



## ACLU-DE CAMPAIGN FOR SMART JUSTICE

With 5% of the world's population and 25% of the world's prison population, it is easy to see that the U.S. has a mass incarceration problem. Delaware is part of that problem.

That's why reducing the prison population by 50% and challenging the racial bias in the system are the primary goals of our Campaign for Smart Justice.

We aim to educate the public about the staggering number of Delaware residents who are now or have been incarcerated, and how the system disproportionately targets people of color. We use public education, community organizing and grass roots advocacy to challenge the system and create change that has significant impact for individuals, families and communities.

It's time for Delaware to move away from its failed tough-on-crime approach. The violent crime in our communities is as much about our criminal justice policies circa 1980 or 1990, as it is about the lack of educational opportunities and jobs, and the proliferation of drugs in all corners of the state.

Smart justice here in Delaware means reducing the size of our prison population so that more resources can be devoted to high quality programs inside prison. When over 15,000 people churn into and out of our prison system every year, we can do no less if we want to keep our community safe.

## WHO IS THE ACLU?

For almost 100 years, the ACLU has defended the constitutional rights of all people. We're a nationwide network with millions of members and supporters, and we've got your back. Our work isn't about one person, one party or one issue. It's about all of us, coming together, daring to create a more perfect union.

## ACLU OF DELAWARE

ACLU-DE, the local affiliate of the national ACLU, was established in 1961. We work to protect and expand the rights and liberties of all people in Delaware. Our current priorities are equal access to high quality education for ALL students; challenging the school-to-prison pipeline; voting reform; and criminal justice reform.



## OUR ULTIMATE GOAL



## HERE'S HOW

**Sentencing Reform:** We are working to reduce both the number of people entering prison and the laws and policies that drive extraordinarily long prison terms.

**Bail Reform:** We're overhauling the unjust and for-profit bail system that strips people of their rights, targets poor people and people of color, and hurts families and communities.

**Prosecutorial Reform:** Prosecutors in Delaware and across the country work towards convictions, not justice. We're challenging prosecutorial abuse and educating voters on how they can support reform.

**Parole Reform:** We are working to ensure systems are fair, respect people's rights, and promote safety and success for those returning to their communities.

**Reentry:** We are working to eliminate the barriers that hold back people living with a criminal record.

## GET INVOLVED

**Everyone needs to be a part of the campaign! Please join us, if you:**

- Have a criminal record,
- Have a loved one with a criminal record,
- Have been a victim of crime,
- Work in reentry or a related field,
- Are a religious leader,
- Belong to a social justice group, or
- Are concerned about the fairness of the justice system.

**Throughout this campaign, there will be countless ways you can get involved, including:**

- Attending programs and events,
- Helping us organize in Dover,
- Writing a letter to the editor,
- Joining a focus group, and
- Volunteering at events, programs, and rallies.

**This is a state-wide effort, and we need your help.** Talk to your friends and family about the Campaign for Smart Justice. Bring them with you when you attend a program or event. Learn how to tell your story to the public, media, and government officials to support change.

Stay up-to-date on ACLU-DE's Campaign for Smart Justice efforts through social media and our website - keep checking back for new ways to get involved!

To learn more about ACLU-DE's Campaign for Smart Justice, or to get involved, contact:

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