

A close-up, high-resolution photograph of a Black man's face, focusing on his eyes and nose. The image is partially obscured by text on the right side.

Incarceration  
*does not*  
make our  
communities  
safer.

**Decarcerating**—or reducing the number of people held in prisons and jails—*would*. Here's how we do that. →





# End Money Bail



Research shows that even two days in jail makes it more likely for someone to lose their job, housing, or custody of their children.

Right now, thousands of legally innocent people are held in jail pretrial. The reason? Simply because they cannot afford to pay bail. **Freedom should NOT come with a price tag.**



# Reduce Long Prison Sentences

Lengthy prison sentences are often the worst way to hold people accountable and keep communities safe.

Research shows that lengthy sentences do not deter crime and that people typically age out of criminalized behavior. By investing in **healing-centered alternatives** to incarceration and **reexamining sentencing laws**, states can shrink the size—and harm—of the carceral system.



# Invest in Community- Centered Solutions

Diversion programs, alternative response services, community violence intervention programs, and permanent supportive housing address the underlying causes of crime and reduce reliance on incarceration.

At the heart of these solutions is an **emphasis on support and meeting people's needs**—tactics proven to create lasting community safety.





Incarceration can no longer be the default response to crime. It's straining our communities, economies, and corrections systems.

**The real path to public safety is decarceration.** Communities know it. Data supports it. Now is the time to do it: invest in resources and services that keep people out of jail and prison.

