

THE PROBLEM

Michigan's prisons and jails contribute to the larger problem of mass incarceration in the United States.

Our prison population has grown to nearly 43,000 people and we spend over 20% of the state's General Fund on prisons—more than 2 billion dollars per year.

This reliance on excessive punitive responses to community problems is creating undue burdens on incarcerated persons, families, and communities.



Join us for one of our bi-monthly meetings to learn more about the collaborative and the organizations at the table



For more information, and to sign the resolution, check out our website!

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ABOUT US

The Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration (MI-CEMI) is a broad-based, statewide, non-partisan collaboration representing non-profit, faith-based, advocacy, and service organizations united to end mass incarceration in Michigan.

We believe that incarceration must be regarded as a measure of last resort for all criminal justice involved persons.

Our collaborative seeks to create and restore healthy communities.

OUR APPROACH

MI-CEMI work groups are developing detailed, achievable and timed Plans of Action in order to accomplish our goals

Our work groups strategically group individuals with relevant expertise and experience to promote our goals

MI-CEMI has created a resolution that outlines the scope of the problem of mass incarceration, and resolves to adopt the following goals and objective to be effective by the year 2020:

A 50% reduction in admissions to prison and jail through the increase use of diversion programs that meet the goals of sentencing

75% of the population in each prison facility shall be engaged in productive activities at least 30 hours per week

A 51% reduction in the length of stay of persons admitted to prison through the implementation of sentencing and parole reforms

A 50% improvement in the success rate for state prisoners once they are released to their home communities, through the rejuvenation of the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative (MPRI), to include full community engagement and funding control codified in law, and the strategic reinvestment of savings from reduced recidivism rates back into the communities most impacted by incarceration

THE BIG PICTURE

Along with our specific objectives, we urge the following changes:



Increased availability and affordability of community mental health services



Indigent defense system reform



Address social problems that are at the root of many crimes



Sentencing guidelines reform



Parole reform



Elimination of racially targeted enforcement and other police practices that cause racial and economic disproportionality in prison populations