

A black and white photograph of a woman with dark skin and her hair in braids. She has a nose ring and is looking directly at the camera. A single strand of barbed wire is wrapped around her face, passing between her eyes and across her mouth.

NATIONAL INCARCERATION ASSOCIATION

Year End Report 2021

WHY THE NIA?



Every social problem we choose to ignore ends up packaged in a life and standing before a judge.



The out-of-control costs of protecting ourselves from repeated uncured criminal behavior.



Too many uncounted & growing cases of individuals, children, and families living in desperation at an uncalculated cost to society.



Private-sector power players & many public sector systems still need to be pushed to do business differently with respect to restoring and sustaining families.



Reform efforts are still too disconnected & fragmented yielding too little of measurable impact on families and their capacity to participate and consume.



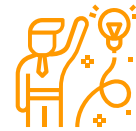
WHERE ARE WE TODAY?



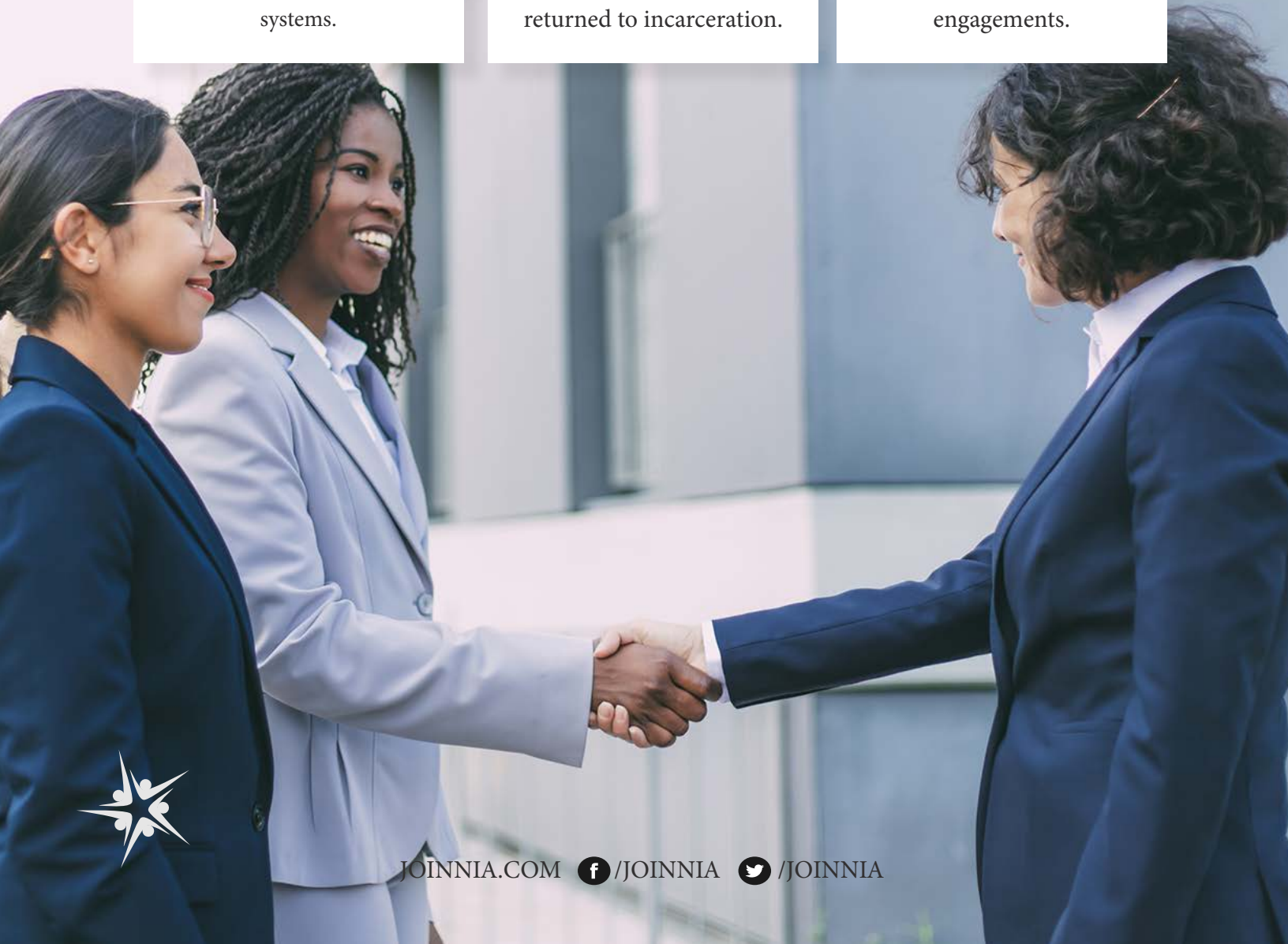
We've gained working interests from agencies and organizations as an authority with distinctive prowess in approaching problems and innovating systems.

