

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE FRAMEWORK

Mission

To invest in impactful, sustainable, and data-driven ideas to improve the criminal justice system and the safety of people living in New York City.

Goals

**IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**ENHANCE FAIRNESS AND EFFICIENCY IN NYC'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Guiding Principles

## COMMITMENT TO DATA-DRIVEN DECISION-MAKING

We will develop processes to collect and analyze data and evaluate investments using empirical evidence. We will share what we learn to inform the field so that future work can learn from CJII's strategic investments.

## COLLABORATION ACROSS SECTORS

Recognizing that significant, lasting change will require a multisystem reform effort, we are committed to working collaboratively across sectors to achieve CJII's vision.

## COMMITMENT TO IMPACTFUL AND SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS

We are committed to investments that address immediate needs, while also investing in innovative ideas that will provide lasting tools and services to people to improve their lives and communities.

## ENHANCE EFFECTIVENESS ACROSS SYSTEMS

Invest in efforts that will cut across systems to increase public safety and promote a fair and efficient justice system.

## PREVENT CRIMINALITY

Build skills and supports among youth, families, and communities to help prevent crime.

## INCREASE ACCESS TO SUPPORT

Develop new and enhanced approaches for working with victims of crime to increase access to services and respond to victims' needs.

## IMPROVE DIVERSION AND REENTRY

Increase diversion and reentry support to effectively address the needs and risks of young adults and adults in the justice system.

Actions & Investments

### INVESTMENTS

1. Create a network of navigators to connect with and guide individuals to ensure that they can access the resources and services they need.
2. Develop meaningful career pathways for at-risk, high-need groups including disconnected young people who are out of work and out of school, victims of crime, and people returning from incarceration.
3. Develop pathways to incorporate trauma-informed approaches for working with people in the justice system.

### INVESTMENTS

1. Develop coordinated, place-based comprehensive prevention networks for adolescents and young adults across multiple service providers and sites.
2. Expand capacity of evidence-based, promising, or innovative approaches to support family and youth development among at-risk populations.
3. Increase capacity for intensive support for youth who are aging out of the foster care system.

### INVESTMENTS

1. Improve access to services for vulnerable or underserved victims of crime.
2. Develop technology solutions to help victims of crime, especially domestic violence victims, find services that meet their varied needs.
3. Develop and pilot trauma-informed abusive partner intervention programs that hold offenders accountable and seek to change attitudes and behaviors that contribute to abuse.

### INVESTMENTS

1. Build on current diversion options for low-level, nonviolent offenses.
2. Strengthen the continuum of alternatives to detention and incarceration, including options that are specifically responsive to the needs of young adults, women, and individuals who frequently cycle through the system.
3. Invest in initiatives in jails and prisons to support successful reentry, and develop coordinated, comprehensive reentry services and support in communities.