



# ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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# JUSTICE REFORM PARTNERSHIP

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*Rooted in community. Building power together.*



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# WHO WE ARE

Since 2015, the **Justice Reform Partnership (JRP)** has led Georgia's only statewide criminal legal reform coalition. The JRP has actively fostered and facilitated opportunities for community engagement and collaboration on critical issues affecting individuals, families, and communities impacted by criminal legal systems.

*“Our work is rooted in community engagement, policy advocacy, and leadership development to dismantle harmful legal systems and build equitable, restorative practices.”*

As a collective of over 100 diverse organizations and individuals from communities across Georgia—including Atlanta, Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Savannah, and Brunswick—the JRP works collaboratively to advance criminal legal reform at both the state and local levels. Our work is rooted in community engagement, policy advocacy, and leadership development to dismantle harmful systems and build equitable, restorative practices. By fostering strong partnerships and mobilizing directly impacted communities, JRP leads reform efforts statewide while amplifying the voices of those most affected by the criminal legal system.



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# OUR ASPIRATIONS

## The JRP aspires to the following ideals:

- To center the experiences of those who have been directly impacted by the criminal legal system.
- To build power within and outside of the Atlanta Metropolitan area to end mass incarceration in our lifetime.
- To build a culturally diverse and informed coalition capable of educating communities about criminal justice reform.
- To embrace statewide and local grassroots advocacy as a means to catalyze change in the criminal legal system.
- To build allies across communities, including groups not typically aligned, where safe and feasible.
- To support community-based infrastructure that encourages transformation and rehabilitation, rather than incarceration.
- To establish JRP chapters outside of Atlanta capable of supporting community-specific initiatives.
- To run effective campaigns grounded in the leadership of directly impacted people in Georgia.
- To communicate narratives that acknowledge the racial impact of laws, policies, and practices in Georgia.



# OUR CORE VALUES

We believe every Georgian should be treated with dignity and have the ability to thrive in safe and strong communities. We believe that justice should advance public safety; be fair; transparent and respectful; and support restoration of people in their communities. The following statements reflect the core values that further these beliefs and inform our policy goals.

**A. Accountability:** A fair justice system is transparent and is accountable to all it serves.

**B. Collaboration:** We can only be successful if we establish relationships of trust, respect and mutual commitment. Collaboration requires members who are willing to: actively listen; share information and insight; communicate concisely and clearly; have a genuine interest in different ideas and experiences; and engage in shared decision-making.

**C. Compassion:** Trauma, substance abuse, poverty and medical or mental health disorders should receive compassionate care and effective treatment, not justice system involvement.

**D. Dignity:** Georgia must protect public safety while addressing the needs and respecting the dignity of those involved in the justice system.

**E. Equity:** Every Georgian should have access to the resources necessary to live a productive, safe and healthy life.

**F. Fairness:** Georgia will be safer and stronger when the justice system treats every person without bias or prejudice— regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, income, national origin, race, religion, or sexual identity.

**G. Forgiveness:** Our families and communities can only heal and thrive when restorative justice becomes the methodology and there are meaningful and accessible opportunities for those who have been involved in the justice system.



**H. Innovation:** Georgia must continue to identify and implement evidence-based policies that will increase public safety and help individuals and families succeed. Those directly impacted by the justice system should be engaged and lead in the identification of innovative strategies for reform.

**I. Investment:** Resources for education, employment, housing, healthcare and transportation should be invested in communities disproportionately impacted by crime to help create equity, and build strong and thriving communities. We should also divest in ineffective criminal justice practices that perpetuate the cycle of poverty and crime.

**J. Justice:** Justice should not be reserved for the wealthy. The rights of every person in Georgia must be protected and every crime survivor deserves to participate in the justice process.

**K. Persistence:** There is much work to be done in Georgia to meet the needs of those involved in the justice system and to make communities safer and stronger. We will maintain focus and drive in any political or economic climate.

**L. Potential:** Georgia will have safer communities and healthier families when every person has the resources and opportunities necessary to reach their fullest potential and are encouraged to express their skills and talents.

