

# Criminal Justice Reform

HENNEPIN COUNTY  
MINNESOTA

## Support funding and innovation to address needs in the criminal justice system

Preserve and advance public safety through state-county partnerships that solve funding challenges and support reform.

- Increase funding
- Remove barriers
- Improve outcomes

### Increase funding

Hennepin County supports increased Community Corrections Act (CCA) funding to ensure adequate state funding for supervision of offenders in the community.

Community supervision (probation and supervised release) is the backbone of Minnesota's criminal justice system. Research has shown community supervision helps to reduce recidivism and increase public safety.

Statewide funding for community supervision has not kept pace at the level required to provide effective correctional practices. As the number of CCA counties has grown, funding has not proportionately increased, leaving the system significantly underfunded.

Services administered through this program are the most cost-effective and results-driven way to rehabilitate offenders and ensure their successful reintegration into the community.

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## **Remove barriers**

- Support the unique needs of female and juvenile offenders in the community by strengthening collaboration with, and funding for, trauma-informed and culturally specific community-based programming in support of the corrections system.
- Support statutory changes to remove barriers in housing and employment for the survivors of human trafficking and for ex-offenders.
- Support the restoration of voting rights to persons on probation or parole for a felony conviction.
- Expand the expungement statute to support individuals who have housing or employment barriers and who have demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitation and community enhancement.

## **Improve outcomes**

Support a regional, cost-effective solution that delivers better outcomes and lowers recidivism through a strategic response to the needs of youth in correctional out-of-home placement.

Regional solutions in which resources among counties are shared across jurisdictional lines will increase efficiency and customize services based on the strength of individual county partners. Regional solutions can better access community-based supports that lead to prosocial development.