use the [National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Conviction](#) (NICCC), the recently revised comprehensive resource for understanding 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.

- Access to the Webinar and to a PDF of the presentation is available at:

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

Important Justice News and Subscription Reminders

1. Be sure to subscribe at <https://www.iljp.org/news/> to the biweekly Illinois Justice Project News Summary, which provides links to current articles with justice related news in Illinois. The December 2 and December 17 issues of the News Summary include the following links:
2. Also consider subscribing at <https://www.themarshallproject.org/subscribe> to the daily report of The Marshall Project of news and opinion on the US criminal justice system.

New Book on the Private Prison Industry

American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey Into the Business of Punishment, by Shane Bauer - reviewed at <http://newdrugpolicy.org/2018/11/book-review-american-prison/> by Tom Housman, who calls it "the most important book about criminal justice in the United States since Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*."

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Volunteer Opportunities in Illinois:

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.storycatchertheatre.org/get-involved/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 to tutor at risk kids at a Chicagoland Tutor/Mentor Program with the **Tutor/Mentor Institute** at <http://www.tutormentorexchange.net/volunteer>

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@cqla.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

(2018 criminal justice reform priorities currently under consideration)

Training Opportunities in Illinois

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

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

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

Restorative Justice Training - offered by:

- Trinity Nehemiah Rising - bc@jjustice.org<bcjuv@aol.com>
Learn more from - Michelle Day at mday2@sbcglobal.net
- Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice - <http://www.ibarj.org/>

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

Training Offered by the People's Lobby

Second Saturday Leadership Training

Money Training

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

Click on the event name to RSVP

Six-hour Circle Facilitator's Training workshop for leading covenant groups in prisons and jails, offered by the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois -.contact for information on schedule:

<http://www.uupmi.org/prison-ministries.html> and <http://www.uupmi.org/registration.html>

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

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

Issue Advocacy in Illinois

.....With the Chicago City Council -

Proposed Chicago Ordinances –

Contact your Alderman to support the proposals:

- Driver License Suspension

the proposal of Alderman Ed Burke [to limit the city's ability to suspend driver's licenses](#) over unpaid tickets without first considering motorists' income and

Read Pro Publica's January 25 update about that proposal and that issue:

"Everybody in Chicago's Mayor's Race Says They Want Ticket Reform:

<https://www.propublica.org/article/chicago-mayoral-candidates-ticket-reform-positions>

- Late Penalties

the [proposal from Alderman Gilbert Villegas](#), to cut late penalties and create community service alternatives to debt repayment.

[Find your Ward and Alderman](#) by Street Address

Limiting e-carceration:

Petition to Demand #NoDigitalPrisons in Illinois, organized by The Center for Media Justice

sign it at <https://centerformediajustice.org/2018/11/13/demand-nodigitalprisons-in-illinois/>

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

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

- from refusing to rent to an individual because of an arrest record and

- from having a policy of not renting to anyone who has been convicted of a crime,

by incorporating HUD guidance under the Fair Housing Act into a Cook County Ordinance.

(Landlords would retain the right to consider prior convictions on an individual basis.)

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

Fill out the Endorsement Form, available at <https://www.cafha.net/jhi-main>, to endorse the proposed amendment to the Human Rights Ordinance, and send in the completed form to Patricia Fron, Executive Director, Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance, 401 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1101, Chicago 60605

For more information go to the website above or contact Patricia Fron at pfron@cafha.net

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

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

Attending the hearing at 8:30 am on Wednesday February 20 at 219 South Dearborn Street to support the law suit against Sheriff Tom Dart's inexcusable behavior in refusing to release people from jail that judges had ordered released while awaiting trial;

**more information and sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/events/384274162377384/>
(arrive early to go through security)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See the announcement of formation of the Task Force at

[https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-22453992/documents/5ba317e70aeb730eVdnW/News%20Release%20-%20WJI%20TASK%20FORCE%20LAUNCH%20\(July%2018%202018\).pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-22453992/documents/5ba317e70aeb730eVdnW/News%20Release%20-%20WJI%20TASK%20FORCE%20LAUNCH%20(July%2018%202018).pdf)

Learn more about the Task Force at:

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-met-women-prison-population-20180711-story.html>

In Support of Basic Human Rights of Incarcerated People

Going to the following link to sign a petition supporting the demands of prisoners participating in the recent 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-human-rights-for-incarcerated-people?detail=emailactionLL&link_id=0&can_id=5704777eccbe23910611b0d58fa9f3cd&source=email-its-going-down-largest-prison-strike-in-us-history-continues-sign-and-send-the-petition&email_referrer=email_413003__subject_520398&email_subject=usa-the-country-that-incarcerates-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>

Possible Future Advocacy with the Illinois State Legislature:

Find your state rep's contact info here.

