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Public health alternatives to policing and
incarceration

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Inclusion

Excellence

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Join the conversation

Welcome to Q&A

Questions you ask will show up here. Only host and panelists will be able to see all questions.

Where can I find strategies to address children in poverty?

☐ Send anonymously

Who can see your questions?

Webinar Chat

Me to Everyone

JL Hi Everyone, I'm James, from Madison, WI.

Zoomhost CHRR to Everyone


Hello James and welcome to today's webinar.


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To: Everyone

Your text can be seen by panelists and other attendees

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Guidelines

- 1 Share**
successes and
lessons learned
- 2 Offer**
resources
- 3 Build**
knowledge
- 4 Listen**
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Community safety

An important health factor

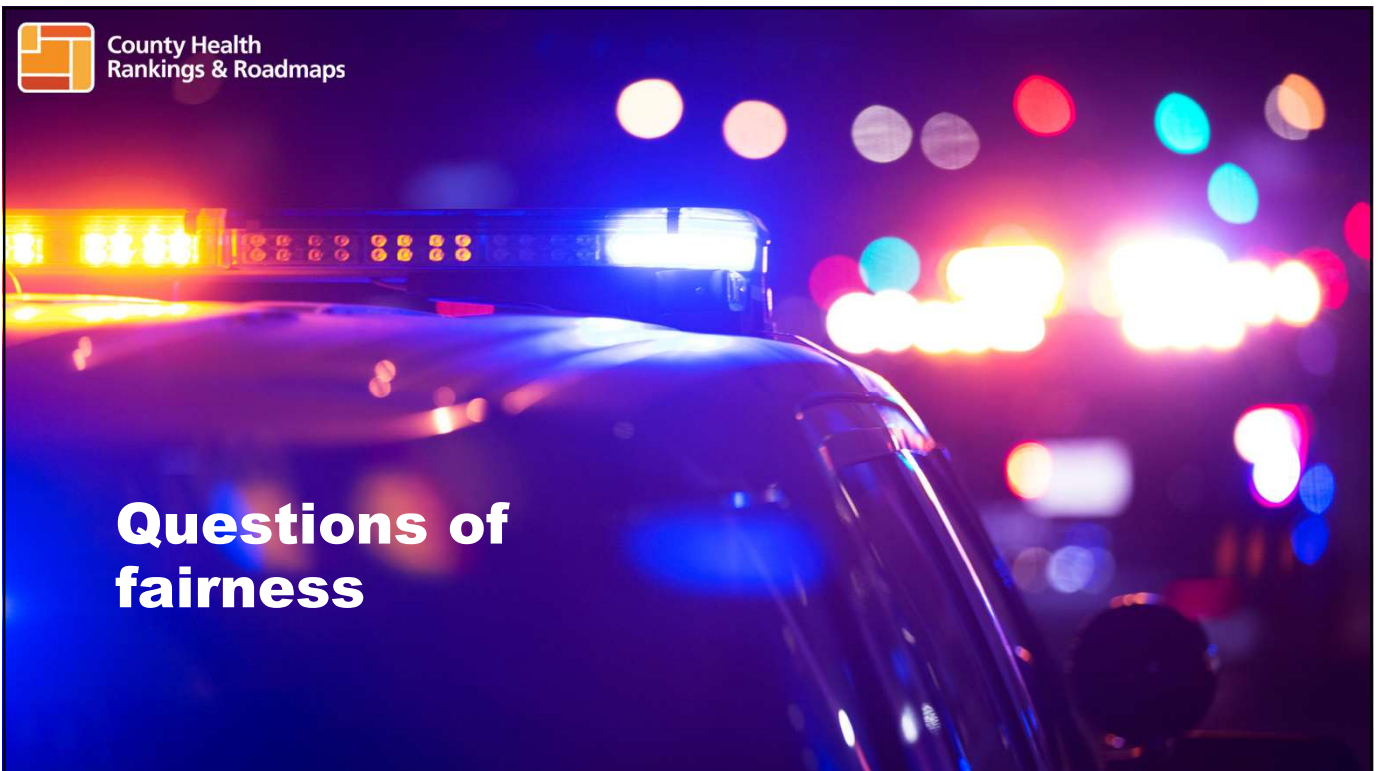


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Questions of fairness



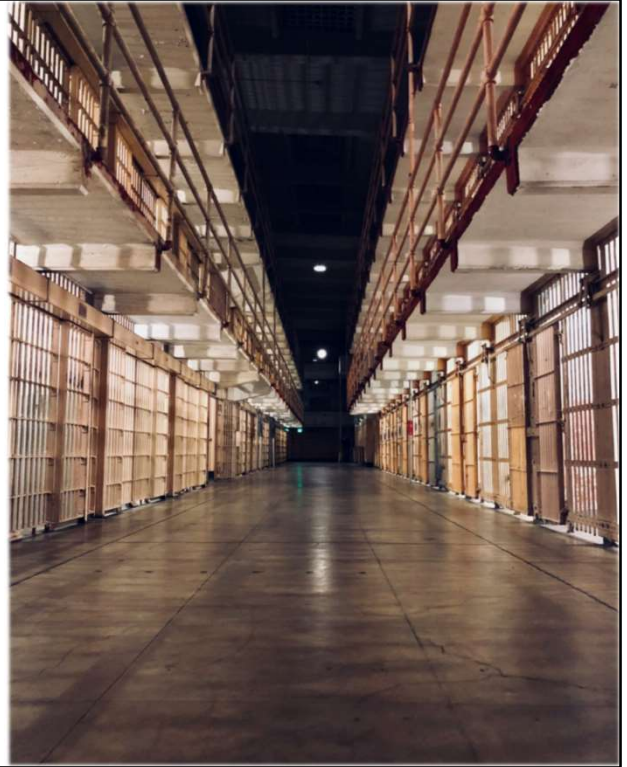
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Justice and accountability

We can achieve justice without
sacrificing safety



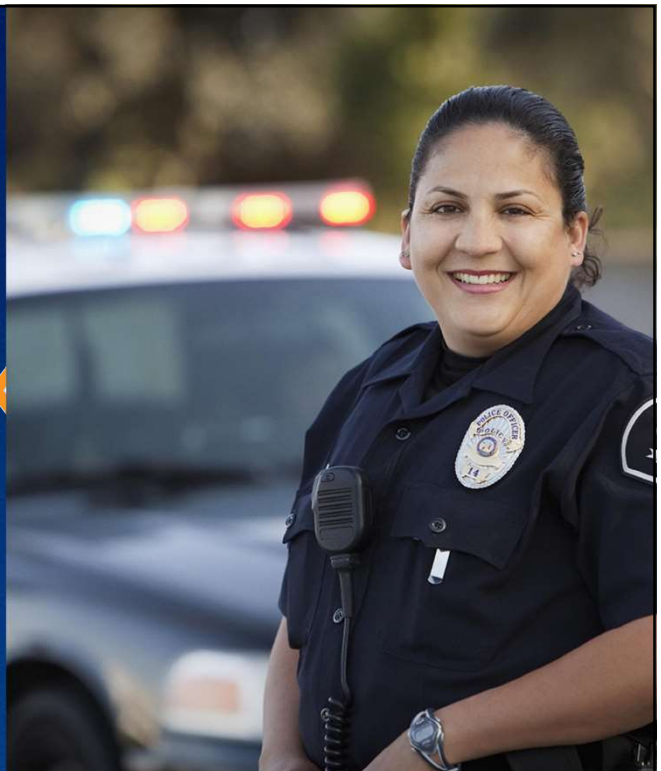
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Focus on root causes

- ✓ Poverty
- ✓ Mental Illness
- ✓ Substance use
- ✓ Homelessness



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Welcome



Christine Mitchell
Health instead of punishment
program director
Human Impact Partners



Mark Rice
Wisconsin transformational
justice campaign coordinator
WISDOM

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Resource guide

Coming to your inbox soon


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WEBINAR RESOURCE GUIDE

Community-driven strategies to address persistent poverty in rural areas

June 18, 2024

CHR&R Tools and Resources

- Explore our website:
 - [What Works for Health](#): Searchable database of evidence-informed strategies, policies, programs and systems changes.
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Guest Resources

Emily Burleson, senior manager of advocacy and research, Partners for Rural Transformation
[Partners for Rural Transformation](#) works across geographies and cultures to influence policy and lead individual and community solutions to poverty.

[DreamBuild](#) is a solution to the sometimes-overwhelming process of building and financing a safe, affordable and quality-built home.

Lisse Regehr, president and CEO, Thrive Allen County
[Thrive Allen County](#) provides a model for rural revitalization to harness the strengths of local residents in building healthier, more vibrant communities.

Highlighted Guidance

Check out the first webinar in this series, [identifying the forces behind persistent poverty](#). Poverty researcher H. Luke Shaeffer shares strategies rooted in community expertise and cultural traditions to improve wealth and engagement in rural areas.



