



## We have been working on...

- On September 5th we released a report called the “Blueprint for Smart Justice Utah” that outlines specific steps to reduce Utah’s prison population by 50%;
- During the 2018 legislation session we testified to house and senate committees against unnecessary sentencing enhancements and in favor of parole reform;
- On April 10 we sent questionnaires to every county prosecutor candidate in Utah to get their thoughts on mass incarceration and racial disparities;
- We joined with Alliance for a Better Utah’s Education Fund to host primary and general election debates between county prosecutor candidates in Wasatch, Utah, and Salt Lake counties;
- Helped pass legislation to improve reporting by county jails of inmate deaths; filed litigation to obtain standards used by county jails

## Looking forward....

- We are tracking potential legislation in the 2019 session that could impact mass incarceration rates and racial disparities in Utah;
- Partnering with the Pioneer Justice Center to conduct a series of “Know Your Rights” trainings, covering multiple issues from voting rights to police encounters
- Continuing efforts to ensure qualities of confinement are just and humane

## You may have seen us at:

- Salon on Restorative Justice with Bryan Miller - June 2018
- Salt Lake and Utah County District Attorney Debates - October 2018
- BYU Conference September 21st



Prosecutorial and parole reform are the dual aims of the ACLU’s Campaign for Smart Justice in Utah. Our goals include reducing incarceration rates by 50% and combating racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Changes must be made from the entry point with prosecutors to the exit point with the Board of Pardons and Parole to ensure fair and just outcomes for individuals and communities alike. Prosecutorial reform means: altering the incentives that drive prosecutors, supporting reform-minded prosecutors and advancing prosecutorial practices that address racial disparities, and holding prosecutors accountable. We need parole reform so that people who have been rehabilitated can return to their families and communities. We need this reform now so that people can lead productive lives in the community instead of growing older and sicker in prison, losing opportunities for reentry, and living in limbo at the mercy of the parole board.