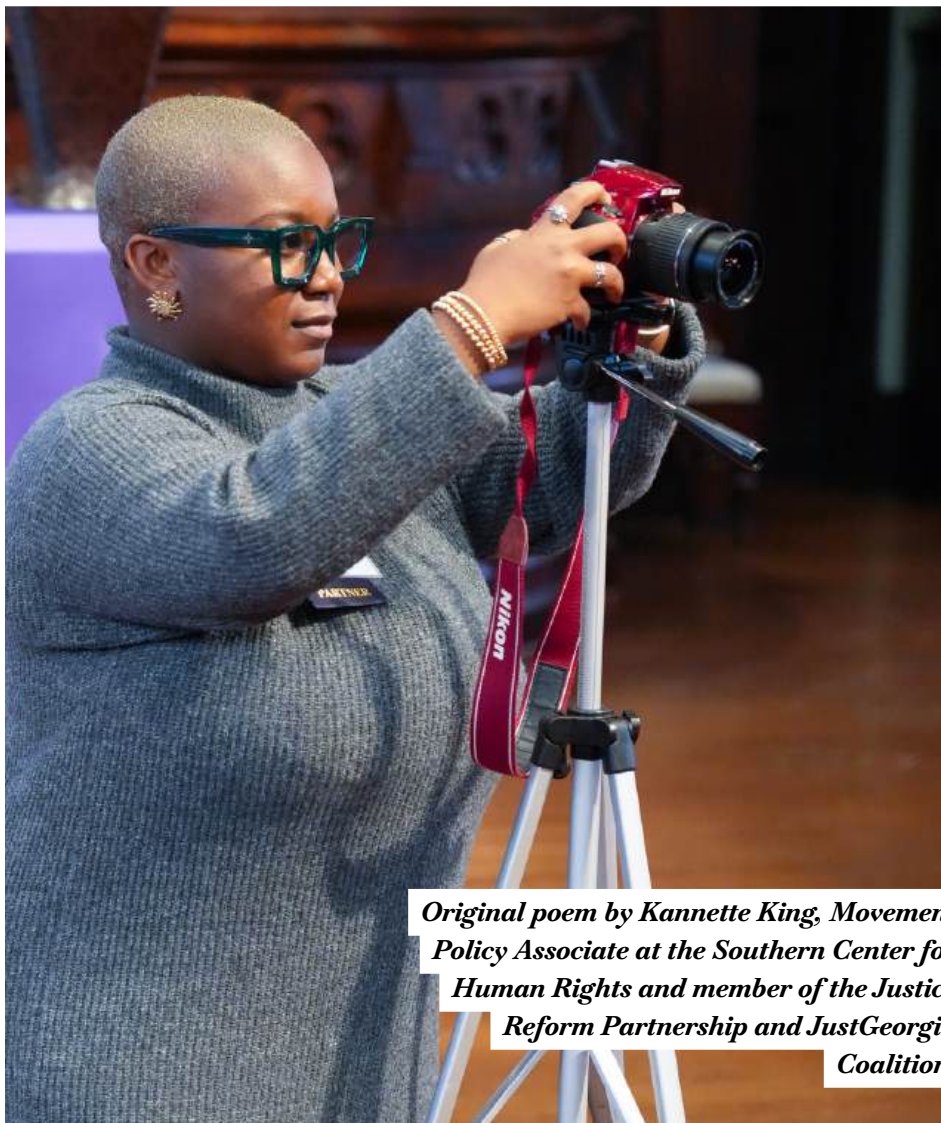
**M. Respect:** Georgia must acknowledge the value, potential, and dignity of every person when developing and implementing policies and practices that impact our communities and families.



# WHERE STORYTELLING MEETS ACTION

*The strength of our coalition lives in the voices of our partners.  
This space is dedicated to reflection, creativity, and storytelling  
— honoring the experiences that guide our collective work.*

Throughout this year, storytelling, solidarity, and action remained at the heart of JRP's work across the state. From legislative advocacy to fieldwork in South Georgia, we continued creating spaces rooted in joyful resistance — building community, deepening accountability, and reminding ourselves that this work has always been about collective care and power together.



*Original poem by Kannette King, Movement Policy Associate at the Southern Center for Human Rights and member of the Justice Reform Partnership and JustGeorgia Coalition.*



The facade of society  
is stained with the  
footprints of ghosts tracking  
red clay

The mud seeps into  
the crevices of what  
we know to be reality

The pain distorts my face  
as I try to scrub off the guilt

It was me.

I didn't extend my arms  
far enough to catch  
the falling star

It was me.

I didn't run fast enough  
to stop the train

It was me.

I didn't stay awake long  
enough to keep guard

It was—

My heart stills as the hands  
of those around me come  
to rest upon my shoulders

Community was never  
about me.

It was about we.

The South Georgia clay still  
runs thick  
The Spanish moss still  
breezes through the sticky  
air  
And just as honey binds, so  
do we.



## JUSTICE DAY AT THE CAPITOL

# JOYFUL RESISTANCE

## *A Day of Storytelling, Solidarity, and Action*

Since 2010, JRP partners have come together to sponsor Justice Day at the Capitol—an annual event designed to empower everyday people to learn about criminal legal reforms, build relationships, and advocate for change directly with elected officials. Justice Day centers the voices of directly impacted individuals, ensuring their stories and experiences lead the movement for meaningful policy change.



