

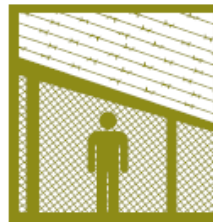
SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE

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Why?



Local jails
11,700,000



State & federal prisons
631,000

ADMISSIONS

There are **nearly 11 million** jail admissions annually—equivalent to the populations of New York City and Los Angeles combined, and almost 19 times the annual admissions to state and federal prisons.

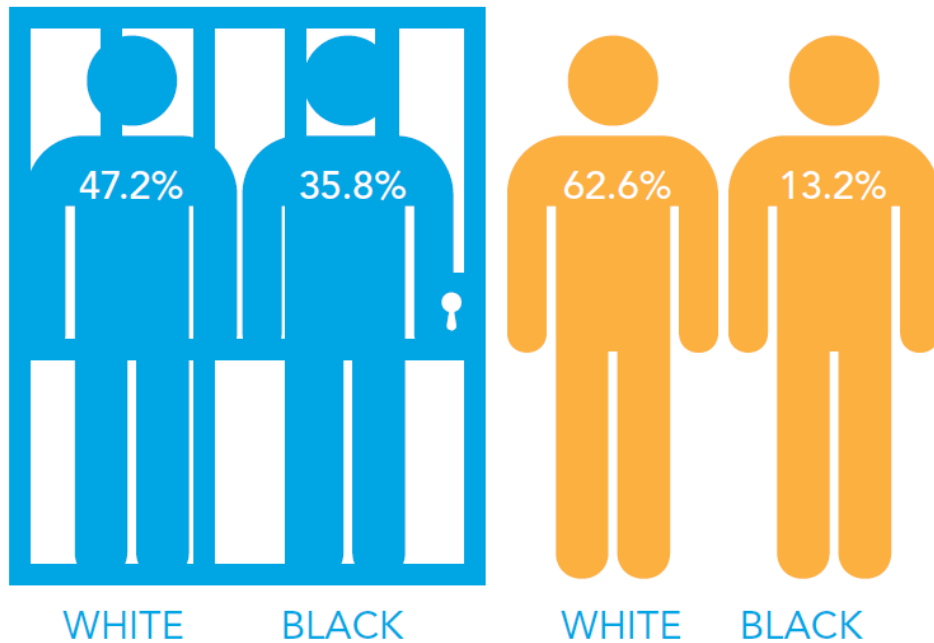
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MENTAL ILLNESS

Serious mental illness affects men and women in jail at rates four to six times higher than in the general population.