Learn more about the evidence behind [Community Development Financial Institutions](#).

Explore measures of poverty in your community:

- [Children in Poverty](#)
- [Income Inequality](#)
- [Living Wage](#)

Learn more from Partners for Rural Transformation:

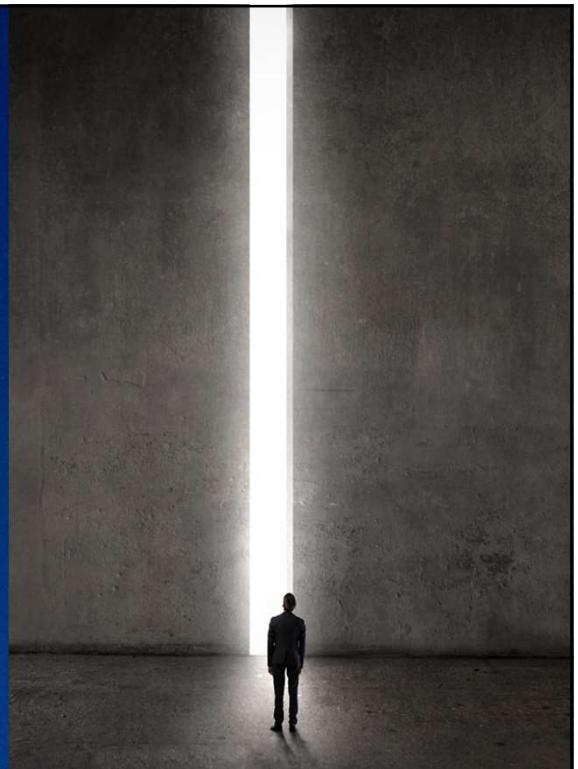
- [Stories of rural America](#)
- [How community development financial institutions drive economic opportunity](#)

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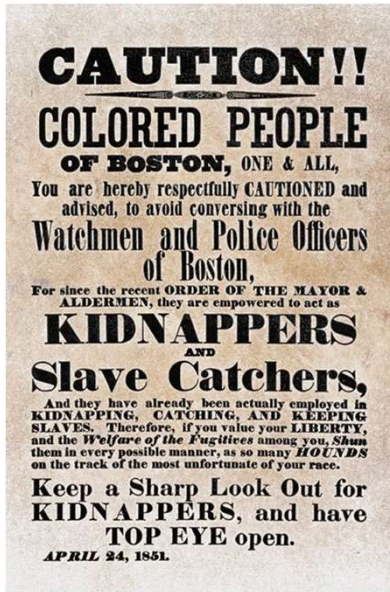
Structural determinants

- ➔ **Policy**
What is the role of policy in policing strategies and incarceration?
- ➔ **Resource allocation**
How can resources address the root causes of crime?
- ➔ **Narrative**
How does narrative influence ideas about who is deserving of a second chance?



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History of policing



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History of incarceration



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics Prisoners Series.



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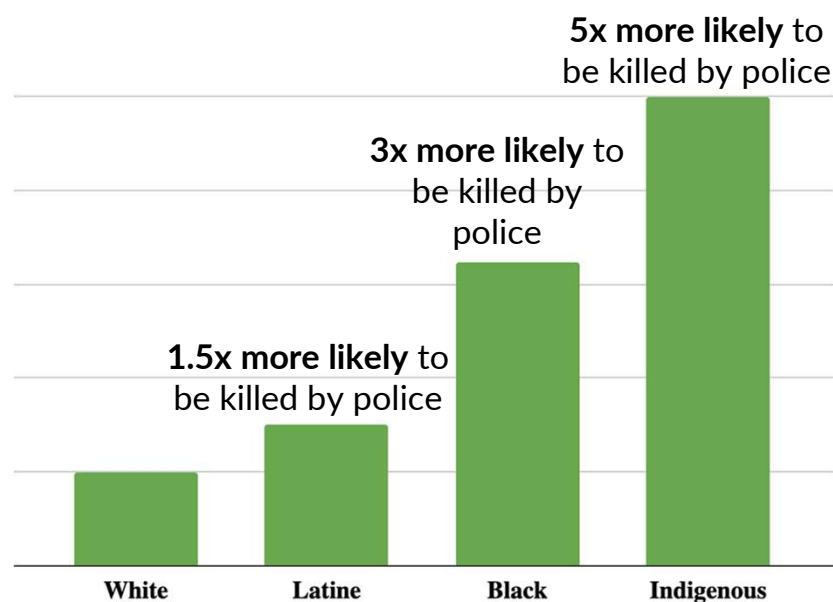
How did we get here?