# 15TH

ANNUAL JUSTICE DAY

# 400+

REGISTRATIONS

# 250+

PARTICIPANTS IN-PERSON  
& VIRTUALLY

Held on **February 24, 2026**, this year's Justice Day brought together community members, advocates, and our justice impacted community from across Georgia for a day of action-oriented advocacy, policy education, and elevating community voices through direct engagement with lawmakers at the Georgia State Capitol. The event was made accessible both in person and virtually—reflecting the coalition's commitment to broad participation.

This year's theme, **Joyful Resistance**, centered the power of community, lived experience, and collective action—reminding us that even in challenging times, our stories continue to move justice forward. The theme carried through every moment of the day—from opening remarks to closing reflections—grounding participants in purpose and solidarity.



## Sessions & Breakout Conversations

Throughout the day, attendees participated in an expert legislative panel, heard from a community panel of leaders with lived experience, engaged directly with lawmakers to advocate for justice reform priorities and joined educational breakout sessions designed to create space for deeper conversations around the issues driving Georgia's justice reform movement.

### FEATURED MOMENT

#### Talk Justice Tuesday Live at Justice Day

A special live edition focused on reforming Georgia's parole process. Grounded in lived experience, the conversation created space for honest reflection and reinforced a central message — **this work is about our communities, our people.**

Breakout sessions were led by advocates and our partners from Atlanta Community Support Project, Interfaith Children's Movement, ReNforce, Rights Restoration Coalition of Georgia, the Southern Center for Human Rights, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), Women on the Rise Georgia, and Youth Ambassadors from Chatham County. Their leadership and lived expertise helped create meaningful conversations that inspired learning, connection, and action throughout the day.

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

#### Conversations on Key Issues

- Youth Justice & Reentry
- Felony Disenfranchisement
- Court Accountability (JusticeWatch)
- Data Privacy in the A.I. Era
- Storytelling for Justice



*Ronnie Fuller, Justice Day 2026*



*Justice Day 2026 Youth Ambassadors*

## In Their Own Words

*“What an inspirational experience at the Joyful Resistance: A Day of Storytelling, Solidarity, and Action, focused on improving criminal justice and supporting our communities. Thank you to the Justice Reform Partnership for hosting an incredible event!”*

— **GEORGIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY**  
via Facebook • Justice Day 2026



# TALK JUSTICE TUESDAY

## *Advancing Public Education & Collective Advocacy*

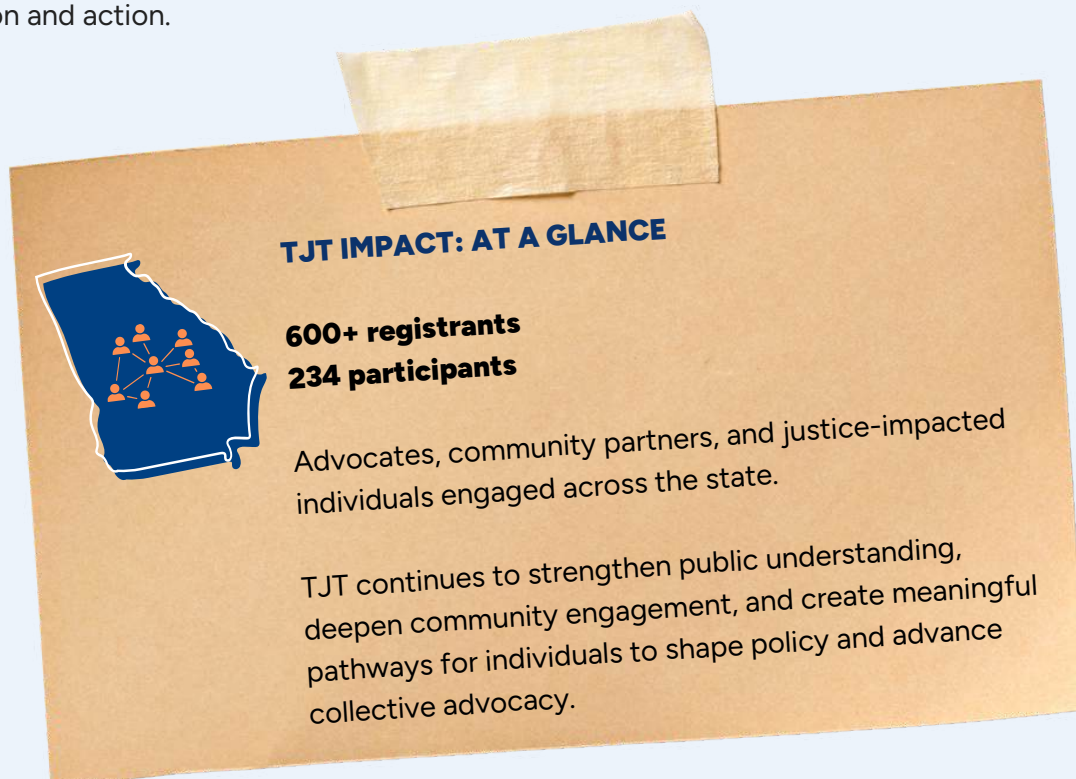
**Talk Justice Tuesday (TJT)** continues to serve as a cornerstone of JRP’s public engagement strategy—creating accessible spaces to educate communities, break down complex policy issues, and uplift the voices of those directly impacted by the justice system. Since expanding to a year-round series, TJT has strengthened collaboration across partners while building a consistent platform for shared learning, storytelling, and collective advocacy.