Pending Bills on which the Legislature did not complete action and that may be considered in the future:

SAFE ACT (Illinois House Bill 5308), which passed the Senate and that may be taken up by the House, for passage in the November "veto" session. This legislation would mobilize state economic development and social service agency outreach to the communities most damaged by violence.

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

Further "car jacking" legislation (Illinois Senate Bill 2339), supplementing House Bill 1804 / Illinois Senate Bill 2), which Governor Rauner signed into law, related to proof of intent of juveniles accused of possessing a stolen vehicle.

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

Suspension of Drivers Licenses

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

Action needed to encourage your state Senator to support this legislation

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

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

Sentencing Reform:

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:

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

(Passed by the legislature in November 2018 and awaiting the governor's signature)

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

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

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

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

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

Learn more from Elizabeth Clarke at bc@jjustice.org<bcjuv@aol.com>

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:

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

Illinois House Bill 4741 - to safeguard prison visiting rights

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

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:

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/>

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

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

Maintenance of records of offenses:

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

Learn more from Chelsea Diaz at CDiaz@aclu-il.org

Records of Eviction Proceedings

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-to-fund-up/>

State Financial Resources

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

Learn more from: Alex Tindal Weisendanger - alex@responsiblebudget.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recent Judicial Decisions in Illinois

Federal Court Orders Illinois Department of Corrections to Fulfill Its Duty to Provide Adequate Health Care to Inmates. More details available at:

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

Other Development in Illinois Justice

In November 2018 the Illinois Legislature passed and sent to the governor House Bill 531 to create new parole opportunities for those under 21 coming into the system today with extreme sentences.

See reports at [Restore Justice Illinois News Release](#) and [Injustice Watch](#)

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

Developments in Federal Justice

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

Passed by Congress on December 13, 2018

Bans states from holding children in adult jails, require states receiving federal funds to collect data on racial disparities in the juvenile system and come up with plans for addressing those inequities, ban the shackling of pregnant girls, and provide funding for tutoring, mental health, and drug and alcohol programs for kids.

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

Electronic Newsletters and Updates:

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

Illinois Justice Project's news summary -

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

Archive of past issues is available at:

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

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

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

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

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

Children and Family Justice Center newsletters register at

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

Brennan Center for Justice updates - register at:

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

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

<http://lawenforcementleaders.org/>

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

Community Renewal Society Updates - register at

http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50480/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup_page_KEY=9322

Lawndale Christian Legal Center - subscribe to get updates at

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

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

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

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

Media Organizations to Follow and Support-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Chicago Reporter - <http://www.chicagoreporter.com/category/key-issue/criminal-justice/>

The Atlantic - <https://www.theatlantic.com/projects/the-presence-of-justice/>

Rattling the Bars Initiative of The Real News Network -

http://therealnews.com/t2/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=832&Itemid=74&jumival=1441

Restorative Justice -

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

Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation <https://pbmr.org/>

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

Other Organizations to Support and Follow -

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

Organizations Leading Reform Efforts

ACLU of Illinois - <https://www.aclu-il.org/>
Action Committee for Women in Prison - <https://acwip.wordpress.com/>
Brennan Center For Justice - <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/justice-all>
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>
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 - engage.drugpolicy.org/
Faith in Public Life - <https://www.faithinpubliclife.org/>
Heartland Alliance - <https://www.heartlandalliance.org/>
Housing Action Illinois - <http://housingactionil.org/who-we-are/mission-values-vision/#>
Human Rights Watch - <https://www.hrw.org/united-states/criminal-justice>
Illinois Justice Project - <https://www.iljp.org>
John Howard Association - <http://www.thejha.org/>
Juvenile Justice Initiative - <http://jjustice.org/about-us/>
Mental Health America of Illinois - <http://www.mhai.org/>
Pro Publica Illinois - <https://www.propublica.org/illinois/>
Restore Justice - <https://restorejustice.org/about-us/>
Shriver Center for Poverty Law - <http://www.povertylaw.org/communityjustice>
Social Justice Resource Center - <http://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/cause/criminal-justice-> system/
Southern Poverty Law Center - <https://www.splcenter.org/issues/mass-incarceration>
Vera Institute of Justice - <https://www.vera.org/>
Women's Justice Institute - <https://womensjustice.net/>
Worthy Now Prison Ministry Network of the Church of the Larger Fellowship -
<https://worthynow.org/>

