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ACLU of Delaware Launches Ambassador Program for the Delaware Campaign for Smart Justice

WILMINGTON—The ACLU of Delaware's Campaign for Smart Justice is launching a Smart Justice Ambassador program to recruit, train, and empower Delawareans who have been impacted by the legal system.

The organization's new program will help people who have been impacted by the legal system grow the skills necessary to become community advocates on Smart Justice issues such as policing, sentencing, prison, reentry, probation, expungement, and more.

Participants will learn how to advocate for legislation, policies, and initiatives that will reduce the prison population and help challenge racial disparities within the legal system.

The Smart Justice Ambassador training will take place on Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3, 2021, in Dover, Delaware. It will be a two-day paid training, with participants' expenses covered in addition to a stipend for each participant upon completion of the training.

Residents of each of Delaware's three counties, particularly people who have been directly impacted by the legal system in Delaware, are encouraged to apply. At this time, only 20 participants will be accepted statewide.

To apply for the Smart Justice Ambassador program, Delawareans can fill out the online application at http://bit.ly/SJA Application or contact Haneef Salaam for more information at hsalaam@aclu-de.org or 302-250-1393.

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