1. Policies that increase prison admissions
2. Policies that increase the length of sentences



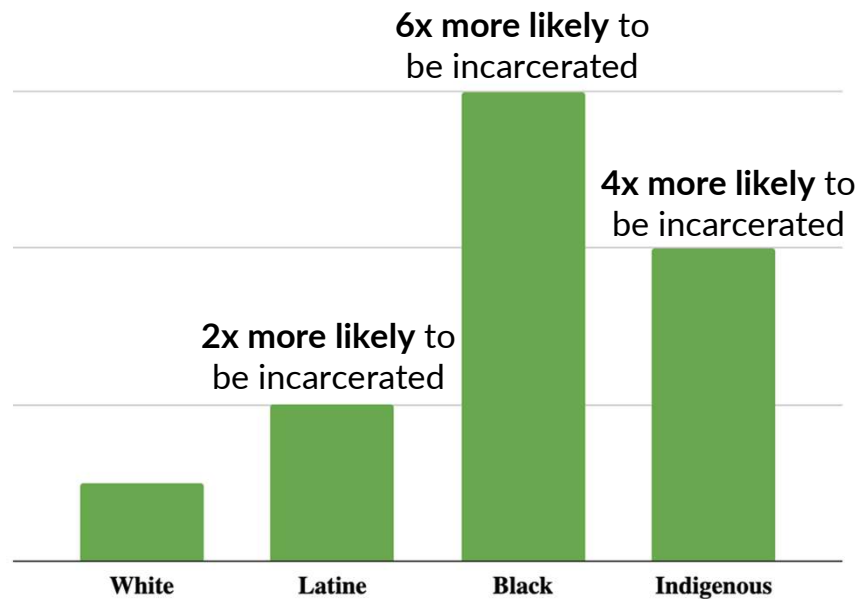
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Racial disparities in police violence



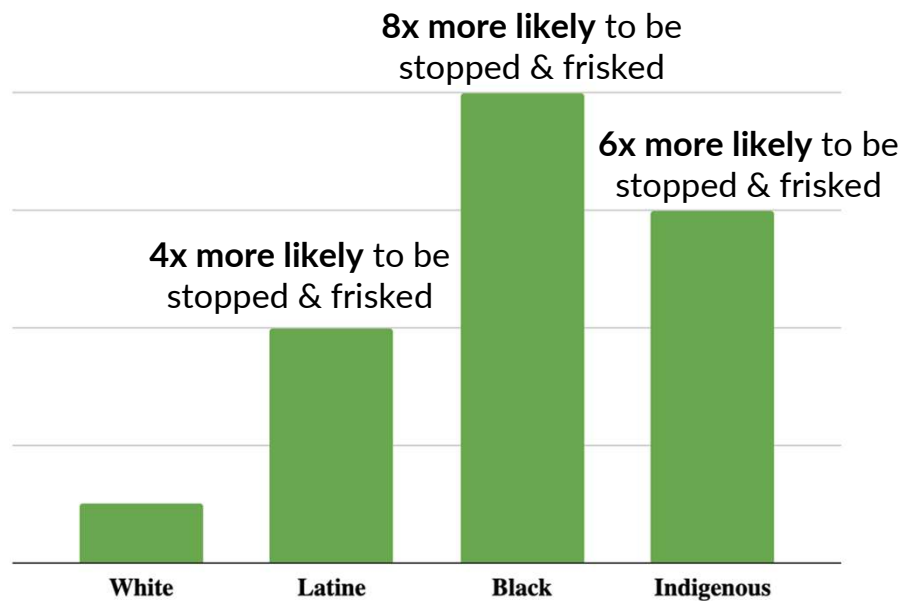
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Racial disparities in incarceration



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Racial disparities in stop-and-frisk in NY



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Health impacts of policing & punishment

- **Policing:** Since 2015, more than 400,000 people have been treated in emergency rooms because of a violent interaction with police or security guards
- **Incarceration:** Each year in prison takes 2 years off an individual's life expectancy
- **Extending beyond the walls of prisons/jails:** 1 in 11 people recently released from incarceration experience houselessness



