

# Criminal Justice Reform

## The Facts:

### What We Know

- The U.S. has 5% of the world's population, yet [nearly 25% of the incarcerated population](#).
- In 2017, [Blacks represented 12% of the U.S. adult population, but 33% of the sentenced population](#). Whites represented 64% of adults, yet 30% of prisoners.
- The ['War on Drugs' implemented by President Richard Nixon to criminalize Blacks](#) has a substantial impact on current imprisonment rates: [Almost half of the incarcerated in federal prison are there for drug offenses, nearly two-thirds are people of color](#).

## Rebound:

### Interim Support

- **Frontline support for Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) protests:** Includes logistics coordination, technical assistance, training video development, and safety trainings.  
**Organization:** [The BlackOUT Collective](#), which works in partnership with M4BL.
- **Trauma-informed curriculum development for prosecutors:** To create understanding of how the cycle of trauma feeds crime and to promote community-centered standards of safety, fairness, and dignity.  
**Organization:** [The Institute for Innovation in Prosecution](#)
- **Living wage and equal job opportunity provisions:** To support individuals with judicial barriers to employment, housing, health, and wealth.  
**Organization:** [Resources, Justice & Management](#)

## Reimagine & Restructure:

### Systems Change and Root Cause Remediation

- **Impact litigation and media advocacy:** To change laws to make positive change for communities and influence the public dialog on issues related to the criminal justice system.  
**Organization:** [ArchCity Defenders](#)
- **Support, empower, and mobilize families and individuals impacted by the criminal justice system:** Through local and statewide campaigns for justice and against human rights violations in prisons and jails, year-long fellowships, community organizing meetings, and advocacy and communications training.  
**Organization:** [Alliance of Families for Justice](#)
- **Voter turnout:** To reach 70% of the eligible Black voting population through digital channels.  
**Organization:** [PushBlack](#)