

Sentencing Reform & Advocacy

Decarcerate PA is a coalition of organizations and individuals seeking an end to mass incarceration and the harms it brings our communities. Decarcerate PA seeks mechanisms to build whole, healthy communities and believes that imprisonment exacerbates the problems we face. We therefore demand an immediate and lasting moratorium on all new prisons: no new prisons, no new county or city jails, no prison expansions, no new beds in county jails, no immigrant detention facilities, no private prisons. We also demand changes in policing, sentencing and legislation to reduce the prison population.

<https://decarceratepa.info/about>

Coalition to Abolish Death by Incarceration (CADBI): We are working to build a mass movement both inside and outside of prison to take a stand against DBI (death by incarceration, AKA, life without parole) and other harsh sentencing practices. To do this, we have established three core demands for legislative change: parole eligibility after no more than 15 years, presumptive parole: people are paroled at their eligibility date, and a maximum sentencing law that will stop the commonwealth from incarcerating people for indefinite periods of time.

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UUPLAN: We work to end mass incarceration, especially of people of color, due to unjust drug laws; mandatory minimum sentences; unfair administration of justice including over-policing, cash bail, and prosecutorial overreach; educational apartheid; inferior education; poor access to employment; and devastated communities. Our focus is to promote programs to rehabilitate prisoners and assist returning citizens, support expungement clinics throughout the state, and help dismantle Life Without Parole.

<https://www.uuplan.org/justice-teams/criminal-justice-reform/>

Legal Aid

The Pennsylvania Innocence Project works to exonerate those convicted of crimes they did not commit and to prevent innocent people from being convicted.

<https://www.innocenceprojectpa.org/about>

The Lewisburg Prison Project, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides advocacy, information, and legal assistance regarding conditions of confinement. We are dedicated to the principle that prisoners are persons with incontestable human and constitutional rights

<https://www.lewisburgprisonproject.org/about-us>