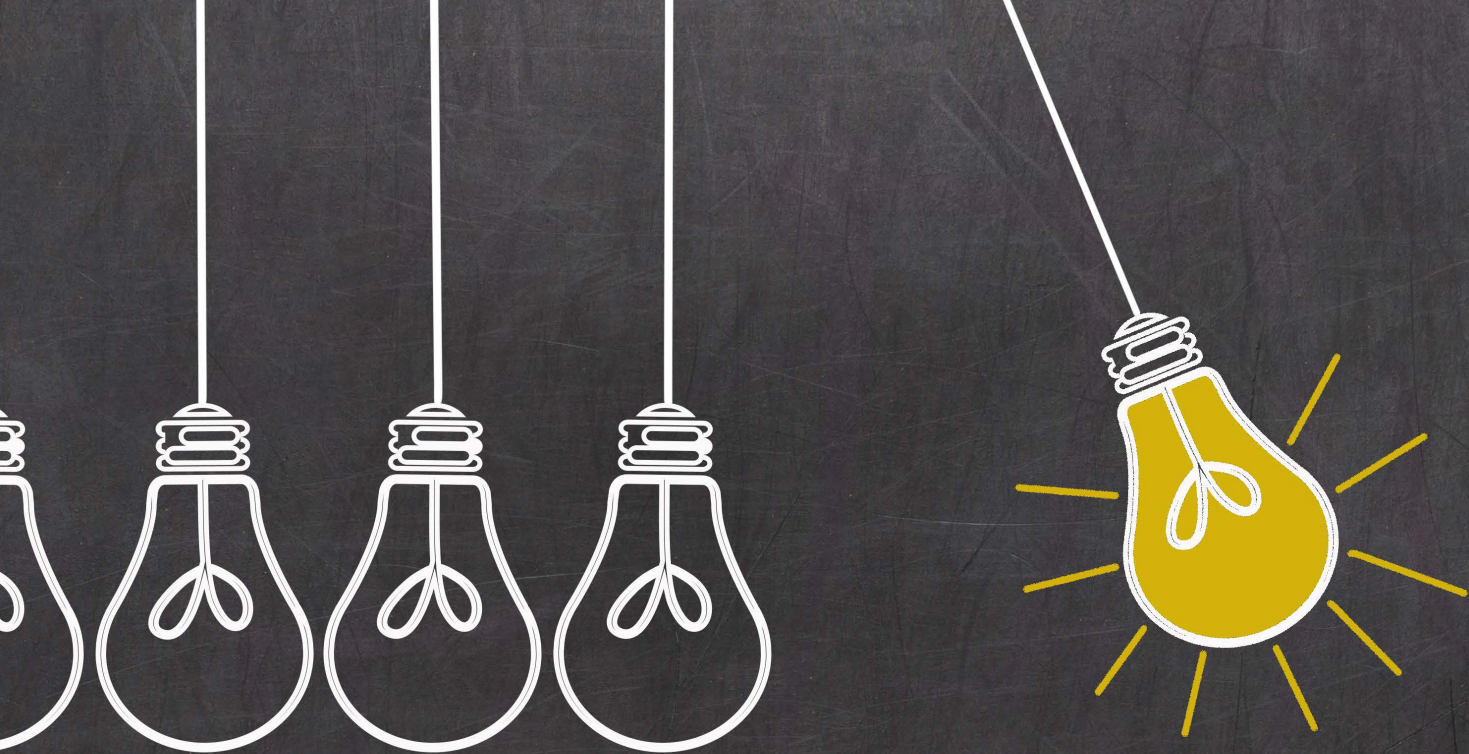


Resolutions for hundreds of personal issues resulting in a client portfolio of over 1,500 family cases; Fewer than a dozen of our clients have returned to incarceration.



Our sought-after and active engagement among poly sector partners includes over 20 active and completed initiatives and task force engagements.





GATHERING MOMENTUM

The NIA is a 501c3 nonprofit. We are fully staffed with competent and committed volunteers. Our broader business model also manages a corps of situational volunteer labor. Hundreds of families, primarily in Georgia, but also nationwide, know the NIA brand and count on us to respond to their outreach. We need hands-on, intellectual and financial support to grow this movement and meet the growing needs of our mission.

MISSION

To help families navigate the journey of incarceration with positive outcomes, and to push innovations throughout justice systems to correct, rehabilitate, cure and restore, for greater public safety for all.