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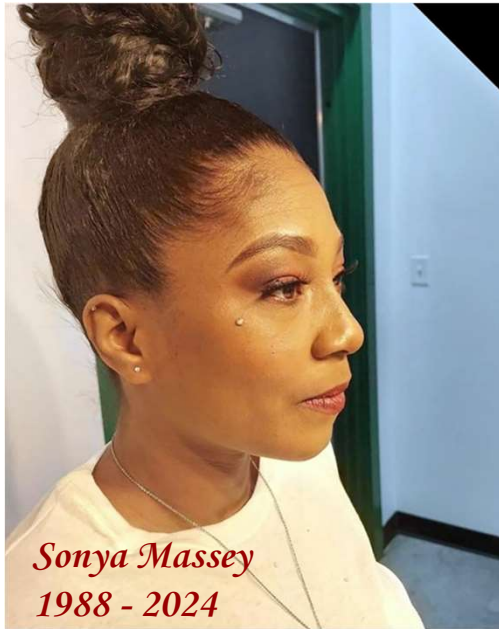
Community impacts of policing & punishment

- Economic impacts
- Social impacts
- Health impacts



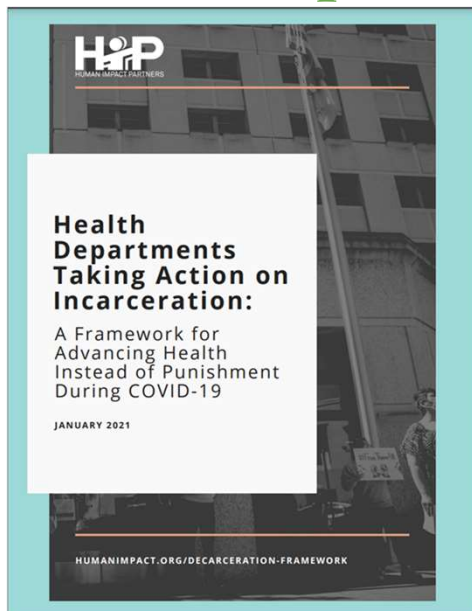
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Alternatives to policing



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What can public health professionals do?



- Develop and deepen relationships with community organizers
- Use your public health platform
- Strengthen the evidence base on policing and incarceration as public health crises
- Build consensus within your department to advance public health solutions



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| Accountability | Punishment |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Is something you choose to do ◦ Recognizes and requires your power, including your power to enact repair ◦ Is fundamentally active: it requires you to address suffering you caused by seeking to transform yourself and to mend and rebuild for others ◦ Deepens relationship and connection ◦ Fosters healing and restoration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Is imposed by others with power over you ◦ Aims to diminish or contain your power, which it presumes can only be harmful ◦ Is largely passive: it requires you to address suffering you caused simply by suffering yourself with no pathway to provide anything to others ◦ Severs relationship and connection ◦ Fosters shame and isolation |

Danielle Sered's description of accountability. For more, read "Until We Reckon: Violence, Mass Incarceration, and a Road to Repair (2019)."



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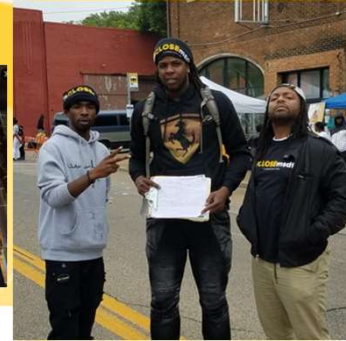
"Abolition requires that we change one thing:
everything."

-Ruth Wilson Gilmore



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Transformational Justice



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1. Reducing the Prison Population



Source: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/global/2024.html>

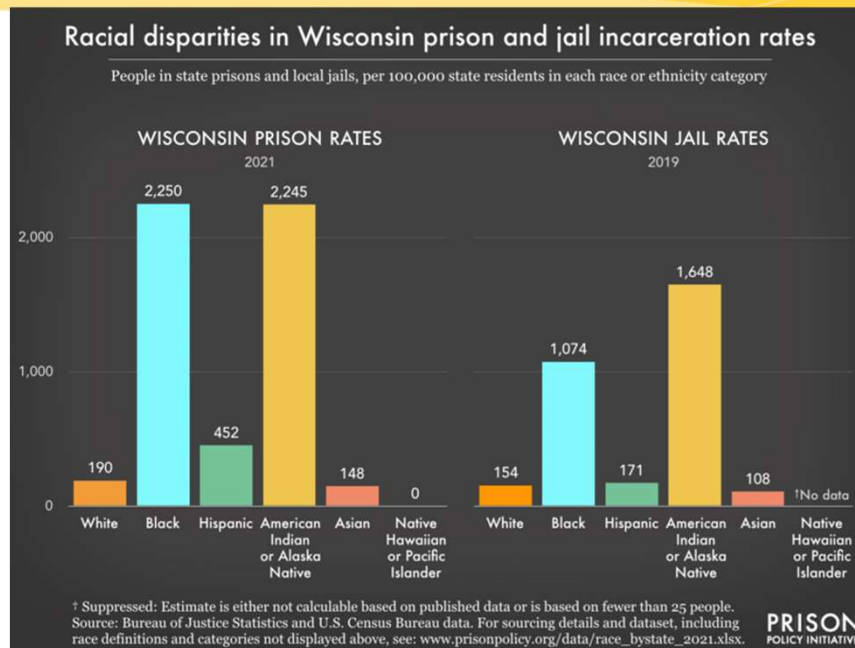
With an incarceration rate of 615 per 100,000 residents, Wisconsin locks up a higher percentage of its people than almost any democratic country on earth.

