

Sentencing Reform & Advocacy

Colorado CURE is a national organization, which began in San Antonio, Texas in 1972. A dozen citizens, all families of prisoners or concerned citizens, were anxious to make changes to abolish the death penalty and went to the state legislature in Austin to work toward change. In 1975, CURE organized formally with an annual convention and a constitution. In 1985, CURE expanded to become a formal national organization and moved to Washington, D.C. Under the able direction of Charlie and Pauline Sullivan, CURE is recognized as the leading organization making efforts to reduce crime through criminal justice reform. Colorado-CURE was founded in 1990 and supports abolition of the death penalty, reform of sentencing laws, and many more important issues.

<https://coloradocure.org/>

Together Colorado is a various faith-based organization dedicated to many issues, including criminal justice reform. They believe in a transformative justice system that reckons with and undoes its role in upholding the legacy of slavery and white supremacy and insists on equitable care for all persons inside and outside the system. Together Colorado advocates for an entirely non-violent justice system and opposes the practice of state and federal governments handing responsibility for building and operating jails and prisons over to for-profit companies. They seek a trauma-informed justice systems that supports healing.

<https://www.togethercolorado.org/our-work/criminal-justice/>

Sensible Colorado is a nonprofit organization that envisions a system where drug use becomes a health issue, not a crime issue. Through innovative drug policy reform that focuses on prevention and harm reduction education, provides accessible treatment opportunities, and reduces incarcerations, crime, drug use by minors, and strains on the judicial system, they seek to increase the resources available for healthcare and treatment.

<http://sensiblecolorado.org/>

Legal Aid

Korey Wise Innocence Project (KWIP) receives requests for help from people who believe they have been convicted despite being innocent of any offense, and evaluates these claims to see if there are factual and legal grounds to get back into court with the claims. When the KWIP learns of a case that appears deserving of further investigation, the case is referred for further evaluation to volunteer lawyers, who may be assisted by Colorado Law students.

<https://www.colorado.edu/law/academics/public-service/korey-wise-innocence-project>