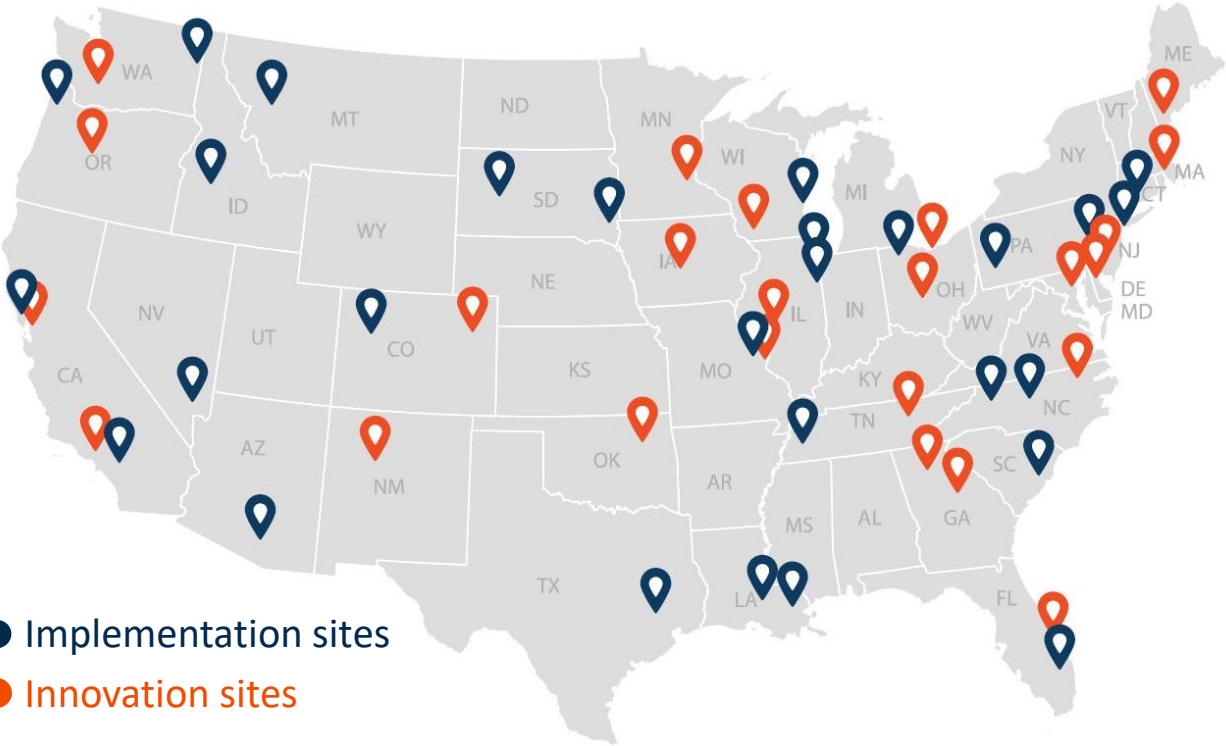
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RACIAL DISPARITIES

Nationally, African Americans are jailed at almost **4x the rate** of white Americans.