-Prison Policy Initiative

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2. Advance Racial and Economic Justice



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3. Shift Harmful Narratives

Dehumanizing Language

- Felon
- Offender
- Inmate
- Convict
- Bad seed

People First Language

- Person convicted of a crime
- Person who was convicted of a felony
- Person who is on parole
- Person who is incarcerated

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4. Rights Restoration and Ending Permanent Punishments



- **Rights Restoration:** Restored rights can include the ability to vote, hold public office, and serve on a jury.
- **Permanent Punishments:** Restrictive laws, rules, and policies that continue to penalize people long after they have served their sentence in prison.

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My Personal Journey

- Trauma that began at home
- Struggle with mental illness and economic challenges



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My Personal Journey

- County jail systems and the state of Wisconsin prison system
- Finding a path to power



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Transformational Justice Campaigns

- Educate policymakers
- Attend public meetings
- Engage the media
- Elevate personal stories
- **How partnering with public health helps:**
 - Data is public health's superpower



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Personal Stories Matter

Shirley's Milwaukee
Secure Detention
Facility (MSDF) story

"I WOUND UP GOING TO
MSDF AND I SAT IN
THERE FOR NINETY
DAYS AND IT HAD ME
REAL DEPRESSED. IT
HAD ME SUICIDAL... IT
WAS UNCOMFORTABLE
BECAUSE WE HAD NO
AIR, POOR MEDICAL."

- SHIRLEY MOFFET

#CLOSE msdf



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Transformational Justice Campaigns Make a Difference!

Examples

- . Federal Ban the Box Campaign
- . Local Jail and Prison Closure Campaigns
 - #CLOSEmsdf
 - #JusticeLA
 - #CLOSEthecreek
 - #CLOSErikers

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Get Involved!

- Learn more at www.wisdomwisconsin.org
- Contact Wisconsin Transformational Justice Campaign Coordinator Mark Rice to get involved!
- You can reach Mark at 608-843-0171 or ricemark@gmail.com

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**What Works
for Health**

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Evidence-rated strategies

- Restorative justice in the criminal justice system
- Focused deterrence strategies
- Drug courts

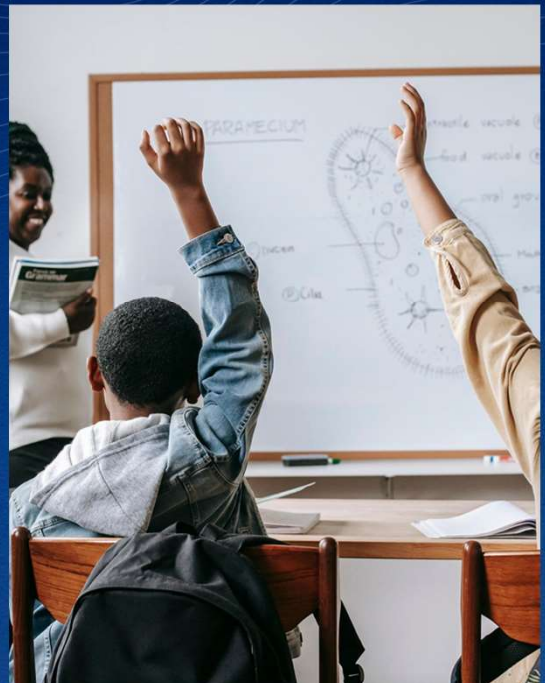


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Questions?



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Upcoming webinar:

September 17, 2024

**Storytelling as a tool to
increase voter
participation**



Dr. Gnora Mahs
Partnerships director
Healthy Democracy Healthy People

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