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### **Welcome to the Refreshed ILJP Website**

The Illinois Justice Project (ILJP) was founded a decade ago and has since relied on four pillars essential to sustained and meaningful legal system reform: Policy, Principles, People and Persistence.

Today, ILJP launches a website with new colors and an updated design and logo. The structure and goal of our work remains the same. The pillars continue to guide our mission to create a criminal legal system that reduces violence, decreases prison recidivism and makes the legal system more equitable.

We invite you to explore ILJP's newly designed webpages to learn more about our work towards that mission and to support measures that create opportunity for people and reduce harm.

Included here are details about some of our shared progress: the historic end of cash bail in Illinois, a reform that has returned millions of dollars to communities and created a smarter, more robust pretrial hearing process; the launch of the Illinois Reentry Council and the Justice 20/20 Network; a housing pilot program that showed how providing support to people leaving incarceration helps them thrive and avoid returning to prison; court diversion programming and other changes that contributed to a 90% decline in the youth prison population; and the newly established government positions and offices that are led by people who are formerly incarcerated.

This work has been guided by data and research and the continual convenings of experts, which include those with the most direct system experience through arrest, conviction and incarceration.

There is more to do. Please remain in touch on these webpages and through our weekly news summary as the work continues.