*“Thank you ... this is such an important conversation.”*

— TALK JUSTICE TUESDAY ATTENDEE

Throughout the fall, TJT sessions continued to bring attention to critical and timely justice issues across the state. In October, partners elevated the Survivor’s Justice Act (HB 582), highlighting how incarcerated survivors led and shaped advocacy efforts. In November, conversations focused on mental health, stability, and support for incarcerated individuals and their families, while December closed with a vital discussion on protecting protest rights and defending democracy in Georgia.

As the legislative session approached, TJT transitioned into a focused four-part series designed to prepare community members for direct engagement at each stage of the policymaking process. From understanding how legislation moves, to tracking key developments leading up to Crossover Day, to reflecting on session outcomes, these conversations helped bridge the gap between education and action.



A key highlight this year was Talk Justice Tuesday Live at Justice Day, which focused on *Reforming Georgia's Parole Process* in collaboration with our partners, Southern Center for Human Rights, Women on the Rise Georgia, and Atlanta Community Support Project.

Grounded in lived experience, this session created space for powerful storytelling and honest reflection, reinforcing that Justice Day is not only about policy—but about people, communities, and the real lives impacted by the criminal justice system.



**Talk Justice Tuesday sessions were led in collaboration with our partners:**

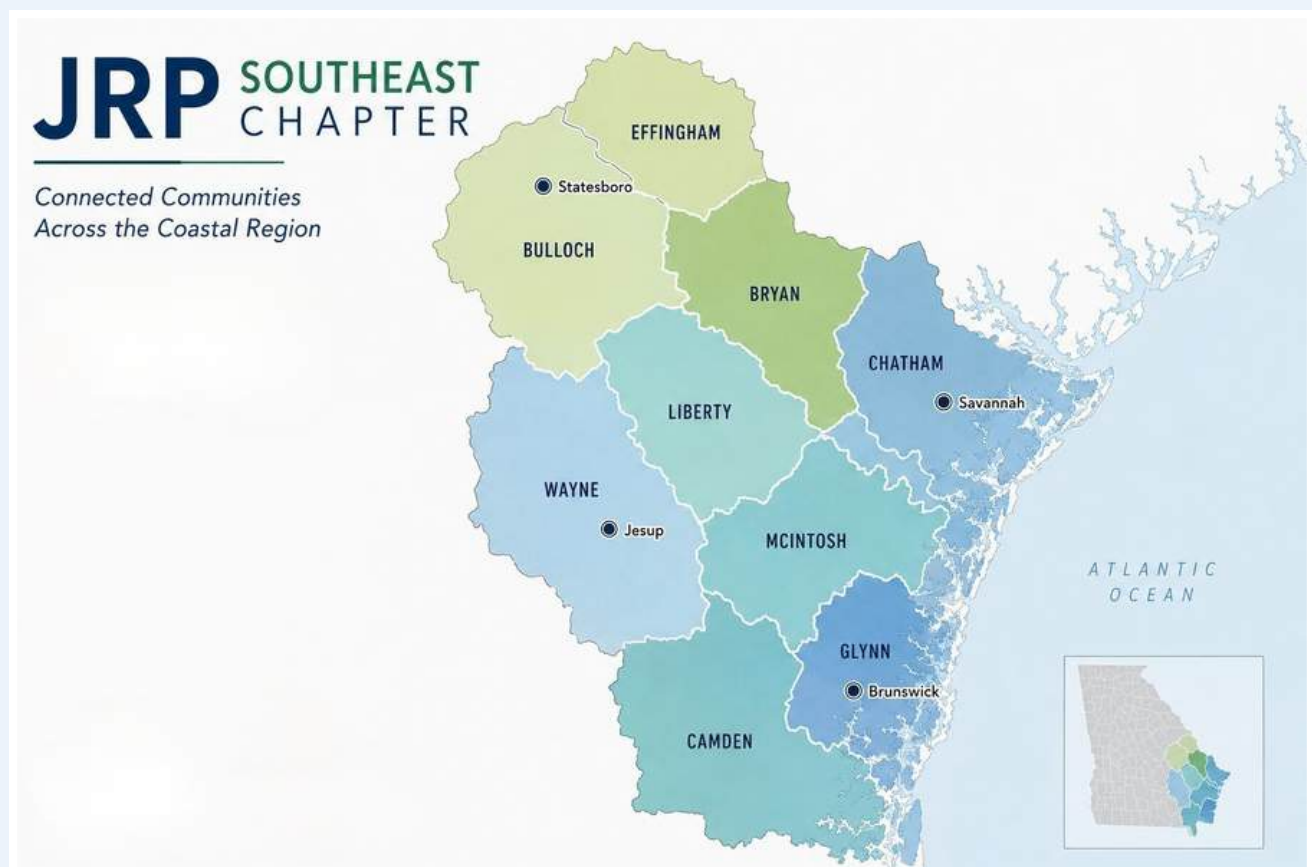
- Atlanta Community Support Project
- CAIR Georgia
- Change in Motion
- Cory Clevenger
- Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Georgia Justice Project
- Gold Dome Partners
- Igniting Hope Georgia
- Motherhood Beyond Bars
- Barred Business
- New Life—Second Chance Outreach, Inc.
- Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative
- Restore GA
- Southern Center for Human Rights.
- Southern Poverty Law Center
- Women on the Rise Georgia
- Women's Diversity Network

# SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

## *Deepening Regional Impact Through Community Leadership*

The **Southeast (Coastal) Chapter**, anchored by Deep Center, continues to grow as a powerful hub for justice reform collaboration across the region.

Co-facilitated by Danielle Pilgrim, Director of Public Policy and Communications, and Austin Rojas, Community Organizer, the chapter has expanded to include a diverse network of eight partner organizations and community leaders working collectively to advance equitable reentry, policy change, and community healing. Together, these partners bring grassroots leadership, policy experts, and lived experience to advance a shared vision for justice.



### Chapter Partners

- A Better Glynn (Bobby Henderson)
- Dismas Charities (Renee Williams)
- Georgia Department of Community Supervision – Reentry Services Division (James Butler)
- Julius Campbell
- Migrant Equity Southeast (Daniela Rodriguez)
- Talented Individuals with Power (T.I.P.) Organization (Angela Brantley)
- The Bigger We (Opollo Johnson)



## Advancing Policy Education & Advocacy

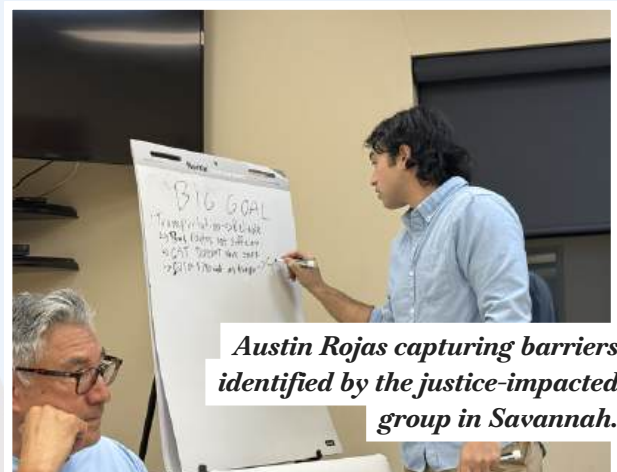
Over the past year, the chapter has strengthened its role as a space for community-driven policy learning and advocacy, ensuring that those closest to the issues are shaping solutions. A cornerstone of this work was a reentry and expungement simulation, which brought together more than 65 community members and partners. This interactive experience grounded policy conversations in the real-life challenges of reentry, helping participants better understand systemic barriers while building empathy and alignment.

Building on this momentum, the chapter is developing a series of community teach-ins to sustain engagement, deepen public understanding, and equip residents with the knowledge needed to advocate for change.

These efforts have already contributed to tangible progress. The chapter supported advocacy that led to the establishment of a Reentry Coordinator position in Chatham County—a significant systems-level advancement that is now moving into implementation and will strengthen local reentry infrastructure.