The Safety and Justice Challenge Network

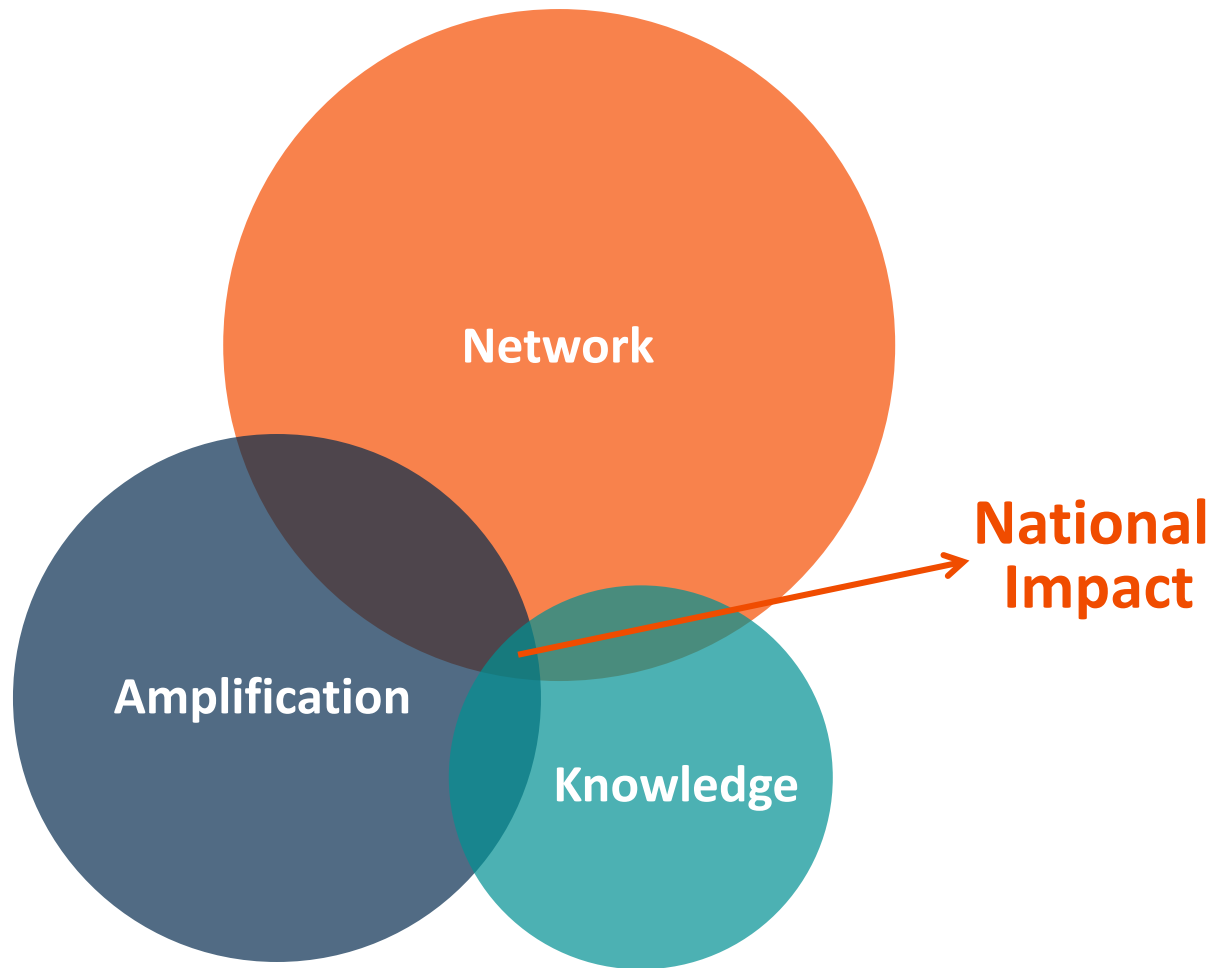


52 sites
32 states

Missoula County

- 2017: Joined network as an Innovation Site
- 2018: Awarded implementation grant to focus on:
 - Case Processing
 - Prosecutor-led Diversion
 - PSA Implementation
 - Outreach to Native Communities
 - Behavioral Health

Our theory of change



Initiative Partners

MacArthur Foundation

Amplification

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Strategic Allies

SJC Network

Challenge Network Sites

JUSTICE SYSTEM PARTNERS

Vera INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE

Center for Court Innovation

URBAN INSTITUTE

CUNY INSTITUTE FOR STATE & LOCAL GOVERNANCE

THE JUSTICE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

JFA INSTITUTE
Conducting Justice and Corrections Research for Effective Policy-Making

nexus COMMUNITY PARTNERS

pji PRETRIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Everyday Democracy
Ideas & Tools for Community Change

RTI INTERNATIONAL

BENNETT MIDLAND

BI

PRI POLICY RESEARCH, INC.

Knowledge Development

MEASURES FOR JUSTICE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

FIU FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Strategic Allies



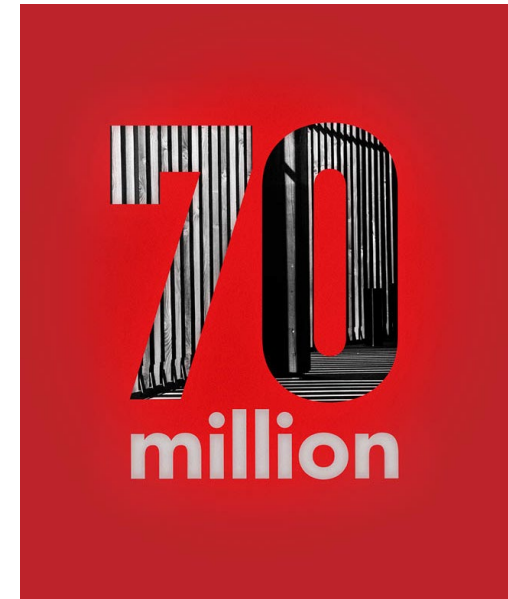
The Council of State Governments



NATIONAL CONFERENCE of STATE LEGISLATURES



Partners are
softening the ground
for reform



Poynter.



