

Trends in Criminal Justice

Bail Reform

Congressman Ted W. Lieu (D | Los Angeles County) introduced the “No Money Bail Act of 2016,” a bail reform bill that seeks to eliminate the use of money bail because no one should be held in jail solely because of the inability to pay bail.

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Pell-Grant Reinstated

The *Department of Education* announced the *Second Chance Pell Pilot Program* to test new models to allow incarcerated Americans to receive Pell Grants and pursue the postsecondary education with the goal of helping them get jobs, support their families, and turn their lives around.

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Because Kids are Different

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Models for Change

Chaplains

Chaplains who retire are not being replaced or filled by staff. Some prisons are reassigning religious programs to Program Managers and replacing chaplains with volunteers. The Bureau of Prisons are giving hiring preference to Veterans for chaplaincy positions.

Ronald Turner

Going Pro: Making the Case for Professional Chaplains
[Corrections Today](#), Nov/Dec 2016, p. 81-82, 90

Deincarceration

The Safety and Justice Challenge is an initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails. The initiative—an initial five-year, \$75 million investment by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation—features a competition to help jurisdictions across the country create fairer, more effective local justice systems.

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Mental Health Treatment in Correctional Facilities

Over the past 50 years [America has] gone from institutionalizing people with mental illnesses, often in subhuman conditions, [in state mental health hospitals] to incarcerating them at unprecedented and appalling rates—putting recovery out of reach for millions of Americans [...] On any given day, between 300,000 and 400,000 people with mental illnesses are incarcerated in jails and prisons across the United States, and more than 500,000 people with mental illnesses are under correctional control in the community.”

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Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The PREA Resource Center (PRC) is working to address sexual safety in confinement, and to assist state and local jurisdictions with implementation of the Department of Justice National PREA Standards.

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Ban the Box

A campaign to remove the box on employment applications asking if you have ever been convicted of a felony and ending discrimination.

bantheboxcampaign.org

[The Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2015 \(S.2123\) has bipartisan support.](#)

Specialty Courts

Specialty courts, also known as problem solving courts, seek to help low-level criminal defendants suffering from an underlying mental health, social, or substance abuse problem from becoming repeat offenders. Specialty courts achieve this goal by providing treatment and intensive supervision. Specialty courts include domestic violence, veterans, drug, and reentry courts.

Guiding Principles of Trauma-Informed Care

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[The Brennan Center works nationwide to restore voting rights to people with past criminal convictions.](#)

Justice Reinvestment Initiative

Aimed at reducing admissions to corrections systems and lengths of stay, changing incentives for systems players, and reinvesting in public safety by strengthening community institutions.

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[Thinking for a Change \(T4C\) 4.0 is an integrated cognitive behavioral change program.](#)

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