

Legal Aid

Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 whose mission is to work to achieve justice and equity for all Alabamians. Alabama Appleseed is a member of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law's Legal Impact Network, a collaborative of 36 advocacy organizations from across the country working with communities to end poverty and achieve racial justice at the federal, state, and local levels. Alabama Appleseed works to raise awareness of the hundreds of people stuck in Alabama prisons due to the Habitual Felony Offended Act, which allows life sentences to be given in cases other than homicide if the defendant has three prior felony convictions. Alabama Advocacy used policy analysis, research and documentation, public education, community organizing, pro bono engagement, coalition building, and litigation to implement change and remedy the root causes of injustice.

<https://www.alabamaappleseed.org/>

Sentencing Reform & Advocacy

Alabama Sentencing Commission works to analyze and review the sentencing structure and to establish a fair and efficient sentencing system across the state. Another purpose for the commission is to prevent prison overcrowding and to enhance the availability and use of a wider range of sentencing options, according to the law establishing the commission. The state adopted new standards for sentencing reform due to the commission, leading to the release of several Alabama inmates. The commission seeks to enhance public safety, provides truth-in-sentencing, avoids unwarranted disparity, retains meaningful judicial discretion, recognizes the most efficient and effective use of correctional resources, and provides a meaningful array of sentencing options.

<http://sentencingcommission.alacourt.gov/>

Alabamians for Fair Justice is a coalition of individuals directly impacted by the criminal justice system and supporting organizations united to advance bold, evidence-based solutions to Alabama's prison crisis. We have joined forces because the State of Alabama has failed to protect incarcerated people from violence, sexual assault, and death. Those violations are pervasive, severe, and systemic and have created a human rights crisis in Alabama's prisons and jails.

<https://alabamafairjustice.org/>

Alabama Justice Initiative: Activating the power and voices of directly impacted and formerly incarcerated individuals to advocate for change and criminal justice reform. Mission: create a platform for directly impacted and incarcerated individuals to build power, collaborate, and partner with other organizations, advocate to change laws, policy, and practices, and change the narrative and the culture surrounding criminal justice and rehabilitation.

<https://www.alajustice.org/>

Alabama Organizations

Alabama CURE is working for prison reform through the criminal justice system as a chapter of the national CURE organization.

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