VISION

Our vision is that the justice and corrections system of the United States becomes a system of dignity, safety, and progressive personal improvement for all involved.

2 YEAR ROADMAP FOR CHANGE

GROWTH IN 3 KEY AREAS:



REHAB & RESTORATION

NIA sees historical norms that continue to produce the same outcomes, as antiquated “soft on crime” practices. So, in the absence of responsible and comprehensive corrections and rehabilitation by current institutions, NIA seeks out gaps and dangerous flaws. We measure approaches to intervene, impact behavioral trends and help families better navigate systems.



INFORMED EMPATHY

Despite 65 million families directly impacted by incarceration & the \$100 billion cost affecting taxpayers, too many people remain distanced from the problem. We call this an “empathy gap.” This Informed Empathy Campaign seeks to narrow that gap through ongoing mass-communication messaging, interactive events, and rigorous research.



PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES

We get involved in projects and initiatives to take advantage of every opportunity to infuse into partner efforts our “working-together” culture. We see these as opportunities to help local stakeholders realize the value of shared resources, an open exchange of ideas, cross utilization of assets, and more coordination in pursuing resources for program sustainability.



PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT OUR WORK

"It was by the grace of God that you came into his life through a purely chance encounter. He loves your purpose and your cause and so do I"

Marcia M.

"You literally made me sit up from the fetal position. Gave me a direction to go on this journey with my daughter. You saved me from drinking myself to death and giving up. NIA gives families a purpose while waiting."

Sharon R.

"It becomes overwhelming...like swimming upstream against the all-powerful tide of injustice! We are in search of a lighthouse in the storm...or the torchbearer holding up a light to guide us. Grateful for the light and voice that the NIA provided!"

Kathleen H.

"I am unable to find words to express how grateful and thankful we are for you and to have met you at this time. Exasperation runs deep. Thank you!"

Anne J.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of you. You've helped so many families."

Christine D.

"I am thankful someone out there thinks about the pain our families are going through on the outside."

Kyle B.

"I was more than impressed with the results that I personally experienced."

Randy H.

"The NIA was a GOD send to me and my daughter."

Chandra B.

"It is inspiring to know that there are people like you who know what is going on and care."

Burrell E.

TIRELESSLY PUSHING FOR RESULTS



The NIA was instrumental in getting wheelchair parts to Anne's son - a double amputee. Officials now admit they missed the point.



The NIA worked with Sierra's mom to modify her sentence. She is home today, 5 years sooner, now participating and growing.



The NIA helped hundreds of families navigate the Georgia Department of Corrections, getting them to the right people.



The NIA engaged several community initiatives that helped give policy makers more permission to pursue reform.



The NIA was an inaugural partner and a steering agency with the National Multi-Faith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration.

DASHBOARD OF OTHER WORK:

1. Dogs for Dads: Cross-Status/Cross-Situational Empowerment Campaign
2. If Moms Ran Prisons: The Carrington Campaign for Carceral Innovations
3. Using Brilliance Behind Bars to Improve Community Development
4. Post-Traumatic Incarceration Syndrome (PICS) Research and Policy Projects
5. Fulton County, GA Conviction Integrity: Sentencing Review Board Member
6. Second Chance for Georgia Campaign: Partner
7. Georgia Justice Reform Partnership: Steering Partner
8. Multifaith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration: National Strategy Team, Georgia Strategy
9. Fulton County Justice and Mental Health Task Force
10. Department of Community Supervision: GaPRI Steering Committee, Atlanta Circuit
11. DeKalb County Sheriff's Inmate Rebound Program for Enhanced Public Safety
12. Legal Action Center No Health = No Justice Community Conversations
13. Justice Talk Tuesday's and Justice Advocacy Day Steering Committee
14. ACLU National Smart Justice Campaign
15. Atlanta/Fulton Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative
16. Sponsoring the Establishment of Arise Recovery Residences
17. Sponsoring the Establishment of Truth's Place Family Restoration and Recovery Services
18. Georgia Department of Corrections Citizens Advisory Panel; Founding Member
19. Fulton County, GA: Heroin Working Task Force; Court Watcher Program; Records Restriction & Expungement Ad Hoc
20. US Department of Health and Human Services: Game Changers Working Group; Stay Strong! Stay Connected Summit 2018
21. Georgia Employment Working Group: Local Beyond Ban the Box Strategies
22. National Day of Empathy and Public Awareness Initiative with Dream Corps, Inc.
23. International Prisoners Family Conference - Advocacy in Action Coalition
24. Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities: Family Reunification Working Group
25. Shatterproof Rise Up Against Addiction Annual 5K Walk/Run
26. Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority Annual Health Summits: Institutions Committee



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