

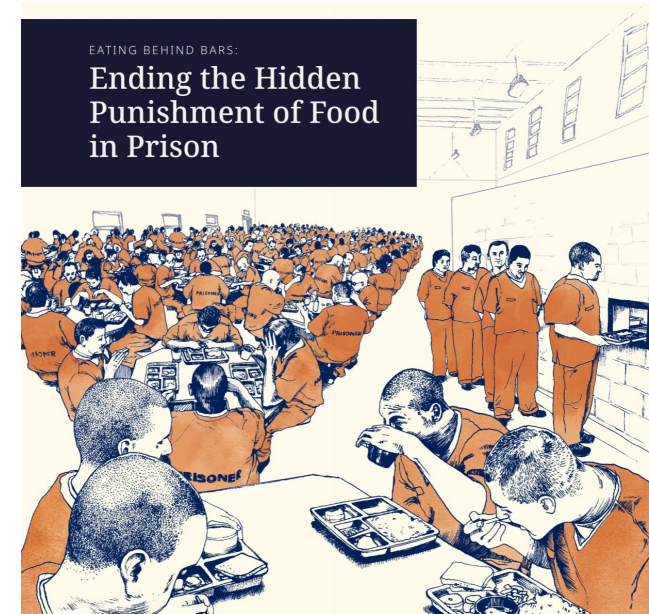
Introduction to Impact Justice

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Impact Justice

- National Innovation & Research Center
- Projects span the system
 - Restorative Justice Diversion
 - Men & Trauma
 - PREA Resource Center
 - Food in Prison
 - Homecoming



Key Project Staff

- **Alex Busansky**, Founder & President
- **Antoinette Davis**, Vice President & Director
- **Dr. Danielle Soto**, Associate Director
- **Kathryn Stroud**, Research Analyst
- **Lauren McGary**, Research Analyst
- **Brandon Miller**, Research Analyst
- **Donna Linton**, Expert Consultant

Expertise in Youth Justice

- Personal experience
- Impact Justice
 - Access to national experts in the field
 - Will be able to bring in a wide array of voices
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Working with Impacted Communities
- Community Engagement
- Mission Driven

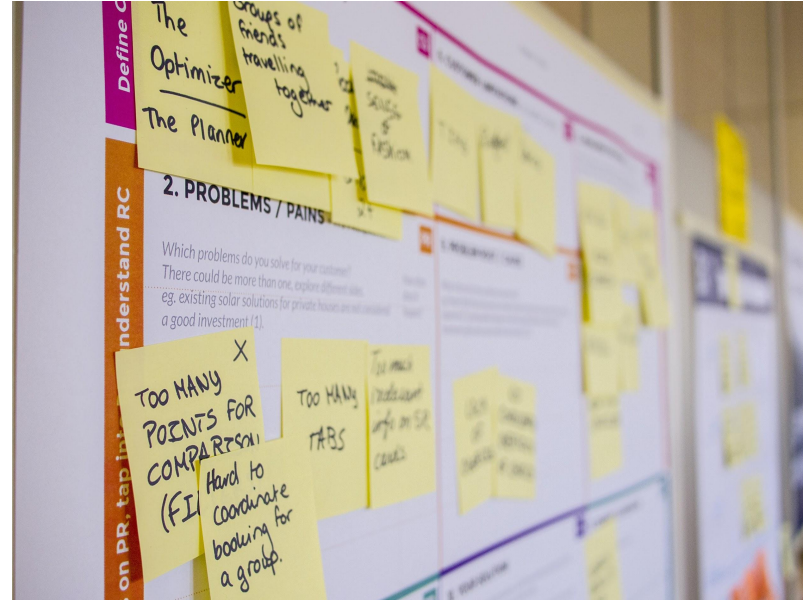
Principles & Values

- Solutions focused
- ID best & promising practices
- Focus on race/ethnicity & SOGIE with an intersectional lens
- Research
 - Multiple ways of knowing
 - Respect expertise of lived experience
 - Data analysis in context
 - Goal: provide clear findings, actionable insights, sound recommendations



Approach to Project Management

- Experienced working with multiple stakeholders at once
 - Large, multi-state projects
 - Smaller projects with deep community & youth engagement
- Communicate clearly & regularly with all partners
- Highly organized
- Reliable & realistic workplans & timelines



Role of Impact Justice

- Serve as expert technical advisors
 - Bring in content experts
 - Use expertise to identify best and promising practices
 - Make recommendations
- Project management
 - Keep subcommittee on task & on time
 - Initial plan due end of March!
- Writing the final plan documents
 - Ensure plan is comprehensive, realistic & fits within budget constraints

Approach to Support Subcommittee

- Expectations of the subcommittee
 - Meeting every Thursday from 12:30 - 2:30pm for next 2 months
 - Separate task meetings, working on specific components
 - Agenda item requests
 - Submit requests to me & agendas will be ran by Chair
- Record keeping process
 - Meetings will be recorded
 - Dedicated note taker & research analyst support
 - Minutes will be shared

Approach to Support Subcommittee

- Anticipated first steps:
 - Getting up to speed on the county's current/anticipated DJJ transfer population
- Services & Resource mapping
 - Analyzing current community-based providers
 - Identify gaps & needs → ID community partners to fill gaps
- Will come with project plan & timeline next meeting

Local Projects

- Local County Projects
 - Contra Costa County
 - Also supporting their SB823 transition
 - Alameda County
 - AB109 Community Capacity Fund Evaluation
 - Smart Defense Initiative Evaluation
 - Analysis of Placement Outcomes for Alameda County Probation

Youth Centered Projects

- Crisis and Recovery Enhancement (CARE) - Technical Assistance
 - Listening sessions/engaging multiple groups
 - System impacted youth, families, systems partners
- Grounded: Me and the Light
 - Utilizes art and artists (film, dance, spoken word, etc.) to inspire students, address trauma, & end cycles of violence
- Youth Alive!
 - Believes that urban youth have the capacity to stop the violence plaguing our communities
 - Works to develop and promote community-driven public safety solutions

Other Projects

- Commission Work
 - District of Columbia Police Reform Commission
 - Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Youth Diversion Initiative
- Innovative Programs
 - CJL AmeriCorps
 - Powered for Justice



Thank You!

Any Questions?

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