Organizations and Initiatives Led by Former Prisoners -

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

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/>
John Howard Association - <http://www.thejha.org/>
Lawndale Christian Legal Center - <http://lclc.net/>
Mental Health America of Illinois - <http://www.mhai.org/>

Nehemiah Trinity Rising - <https://www.nehemiahtrinityrising.org/>
Positive Pathways Chicago - www.positivepathwayschicago.org
Prison and Neighborhood Arts Project - <http://p-nap.org/donate.html>
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>
Storycatchers Theatre - <https://www.storycatchertheatre.org/>
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) - <http://www2.tasc.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.tuormentorexchange.net/>

Learning From the Experts -

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

<http://incarcerationreform.com/>

and

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ZYmD3yv4fw9RsoMo1_jXA

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

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

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

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

Discussion of Alternatives to Incarceration - February 8, 2019

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

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

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

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

are also available at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ZYmD3yv4fw9RsoMo1_jXA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Projects and Campaigns

Coalition to End Money Bond

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

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

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

Smart Decarceration Initiative of the

Center for Social Development, Washington University-St. Louis

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

#ChallengingEcaraceration: Electronic Monitoring project of the Center for Media Justice

proposes guidelines for the use of electronic monitoring

<http://centerformediajustice.org/our-projects/challengingecarceration-electronic-monitoring/>

Social Media Kit for spreading word about the proposed guidelines is available at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/18RLoS0XTfjp2wtlAqp_Q12FiwAEhgoeCWwZEtKgKX2l/edit

Webinar:

On learning how to use the [National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Conviction](#) (NICCC), 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.

- Access the Webinar and a PDF of the presentation at:

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

Reports:

Investing in Futures – Economic and Fiscal Benefits of Postsecondary Education in Prisons, a January 2019 report of the Vera Institute of Justice on lifting the current ban on awarding Pell Grants to incarcerated people in the reauthorization, pending in Congress, of the Higher Education Act of 1965

<https://www.vera.org/publications/investing-in-futures-education-in-prison>

Emerging Adult Justice in Illinois – Toward an Age Appropriate Approach

<https://justicelab.columbia.edu/Emerging-Adult-Justice-in-Illinois>

a report of the Columbia University Justice Lab issued at the January 24 launch of the Reimagine Justice Policy Academy in Chicago, and discussed at:

<https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2019-01-24/juvenile-justice/report-illinois-justice-needs-age-appropriate-approach/a65313-1;>

John Howard Association Special Report on the Fox Valley Adult Transitional Center (the only female work release center of the four remaining adult transitional centers within the Illinois Department of Corrections), issued -

<http://www.thejha.org/sites/default/files/JHA%20Fox%20Valley%20Report%202018.pdf>

Reimagining Prison Report, issued in October 2018 by the Vera Institute of Justice, which

reimagines the how, what and why of incarceration and asserts a new governing principle on which to ground prison policy and practice on human dignity

<https://www.vera.org/publications/reimagining-prison-print-report>

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

https://www.urban.org/research/publication/father-reentry-and-child-outcomes?utm_source=December+14+Weekly+Update+2018&utm_campaign=December+14+Newsletter&utm_medium=email

No More Shackles, a report of the Center for Media Justice, calling for the elimination of electronic monitoring for people on parole

<https://centerformediajustice.org/our-projects/challengingcarceration-electronic-monitoring/nomoreshackles/>

Money for Communities, Not Cages - The Case for Reducing the Cook County Sheriff's Jail Budget, a 2018 report of the Chicago Community Bond Fund

<https://chicagobond.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/money-for-communities-not-cages-why-cook-county-should-reduce-the-sheriffs-bloated-jail-budget.pdf>

October 2018 Study of Medical Care in Illinois Prisons from 2014 to 2018, filed in Federal Court, finding preventable deaths and no improvement since expert finding in 2014 that the Department of Corrections failed to provide adequate care to prisoners

https://www.aclu-il.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/lippert_report_of_second_court-appointed_expert.pdf

see also: <https://www.aclu-il.org/en/press-releases/poor-healthcare-illinois-prisons-resulting-preventable-deaths>

Restoring Hope, Creating Opportunity- October 2018 Safer Foundation White Paper on the Need for Comprehensive Reentry Services and Progressive Justice Reform in Illinois

<http://www.saferfoundation.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=uiPOpUoXVZM%3D&portalid=1>

Better Business Bureau Report on The Availability of Public Housing in Cook County for a Person with a Criminal Record

<http://files.constantcontact.com/f05d77ca001/d64dd64a-a2c3-4cf3-bf34-59358119425b.pdf>

