

The Justice Reinvestment Initiative



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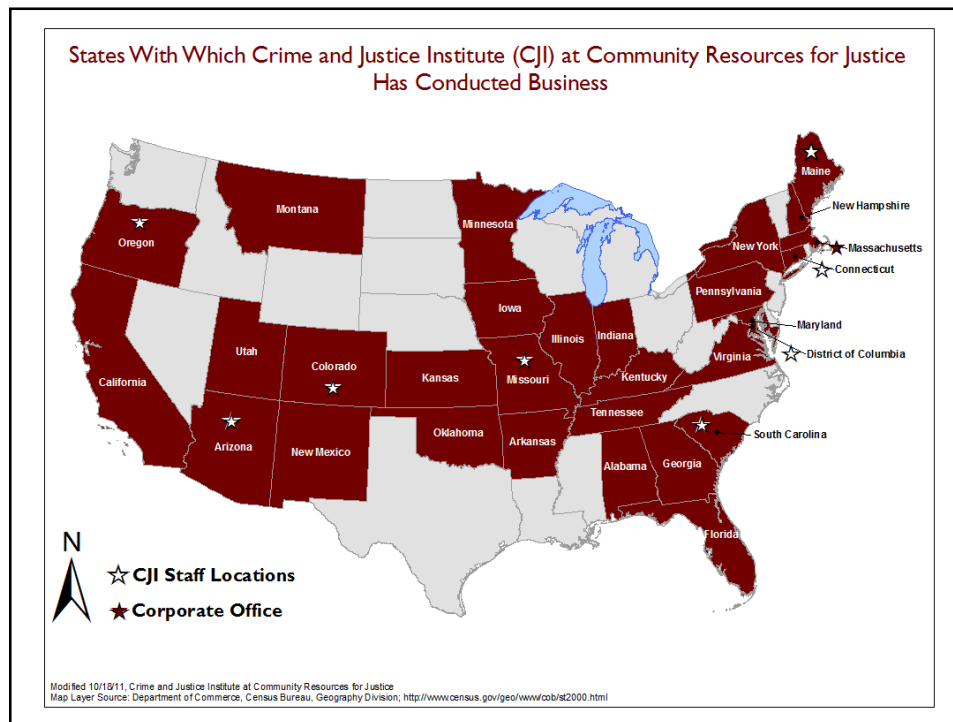


Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) at CRJ



- Provides nonpartisan consulting, policy and data analysis, and research services to improve public safety
- Develops outcome-oriented strategies and supports the design and implementation of sustainable system-wide change
- Your CJI Team





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- The Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) recognizes that evidence-based, cost-effective solutions are now imperative, and that the accumulation of applied research and practical experience supports such solutions
- JRI is designed to be a strategic, data-driven process that helps local jurisdictions assess their justice systems and implement policies that generate and reinvest substantial cost savings.

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- JRI does not foreclose incarceration as a policy option, but calls for greater use of graduated, community-based sanctions and evidence-based intervention strategies that focus on the underlying causes of criminality.
- JRI has saved millions of dollars in justice and corrections system costs by implementing evidence-based law enforcement and community corrections policies without jeopardizing public safety or offender accountability.

