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## Justice Reform Strategies

Greetings!  
Only JPI can bring you research, direct from the field, from all across the spectrum - whether criminal or juvenile justice reform, working with people directly impacted by the justice system and folks who aren't the usual suspects in justice reform work, including the nation's largest victim's rights organization.

We are honored and inspired by the people we get to work with, who trust us to tell their stories and help them lift up their voices.

Criminal justice reform affects millions, but it happens to every person, and every family, one at a time.

Please join us in working hand in hand with directly impacted people, families and communities throughout the year.

From all of us at the JPI family,  
Marc, Keith, Ryan, Sadie, Paul,  
Ashley, Jeremy and our fantastic fall  
intern, Alex

## Recent Justice Conversations

After nearly 40 years of sustained prison population growth, states have taken steps over the last decade to push back against mass incarceration. For policymakers to significantly reduce the growing and costly prison population, reform to long sentences for people sentenced for violent crimes must be addressed.

In [The Ungers, 5 Years and Counting](#), we examine a natural case study in Maryland demonstrating that a significant portion of the geriatric population can be safely released - saving states millions of dollars annually.

The justice system treats youth charged with violent offenses in ways that are unnecessarily expensive, ineffective and unjust. Although the research is clear that many youth convicted of a violent crime are best treated in a community-based setting, our default response is still confinement.

In [Smart, Safe, and Fair](#), the Justice Policy Institute and National Center for Victims of Crime spoke with members of the victims' community to examine barriers to treating youth involved in violence in the community, and to gauge their support for these proposed reforms.

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Ending the incarceration generation with groundbreaking research that changes the conversation.

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