***Barbershop Talks hosted by Deep Center and Dismas Charities.***



***Austin Rojas capturing barriers identified by the justice-impacted group in Savannah.***

## Expanding Reentry Support & Restorative Community Practices

The Southeast Chapter continues to expand access to reentry resources while centering directly impacted individuals as leaders in shaping solutions. A growing justice-impacted working group has become a key driver of this work, ensuring advocacy priorities reflect lived experiences and community-defined needs. This group plays a critical role in guiding both strategy and accountability.

A Better Glynn has strengthened partnerships with the Solicitor's Office, Georgia Legal Services, and the Georgia Justice Project, increasing access to expungement and record restriction services. These collaborations are helping remove legal barriers and open pathways to stability for returning citizens.

The chapter has also sustained Deep Cuts Barbershop Talks, which continue to serve as a trusted, culturally grounded space for honest dialogue, connection, and community education around justice issues.

Recognizing the importance of healing and conflict resolution, the chapter formalized a partnership with the Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire. Through an updated memorandum of understanding, partners now incorporate restorative circles as a tool to address harm, strengthen relationships, and promote accountability across organizations and within the broader community.

## Looking Ahead

As the Southeast (Coastal) Chapter grows, we remain committed to community leadership, cross-sector collaboration, and solutions rooted in lived experience. With a strong foundation in place, the chapter is well-positioned to deepen its impact—expanding access to reentry support, advancing policy change, and building a more just and restorative regional ecosystem.



# OUR MEMBERSHIP & TIERS

In **2025-2026**, JRP focused on strengthening its membership infrastructure to advance long-term strategic priorities. The Membership Committee prioritized refining internal processes—streamlining its vetting process, restructuring interviews, and improving onboarding for new members—to support intentional, sustainable growth.

While recruitment was not the primary focus, the coalition successfully deepened engagement with existing partners and strengthened alignment across membership tiers. Notably, the continued growth of the JRP Southeast Chapter marks a key milestone in expanding regional impact.



## STEERING PARTNERS

Serves as a core coalition leader, helping guide JRP's priorities, strategy, and decision-making. Steering Partners attend at least 8 monthly meetings and have voting privileges.



## ANCHOR PARTNERS

Demonstrates a strong commitment to JRP through consistent engagement and leadership. Anchor Partners attend at least 4 monthly meetings and have voting privileges.



## GENERAL PARTNERS

Actively participates in coalition activities, advocacy efforts, trainings, and events that advance JRP's priorities and strengthen our collective impact.



## SUPPORTING PARTNERS

Supports JRP's mission by staying engaged with the coalition, participating in coalition and advocacy opportunities as capacity permits.

# OUR PARTNERS

Our partners are deeply engaged in transforming systems through advocacy, organizing, and education, and are aligned across three priority areas:

- **Advancing Youth Justice**
- **Improving Prison and Jail Conditions**
- **Eliminating Barriers to Reintegration**

| KEY       |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>S</b>  | Steering Partner   |
| <b>A</b>  | Anchor Partner     |
| <b>G</b>  | General Partner    |
| <b>SP</b> | Supporting Partner |

| Partner                                     | Membership Tier |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| A Better Glynn                              | <b>(A)</b>      |
| ACLU of Georgia                             | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Albany Second Chance                        | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| All of Us or None Atlanta Chapter           | <b>(S)</b>      |
| Asian-Americans Advancing Justice           | <b>(G)</b>      |
| Athens Reentry Collaborative                | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Atlanta Community Support Project           | <b>(S)</b>      |
| Atlanta Jobs with Justice                   | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Atlanta Public Defender's Office            | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Barred Business                             | <b>(S)</b>      |
| Barton Child Law and Policy Center at Emory | <b>(G)</b>      |
| Black Lives Matter Atlanta                  | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Black Male Initiative                       | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Center for Access to Justice                | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Central Outreach & Advocacy Center          | <b>(A)</b>      |
| CEO Works                                   | <b>(A)</b>      |
| Change In Motion                            | <b>(S)</b>      |
| Coco Papy                                   | <b>(G)</b>      |
| Color of Change                             | <b>(G)</b>      |
| Common Cause Georgia                        | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Common Good Atlanta                         | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Community Council of Metropolitan Atlanta   | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Cory Clevenger                              | <b>(G)</b>      |
| Council on American-Islamic Relations       | <b>(S)</b>      |
| David Cloud                                 | <b>(G)</b>      |
| Deep Center                                 | <b>(S)</b>      |



