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Join Us Virtually on November 10th!

Wednesday, November 10th
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m CST
1.5 standard CLE credits have been requested. Event code: #421025
This virtual event is free and open to the public. Registration required.

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With a focus on the length of prison sentences and their contribution to America's high rate of incarceration, our Prison Release: Degrees of Indeterminacy Project shines a light on the oft-ignored role that back-end decision-makers - like parole boards and prison officials - play in determining actual time served. Cross-state differences in legal frameworks for prison release decisions reflect differing capacities to reduce and control prison populations. An empirical examination of how these system design features interact across states provides policymakers with potential tools to manage prison population size.

The "Prison Release and Prison Population Size" presentation features a panel of researchers and practitioners who will review the lessons emerging from the Prison Release: Degrees of Indeterminacy Project and its potential for system-wide effects.

Panelists include:

Kevin K. Katz
Director of Research & Public Policy
Center for Prison Policy

Jennifer Shaffer
Justice Policy Institute

Julie Lesnikowy
Assistant Professor
University of Minnesota

Kristen Milloy
St. Cloud State University

Moderated by

Kelly Lyo-Mitchell
University of Georgia

The Robina Institute Announces Its Participation in Phase Two of the Reducing Revocations Challenge

In continued partnership with Ramsey County Community Corrections, we are proud to announce our participation in the second phase of the Reducing Revocations Challenge, with work slated to begin in the fall of 2021. In July 2021, our participation in phase one of the Arnold Ventures and CUNY ISLG-supported project culminated in the publication of Understanding Probation Violations and Disrupting the Revocation Pathway in Ramsey County, Minnesota. The report provides an extensive look into how probation works in Ramsey County, Minnesota and identifies changes in policy and practice that can reduce probation revocations and lead to better outcomes for individuals on probation while protecting public safety. Phase two offers the opportunity to implement select proposed changes and engage in ongoing assessment of the strategies through a racial equity lens. Learn more about the project at z.umn.edu/797a.

Examining Probation Officer Views on the Links Between Probation and Health Report

As part of the interdisciplinary Mass Probation and Health project, we led a survey of probation officers aimed at learning about probation officer attitudes and beliefs about the links between probation and health, and how they saw their role with regard to the health of people on probation.

The Examining Probation Officer Views on the Links Between Probation and Health report summarizes the survey findings and suggests potential policy interventions that could be implemented to improve the health and probation outcomes of people on probation.

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