New Law to Provide Relief from a Past Record - a Cabrini Green Legal Aid Report on legislation enacted in Illinois August 24, 2018 on sealing of criminal records:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/f05d77ca001/54b66ce5-672d-4d75-83e8-b36833435ea8.pdf>

Women in Prison Punished More Harshly Than Men Around the Country - October 14, 2018 Report by the Chicago Reporter

<https://www.chicagoreporter.com/women-in-prison-punished-more-harshly-than-men-around-the-country/>

Status as of September 18, 2018 of the Imposition of Cash Bail in Cook County - a report by the Coalition to End Money Bond, available at:

<https://www.chicagobond.org/reports/ShiftingSands.pdf>

see also

<https://theappeal.org/one-year-after-cook-countys-bail-reform-court-watchers-say-things-are-getting-worse/>

Illinois Attorney General Candidates' Responses to the Criminal Justice Questionnaire

Prepared by a Coalition of Organizations led by the Illinois Justice Project

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

Independent Analysis of Cook County State's Attorney Data from the People's Lobby and Chicago Appleseed, June 11, 2018

<https://www.thepeopleslobbyusa.org/independent-analysis-of-states-attorney-data/>

Report of August 13, 218 from Injustice Watch about a lawsuit in California against a private company for extorting exorbitant fees from low-income defendants for electronic monitoring services.

<https://mailchi.mp/injusticewatch/electronic-monitoring-lawsuit?e=3238a8f6cd>

Horrific Deaths and Brutal Treatment - August 2018 Report on Treatment of Mentally Ill Inmates in America's Jails -

https://pilotonline.com/news/local/projects/jail-crisis/article_5ba8a112-974e-11e8-ba17-b734814f14db.html

Chicago Appleseed May 2018 Report on the Importance of Reforming Wealth-Based Driver's License Suspension

<http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/driven-into-debt/>

Metropolitan Planning Council May 2018 report on how to decrease the impact of segregation and move the Chicago region toward increased racial equity and economic opportunity:

[Our Equitable Future](#) , including the importance of cash bail reform to break the link between people with low incomes and incarceration

A Synopsis of the 16th Annual Policy Conference of the Council of Advisors to Reduce Recidivism through Employment on October 16, 2017 (CARRE)

<http://www.saferfoundation.org/Safer-Policy-Institute>

Stemming the Tide: Diverting Youth with Mental Health Conditions from the Illinois Juvenile Justice System - a February 2018 report of the Illinois Mental Health Opportunities for Youth Diversion Task Force - <http://povertylaw.org/stemming-the-tide>

Handcuffs in the Hallways: The State of Policing in the Chicago Public Schools - a 2017 report of the Shriver Center for Poverty Law
<http://povertylaw.org/handcuffs>

Archives

Database of 44,631 Collateral Consequences of Conviction maintained by the National Inventory of Collateral Consequences, searchable by description, jurisdiction, consequence type and keywords:
<https://niccc.csgjusticecenter.org/about/>

Bibliography Compiled by Illinois Birth Justice of Resources on the Effects of Incarceration on Breastfeeding, Pregnancy and Childbirth:
<https://www.illinoisbirthjustice.org/resources/>

The New Yorker's new Archive on America's Incarceration Crisis: reporting from 2009 to 2015 on the problem of mass incarceration and the experiences of people inside the prison system:

<http://links.newyorker.mkt4334.com/servlet/MailView?ms=MTQ2MzY5MTQS1&r=MTMzMtqxOTM3OTI5S0&j=MTUyMTI5MzE1MQS2&mt=1&rt=0>

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

Recent Articles

"State Agrees to Sweeping Health Care Reforms, Oversight at All Prisons" – from the Chicago Tribune, January 4, 2019

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-met-illinois-prison-health-lawsuit-20190103-story.html>

"Illinois Corrections Officers Contend Rules Not Binding on Their Conduct" (in arguments before the Illinois Supreme Court – from Injustice Watch, January 25, 2019 (the article contains a link to a recording of the arguments)

https://www.injusticewatch.org/news/2019/illinois-corrections-officials-contend-rules-not-binding-on-their-conduct/?utm_source=Injustice+Watch+Newsletter+Subscribers&utm_campaign=cfb498fc2d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_01_24_10_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1a5f79d769-cfb498fc2d-229852929

"Can Pritzker, Foxx Deliver on Criminal Justice Reforms?" – from The Chicago Reporter, January 17, 2019

https://www.chicagoreporter.com/can-pritzker-foxx-deliver-on-criminal-justice-reforms/?utm_source=TCRNewsletter&utm_medium=Email_011819&utm_campaign=cjreform