| Partner                                           | Membership Tier |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dismas Charities                                  | (A)             |
| Donna Marain                                      | (S)             |
| Elizabeth Taxel                                   | (G)             |
| End Mass Incarceration Georgia Network            | (S)             |
| Equity in Education                               | (A)             |
| Faith in Public Life                              | (SP)            |
| First Corinth MBC                                 | (SP)            |
| Foreverfamily                                     | (SP)            |
| FWD us                                            | (SP)            |
| GA Coalition for the People's Agenda              | (S)             |
| Georgia Alliance for Social Justice               | (SP)            |
| Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice      | (G)             |
| Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers   | (S)             |
| Georgia Budget and Policy Institute               | (G)             |
| Georgia Coalition for Higher Education in Prisons | (G)             |
| Georgia Equality                                  | (G)             |
| Georgia Innocence Project                         | (G)             |
| Georgia Interfaith Public Policy Center           | (S)             |
| Georgia Justice Project                           | (S)             |
| Georgia NAACP                                     | (SP)            |
| Georgia Public Policy Foundation                  | (SP)            |
| Georgia Shift                                     | (SP)            |
| Georgia State University College of Law           | (SP)            |
| Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network             | (SP)            |
| Georgia Task Force for the Homeless               | (SP)            |
| Georgia Youth Justice Coalition                   | (G)             |



| Partner                                         | Membership Tier |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty | (S)             |
| Gideon's Promise                                | (G)             |
| Girls Breaking Chains                           | (G)             |
| Igniting Hope Georgia                           | (S)             |
| Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN)         | (G)             |
| Interfaith Children's Movement                  | (S)             |
| James Butler                                    | (A)             |
| Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta   | (G)             |
| John Harrison                                   | (A)             |
| Julius Campbell                                 | (A)             |
| Legal Action Center                             | (S)             |
| Liberty County Re-Entry Coalition               | (SP)            |
| Michael Owens                                   | (G)             |
| Migrant Equity Southeast                        | (A)             |
| Motherhood Beyond Bars                          | (S)             |
| Multifaith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration | (A)             |
| National Incarceration Association              | (S)             |
| Necessary Trouble                               | (SP)            |
| New Life-Second Chance Outreach                 | (S)             |
| Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative    | (G)             |
| Presbyterians for a Better Georgia              | (SP)            |
| Prison Reform Advocates of America              | (SP)            |
| Probation Information Network                   | (S)             |
| Project South                                   | (A)             |
| Ray Khalfani                                    | (G)             |
| Reform Georgia                                  | (A)             |



| Partner                                        | Membership Tier |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Rehoboth Family and Community Services         | <b>(A)</b>      |
| ReNforce                                       | <b>(G)</b>      |
| Repair the World                               | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Resilient Georgia                              | <b>(A)</b>      |
| Restore Georgia                                | <b>(A)</b>      |
| Returning Her Home                             | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Shanequa Levin                                 | <b>(S)</b>      |
| Southern Center for Human Rights               | <b>(S)</b>      |
| Southern Poverty Law Center                    | <b>(S)</b>      |
| Sur Legal                                      | <b>(G)</b>      |
| Talented Individuals with Power (TIP)          | <b>(A)</b>      |
| The Bigger We                                  | <b>(A)</b>      |
| The DeKalb Library - Wesley Chapel             | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| The King Center                                | <b>(G)</b>      |
| The Power of Peace Project                     | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| The Wren Collective                            | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Tzedek Georgia                                 | <b>(S)</b>      |
| Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta | <b>(S)</b>      |
| United Way of Greater Atlanta                  | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Urban League of Greater Atlanta                | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Voice of the Experienced                       | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Voices for Georgia's Children                  | <b>(G)</b>      |
| Women on the Rise                              | <b>(S)</b>      |
| Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor      | <b>(SP)</b>     |
| Working Families                               | <b>(G)</b>      |

# FROM PLANNING TO ACTION

Building on the coalition’s strategic planning process, JRP convened Steering and Anchor Partners in April 2026, for a strategic plan implementation work session focused on exploring how the coalition can move priority initiatives from vision to action.

Partners reviewed the coalition’s action goals, objectives, and initiatives and engaged in breakouts about implementation pathways, shared leadership, decision-making processes, and the structures needed to support long-term success. A significant area of focus was exploring the development of a Legislative Committee to strengthen coordination around legislative advocacy, communication, and coalition-wide engagement.

**Mission**

**Vision**

**Values**

**Goals**

## Work Session Focus Areas

- Legislative Committee Development
- Shared Leadership Opportunities
- Legislative Advocacy Coordination
- Coalition Communication & Infrastructure
- Developing a process for setting & revisiting coalition priorities



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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

This year, JRP continued building collective power, legislative advocacy, statewide partner and community engagement across Georgia. Throughout the legislative session, we worked alongside justice-impacted leaders, partners, and advocates to support policies rooted in justice and accountability, while also pushing back on harmful legislation that would further criminalize our communities.