Drivers of Success

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jurisdictions are working to **increase access to behavioral health services** as alternatives to jail

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jurisdictions are **analyzing race and ethnicity data** to isolate system points that drive disparities

20

jurisdictions are **reforming case processing** to limit the amount of time people spend in jail to only what is necessary

Three-year jail population reduction targets achieved

-37%

*Philadelphia,
PA*

-30%

*New
Orleans, LA*

-27%

*St. Louis
County, MO*

-32%

*Cook County,
IL*

-30%

*Lucas
County, OH*

Communications Highlights

THE BLADE

Lucas County criminal justice reform aims even higher

The Portland Observer

Creating a Justice System that Works for Everyone

The Times-Ticayune

Smart bail reform is about promoting safety, equity and justice

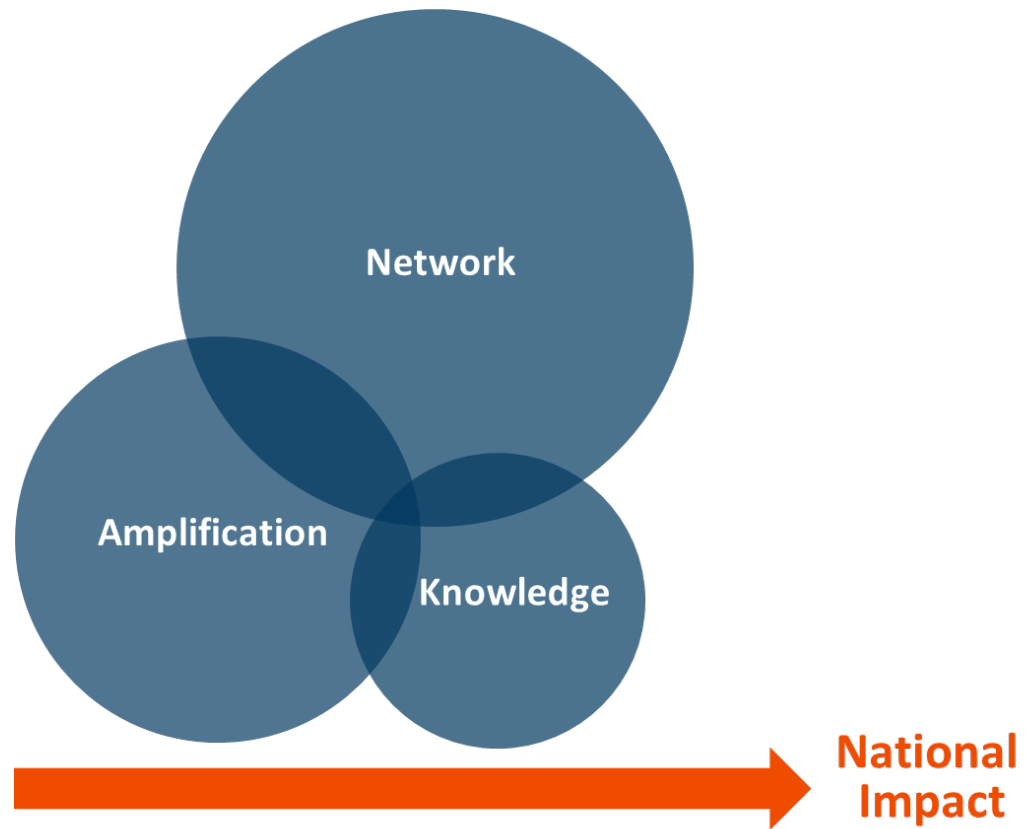
The Washington Post

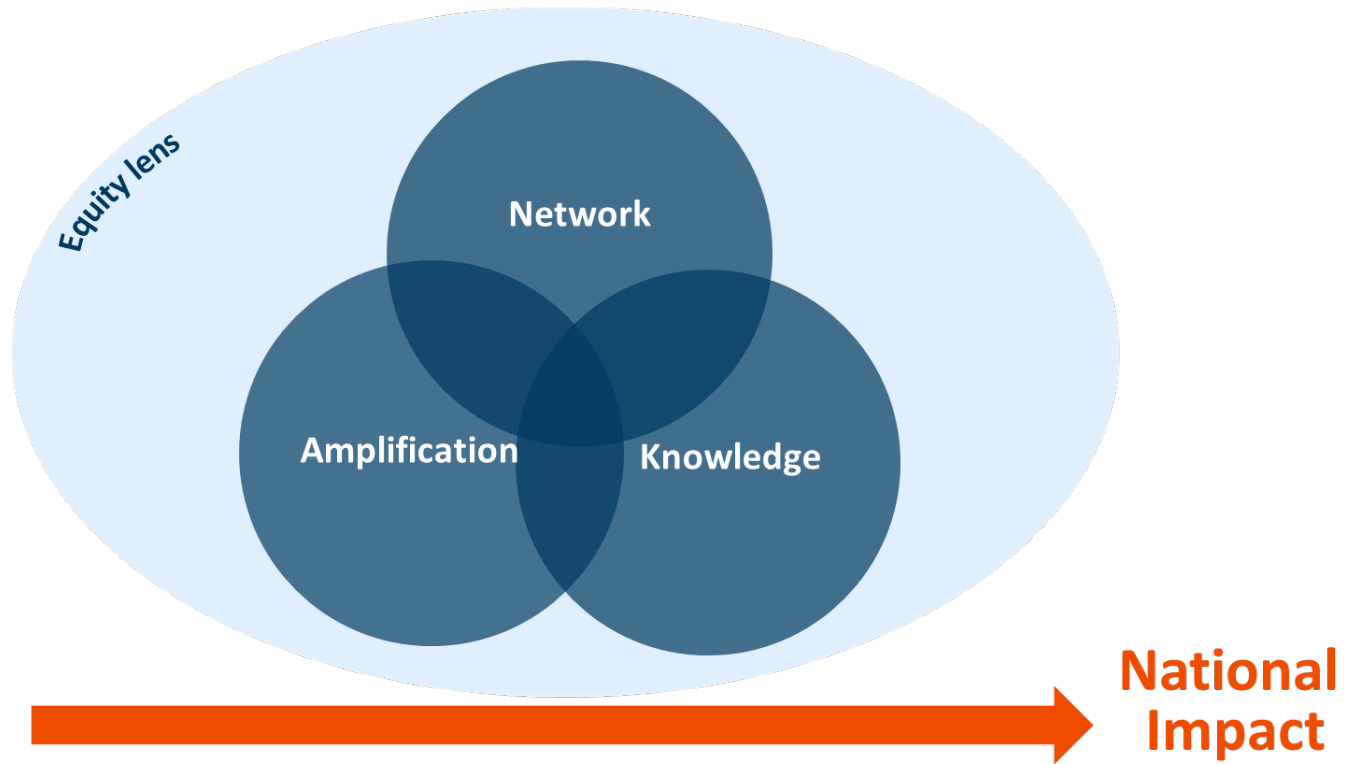
A coalition of groups representing prosecutors, public defenders, criminal justice advocates and state and local governments is also urging the Trump administration to withdraw the proposal.

They include the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, the Center for American Progress, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, the R Street Institute and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association.

ARIZONA CAPITOL TIMES

Less is more when it comes to putting people in jail







Trends During COVID-19 (through April 2019)

- ↓ 17% Average daily population
- ↓ 19% Pretrial population
- ↓ 4% Bookings
- ↓ 9% Bookings for misdemeanors
- ↓ 11% Disparities within misdemeanor bookings

Missoula's COVID-19 Response

- Since February 2020, Missoula has experienced more than a 40% drop in its jail population.
 - February ADP: ~ 182
 - May ADP: ~ 113
- Why?
 -  Arrest
 -  Bookings
 - Cross-system collaboration

Covid-19 Impact



Voices: To protect all Missoulians from this pandemic, consider our jail

- “In order to sustain these benefits, we must remain committed to local reform efforts that make our justice system safer and more equitable, even after this crisis... As we work together to mitigate this pandemic, we must remember our collective goal: to ensure the health and safety of all Missoulians, which includes all constituencies impacted by our local justice system.”



It's time to #RethinkJails.

THE MISUSE AND OVERUSE OF JAILS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST
DRIVERS OF OVER-INCARCERATION IN AMERICA.