"Preckwinkle's Criminal Justice Plan Includes Ending Gang Database" – from WBEZ on January 14, 2019

https://www.wbez.org/shows/wbez-news/preckwinkles-criminal-justice-plan-includes-ending-gang-database/bf737539-d477-4d67-84a3-d07d2bc55e73?utm_source=email&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=Web-Share

"At Kalven's Invisible Institute, An Unfolding Effort to Tell a City's Story" in the Chicago Maroon of November 27, 2018

<https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2018/11/27/kalven-invisible-institute-unfolding-effort-tell-c/>

"The Newest Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander, on the dangers posed by the growing wave of digital prisons in the United States.

published as an op-ed in *The New York Times* of November 8, 2018, also accessible at <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/08/opinion/sunday/criminal-justice-reforms-race-technology.html>

ACLU blog: Prisoners Are Getting Paid \$1.45 a Day to Fight the California Wildfires

<https://www.aclu.org/blog/prisoners-rights/prisoners-are-getting-paid-145-day-fight-california-wildfires>

ACLU blog: How Georgia's Probation System Squeezes the Poor and Feeds Mass Incarceration
<https://www.aclu.org/blog/criminal-law-reform/how-georgias-probation-system-squeezes-poor-and-feeds-mass-incarceration>

Complexity and Criminal Justice - Article by Nathan Robinson in *Current Affairs Magazine* issue of April 24, 2018:

<https://www.currentaffairs.org/2018/04/complexity-and-criminal-justice>

Why Illinois Needs to Restore Parole for Juvenile Lifers

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

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

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

Websites:

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

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

a compendium of the legal and regulatory restrictions that limit or prohibit people convicted of crimes from accessing employment, housing, and other rights, benefits, and opportunities long after their sentences have been served

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

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

Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission - <http://ijjc.illinois.gov/publications/commission-resources>

Justice Divided - <https://justicedivided.com/>

Black and Pink - <http://www.blackandpink.org/>

Adult Redeploy Illinois - <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/redeploy/>

Illinois Institute for Community Law and Affairs -

<http://illinoisinstitute.net/idea-exchange/category/news-articles-essays/>

The Mental Health Summit - <https://mentalhealthsummit.wordpress.com/>

Prison and Neighborhood Art Project Resources page - <http://p-nap.org/resources.html>

Gains Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation of The Substance Abuse and

Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – <https://www.samhsa.gov/gains-centerNew>

State Innovation Exchange - <https://stateinnovation.org/issue/criminal-justice-reform/>

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

Books:

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

Locking Up Our Own, by James Forman Jr.

(winner of the Pulitzer Prize)

Race to Incarcerate, by Sabrina Jones and Marc Mauer

The Real Cost of Prisons Comix, by Lois Ahrens

The New Jim Crow, by Michelle Alexander

Locked In, by John Pfaff

The Collapse of American Criminal Justice, by William Stuntz

The Protestant Ethic and The Spirit of Punishment, by T. Richard Snyder

Not a Crime To Be Poor, by Peter Edelman

Men on the Inside, by Tyrone Muhammed - available for purchase at:

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tyrone-f-muhammad/men-on-the-inside/paperback/product-23336713.html>

Policing the Black Man, edited by Angela Davis

Inside Private Prisons, by Lauren-Brooke Eisen

Theater:

***Pipeline* by Dominique Morisseau – premiers February 1, 2019 and runs through March 3 at Victory Gardens Theater at 2433 North Lincoln Avenue in Chicago**

**Explores parenthood, the state of our public schools and school to prison pipeline
more information at; <https://victorygardens.org/event/pipeline/>**

Lettie, by Boo Killebrew – premiered last season, in the spring of 2018, at Victory Gardens Theatre
Portrays the struggles of a woman who has been released from prison
Inspired by the experience of women at Grace House of St. Leonard's Ministries in Chicago

Film:

“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
- The new CNN Films Production: “American Jail.” premiered Sunday July 1, 2018 on CNN and CNNgo - see: <https://www.cnn.com/shows/american-jail-film>
- Sixth annual (In)Justice for All Film Festival, October 2019 - 50 films at 16 locations throughout the Chicago area
For more information to go <http://www.injusticeforallff.com/>

Sources of Reentry Services and Support for Returning Citizens

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-tiltas-connects-ex-offenders-to-nonprofit-services>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resource Directory of Reentry Friendly Services and Housing - developed by the Corporation for Supportive Housing and Chicago Metropolis 2020 - www.reentryillinois.net/

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sources of Legal Aid for Accused and Those Released from Prison

Cabrini Green Legal Aid -www.cgla.net

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