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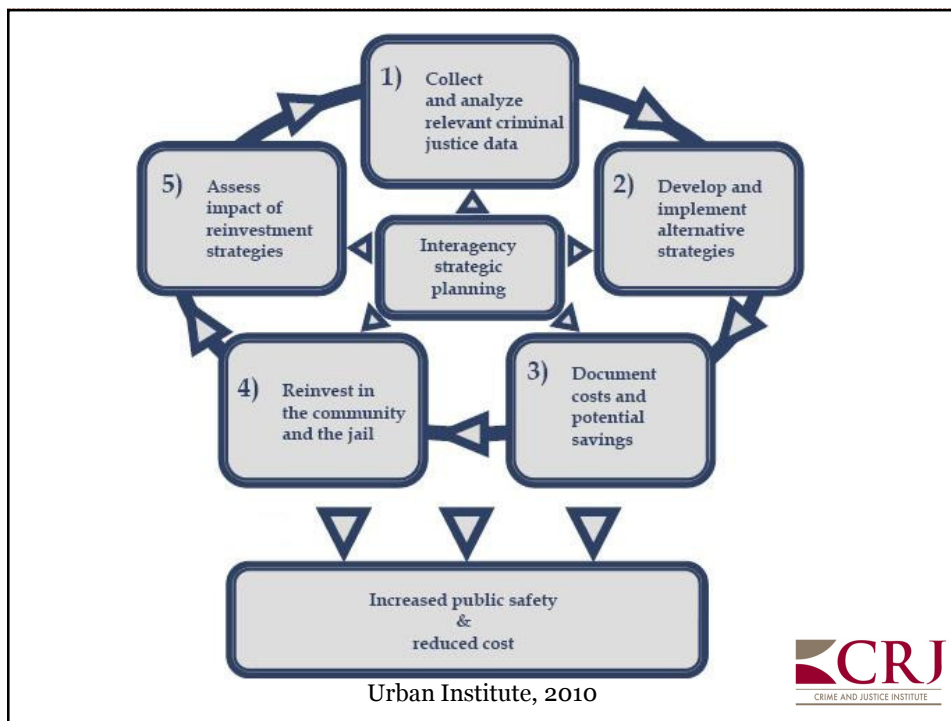
The Goal: To develop and implement administrative, inter-agency, budgetary, or county policies, which address:

- (a) the drivers of the local correctional population and
- (b) produce cost savings that can be reinvested to enhance public safety, or
- (c) save the most cost-effective strategies and programs



Phases of Justice Reinvestment

- **Phase I: Data Analysis & Policy Development**
 - Engage leaders and key stakeholders in a comprehensive analysis of criminal justice data
 - Identify strategies to reduce costs and increase public safety
- **Phase II: Policy Implementation**
 - Target technical assistance and funding to support the implementation of justice reinvestment strategies
- Sites are eligible to apply for Phase II support upon successful completion of Phase I



A Strategic Planning Process

- Convene a collaborative body comprised of decision-makers from public safety partner agencies that becomes the driving force of JRI (i.e., SF's Reentry Council)
- Engage in a thoughtful planning process to ensure that adopted policies will achieve desired outcomes
- The Reentry Council should:
 - Confirm a shared vision for the local public safety system
 - Use data to identify areas where that vision is not being achieved
 - Identify policy changes that could reduce costs and inefficiencies and improve public safety
 - Assess the impact of these policy changes



The Strategic Planning Process

- To understand how the public safety system currently functions and what areas of policy should be changed, the following data will be collected and analyzed:
 - Relevant state, county, and agency policies
 - Correctional population data & population projections
 - Information on system capacity & operations
 - Fiscal data
- Anecdotal evidence, opinions, and “sacred cows” will be challenged



The Strategic Planning Process

- Determine a structure and schedule for Phase I work
- Review data and current policies to identify potential areas for policy change
- Consider policies and strategies from other jurisdictions
- Develop policy options and draft policy language
- Assess the potential impact of those policy options
- Develop a plan to measure actual impact upon implementation
- As appropriate, commit respective agencies to policy change
- Discuss and advocate the work of the collaborative with colleagues and the public
- Prepare respective agencies for implementation



The Role of the CJJ Team

- Collect, analyze, and present justice system data
- Offer examples of strategies and successes from other jurisdictions and other JRIs (e.g., Johnson County, KS)
- Offer research expertise and provide stakeholder education
- Provide recommendations on potential policy directions
- Work with the Reentry Council to draft policies and assess their impact
- Support the Reentry Council's Co-Chairs and staff to facilitate the effectiveness of JRI
- Provide guidance in moving from Phase I to Phase II