From tracking bills and organizing advocacy efforts to amplifying community voices at the Capitol, our work remained grounded in collaboration and the lived experiences of those most impacted by the system.

## Legislation We Supported

| KEY                                                                                |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|  | Became Law         |
|  | Did Not Become Law |

| BILL #         | DESCRIPTION OF LEGISLATION                                                                                                                                                             | STATUS                                                                                |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>HB 162</b>  | Modernizes the First Offender Act by providing automatic restriction and sealing of eligible court and arrest records.                                                                 |  |
| <b>SB 207</b>  | Expands fair chance occupational licensing opportunities by limiting barriers tied to criminal records and increasing access to employment pathways for directly impacted individuals. |  |
| <b>HB 535</b>  | Fixes how “time served” is calculated for people incarcerated while awaiting probation revocation hearings.                                                                            |  |
| <b>HB 1131</b> | Improves warrant application hearing procedures and notice requirements, including in-person service protections.                                                                      |  |
| <b>HB 237</b>  | Would have strengthened protections against the use of artistic expression, including rap lyrics, in criminal proceedings.                                                             |  |
| <b>HB 1255</b> | Improves criminal discovery procedures and access to evidence in criminal defense cases.                                                                                               |  |

| BILL #         | DESCRIPTION OF LEGISLATION                                                                                                                                        | STATUS |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>HB 894</b>  | Georgia Second Look Act, allowing certain incarcerated individuals to petition courts for sentence reductions after 20 years.                                     |        |
| <b>HB 283</b>  | Would have prevented people from being jailed for refusing to sign traffic citations.                                                                             |        |
| <b>HB 1398</b> | Would have required pregnancy to be considered during bail and sentencing determinations.                                                                         |        |
| <b>HB 140</b>  | Would have limited local government dependence on revenue generated through court fines and forfeitures.                                                          |        |
| <b>HB 673</b>  | Would have expanded First Offender eligibility for people prosecuted as adults for offenses committed as children.                                                |        |
| <b>HB 1061</b> | Would have established the Raise the Age Committee (Mandi Ballinger Act) to explore pathways for including 17-year-olds within Georgia's juvenile justice system. |        |
| <b>HB 1429</b> | Would have improved statewide transparency and data collection regarding juvenile fines and fees.                                                                 |        |
| <b>HB 496</b>  | Would have clarified that the smell of marijuana alone is not sufficient probable cause for searches or arrests.                                                  |        |

## Legislation **We Opposed**

### KEY

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
|  | Did Not Become Law |
|  | Became Law         |

| BILL #          | DESCRIPTION OF LEGISLATION                                                                                                                  | STATUS |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| SB 268          | Would have created a 25-foot law enforcement "buffer zone," limiting the public's ability to record police activity.                        |        |
| SB 177          | Would have expanded state oversight and criminalization risks for grassroots advocacy organizations and political activity.                 |        |
| SB 27           | Would have created criminal offenses for "doxing" that are unconstitutionally over-broad and would criminalize protected speech             |        |
| HB 675          | Would have created broad "material support for terrorism" offenses carrying severe felony penalties.                                        |        |
| HB 1076         | Would have created a new felony offense tied to obstructing law enforcement with vehicles and increased protest-related criminal penalties. |        |
| SB 29 & SB 116  | Would have expanded DNA collection practices tied to arrests and immigration-related detention.                                             |        |
| SB 468          | Would have automated risk classification levels for the sexual offense registry rather than allowing individualized assessments.            |        |
| HB 1142         | Would have created a domestic violence registry with significant concerns around long-term legal and collateral consequences.               |        |
| SB 482          | Would have restricted public access to police body camera and dash camera footage.                                                          |        |
| HB 1390         | Would have expanded civil asset forfeiture practices.                                                                                       |        |
| SB 204          | Expands the ability to charge many felony offenses through accusation rather than indictment by a grand jury.                               |        |
| SB 594 & HB 171 | Would have created harmful AI crime sentencing enhancements and exposed children to criminalization tied to AI-generated content offenses.  |        |

| BILL #         | DESCRIPTION OF LEGISLATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | STATUS |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>SB 443</b>  | Increases penalties connected to obstructing streets and highways during demonstrations.                                                                                                                                                                               |        |
| <b>HB 295</b>  | Allows property and business owners to sue local governments for not enforcing certain low-level offenses related to camping, loitering, and public conduct, further disincentivizing alternatives to policing and incarceration for people living in extreme poverty. |        |
| <b>HB 1075</b> | Escalates certain repeat misdemeanor offenses into felony charges, increasing criminal penalties and incarceration exposure.                                                                                                                                           |        |



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