

# Introduction to Shared Safety

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# Introductions



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**FROM** Security for Some

**TO** Safety for All

# ILLINOIS CRIME VICTIMS'

# VOICES

THE FIRST-EVER SURVEY  
OF ILLINOIS  
VICTIMS' VIEWS ON



**SAFETY AND  
JUSTICE**

## VICTIMS PREFER A JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT FOCUSES MORE ON REHABILITATION THAN PUNISHMENT

By a margin of nearly **3 to 1**, victims believe that prison makes people more likely to commit crimes than to rehabilitate them

**More than half** of all victims prefer that the criminal justice system focus more on rehabilitating people who commit crimes than punishing them

**3 to 1**

**PRISON MAKES  
PEOPLE MORE LIKELY  
TO COMMIT CRIMES**



**53%**

**PREFER FOCUSING ON  
REHABILITATION**



## VICTIMS PREFER ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON AND INVESTMENTS IN NEW SAFETY PRIORITIES

By a margin of **2 to 1**, victims prefer holding people who commit crimes accountable through alternatives to prison such as rehabilitation, mental health treatment, drug treatment, or community service to putting them in prison

By a margin of **9 to 1**, victims think Illinois should invest more in schools and education rather than invest more in prisons and jails

**HOLD PEOPLE  
ACCOUNTABLE  
THROUGH  
ALTERNATIVES  
TO PRISON**



**PUT THEM  
IN PRISON**

**9 to 1**

**INVEST MORE IN  
SCHOOLS**



[Link to report.](#)

[Criminal Justice](#)

# Community Groups, Not Police, Will Likely Get \$20M From Criminal Justice Grants

By [Patrick Smith](#)

June 28, 6:01 a.m. CT

After a [push by anti-violence groups](#), and in the midst of calls to defund police, an Illinois committee has voted to send \$20 million in COVID-19 grant money from the U.S. Department of Justice to community-based organizations, rather than law enforcement agencies.

[Link to article.](#)

[Criminal Justice](#) • [Coronavirus In Illinois](#)

## Anti-Violence Groups Band Together To Lobby For A Slice Of \$20M In Federal Funds

The pitch? Don't give all the money to law enforcement when community-based programs are providing essential services during this crisis.

By [Patrick Smith](#)

April 24, 6 a.m. CT

The “Coalition for Shared Safety” is looking to get a portion of about \$20 million in federal funding. That money has been designated for criminal-justice work across the state. The coalition includes domestic violence support groups, rape crisis centers and organizations that work to end Chicago gun violence. Organization leaders say this is an unprecedented partnership because it combines so many different types of anti-violence groups that have never come together before.

They say their unique — and collective — message is that money should not go solely to law enforcement agencies, when there is a growing need for help among community-based organizations still providing essential services that address and help stem violence. [Link to article.](#)

# What is Shared Safety?

## 5 BLUEPRINT PRINCIPLES FOR SHARED SAFETY







*Crime Survivors are anyone who:*

- has been directly impacted by or experienced crime/violence,
- has witnessed crime/violence,
- has had daily life impacted by crime/violence.

Generally, the most harmed and least helped.

## TRADITIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROACH

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Siloed.

Uses a criminal justice lens:  
Responds after a crime occurs.

Relies on incarceration as the primary tool.

Fails to protect most vulnerable communities  
(Safety for some).

Responds based on severity of offense.

Assumes victims needs = punishment.

Narrowly measured by crime rates.

## SHARED SAFETY APPROACH

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Integrated.

Uses a public health lens:  
Prioritizes prevention, intervention, treatment, **and healing.**

Increases investments in and opportunities for pre- and post-arrest diversion.

Recognizes that low-income communities of color are at highest risk for repeat and violent crime  
(Safety for all).

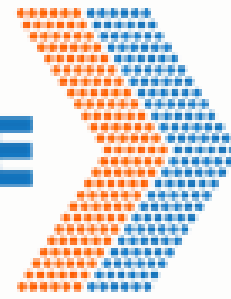
Graduated responses based on risk, harm, need.

Recognizes victims needs = healing.

Measured by impact on community safety and well-being.



# ALLIANCE FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE



## Building New Constituencies to Win Safety for All

Alliance for Safety and Justice (ASJ) is a multi-state organization that aims to replace over-incarceration with more effective public safety solutions rooted in crime prevention, community health, rehabilitation and support for crime victims. Focused on the largest states in the country, we partner with state leaders and advocates to achieve safety and justice reforms through advocacy, organizing, coalition building, research and communications.

## Our History

Launched in 2016, ASJ is currently engaged in eight states (Florida, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Arizona, Pennsylvania and our flagship in California-Californians for Safety and Justice). We are justice data and policy experts, grassroots organizers, attorneys and campaigners – we combine research and smart policy proposals with lobbying, constituency building and alliances to win changes in state laws.

ASJ is the sister organization of **Californians for Safety and Justice**, also a project of Tides Center and Alliance for Safety and Justice Action Fund, a 501(c)4 project of The Advocacy Fund.

