Detention is NOT Prevention:

End Pretrial Detention DC



The carceral system goes from:





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THE SOLUTION

Legislators must create laws based on facts, not feelings. The facts are: that less than 2% of people are re-arrested for violent offenses when they are on pretrial release. Solutions should be narrowly tailored to address those who are committing harm instead of blanket solutions that fuel mass incarceration. Council should not move forward with ANY permanent legislation that expands pretrial detention for youth and adults.

When people are held pretrial, before they have been convicted of a crime, it disrupts and puts their livelihood and families at risk.

prisons

90% of people held at DC jail are Black, 53% are being held without a conviction.

THE ISSUE

Holding more people in cells actually does not keep us safe. DC Legislators misrepresented the data from Pretrial services and as a result are using outdated "tough on crime" tactics to create an illusion of safety...

[There were] "over 100 cases where people were charged with a crime of violence, released pretrial and recommitted another violent offense".

-Brook Pinto, Committee Chair

