



Welcome!

End Mass Incarceration Georgia Network

General Meeting

Monday, August 28, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Agenda



- **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS**
- **OVERVIEW OF EMI GEORGIA NETWORK**
- **TRAINING – NETWORK AND OUTREACH**
- **EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY**
 - Elevating Youth Justice**
 - Preschool to Prison Pipeline
 - CHINS – Child in Need of Services (Full Implementation with Fidelity)
 - SB 367 (passed 2016) - Issue of children 13 and younger being placed in detention by juvenile courts
 - Raise the Age
 - Juvenile Life without Parole
 - Voting Rights
 - Cradle Justice: Breaking the Preschool to Prison Pipeline by Starting at the Beginning**
 - **Guest Presenters:**
 - Juanita Yancey, Executive Director, Georgia Head Start Association (20 mins.)
 - Stefanie Clardy, Babies Can't Wait, Georgia Department of Public Health
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WRAP UP**
 - Next meeting date – September 25, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.



MISSION | BELIEF | ACTION STATEMENTS

MISSION

The End Mass Incarceration Georgia Network is an intentional association of individuals, organizations, grassroots and faith communities formed to effect positive change in the areas of youth and criminal justice.

BELIEF

All children and families are of infinite value and potential--giving and deserving care, justice and support. This belief ensures an understanding that all strengthen the mosaic of life.

ACTION

In order to break the cycle of generational criminal and youth justice involvement, there must be an intentional, collective investment in schools, communities and appropriate supportive services for children and adults to ensure that all children and families can succeed.



What does EMI Georgia Network do?

EDUCATE

COMMUNICATE

FACILITATE

ADVOCATE

PARTICIPATE

Connect with us!



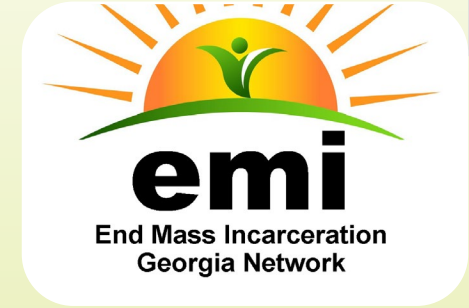
Join us on the fourth Monday at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for our general meeting!



Drop us an email at emiganetwork@gmail.com and become part of our Google Group!



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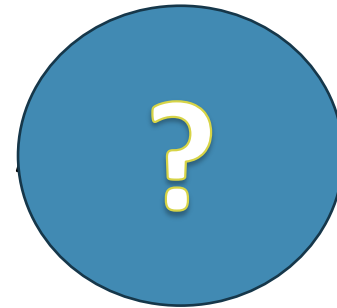
Next EMI Georgia Network Meeting – September 25, 2023



A network by any other name...

Groups of people or organizations working together to pursue a single goal.

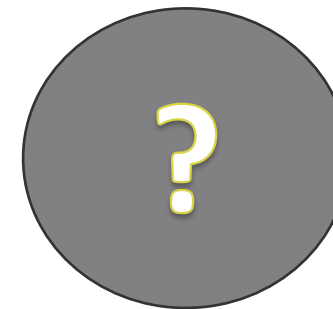
Often have a more formalized structure with the members making a long-term commitment to share responsibilities and resources. Their permanence can give clout and leverage.



Generally involve short term relationships among members and are focused on a specific objective. Being limited in time and goal, they tend to be less demanding on members.

Consist of individuals or organizations that share information, ideas and resources to accomplish individual or group goals. Tend to be loose, flexible associations of people and groups brought together by a common interest or concern to share information and ideas.

Process of acquiring resources and building power by using or creating linkages between two or more individuals, groups, or organizations.



Why is outreach within the network important?

The most important assets at the disposal of advocacy networks are information and communication.*



*<https://www.britannica.com/topic/advocacy-network>

EMI Georgia Network Outreach / In-reach Tool



Advocacy Platform (Responses) ☆ 📁 🌐

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Timestamp	Name of Organization or Individual	Location: State	Email Address	Advocacy Issue #1	Advocacy Issue #2
3/26/2022 19:25:25	Georgia Poor People's Campaign	Georgia		Issues impacting poor and low wage communities- 5 interlocking injustices https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/	Voting access
3/28/2022 11:08:09	Kimberly King	Georgia			
3/28/2022 13:52:47	Consuela Douglas	Atlanta, GA		Trafficking	Housing
3/28/2022 14:29:49	Black Child Development Institute (BCDI)-Atlanta	GA		Suspensions & Expulsions: Preschool - Grade 3	
3/28/2022 14:40:48	Nina Stephen - Georgia Poor People's Campaign	Georgia		Issues impacting poor and low wage communities- 5 interlocking injustices https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/	Voting access
3/28/2022 19:08:54	Deborah Johnson	Georgia		Strengthen Community Connections to interrupt the school to prison practices	Have teachers and school
5/23/2022 14:42:03	Church Women United	GA		Women and children,	mass incarceration of people
5/23/2022 20:40:36	Change Gon' Come	GA		Mass Incarceration	Community Building
8/22/2022 17:47:29	Jeff Willard Tzedek Georgia	Georgia		Criminal Justice Reform	Civil Rights
9/20/2022 17:09:30	Dr. Erin Kilpatrick	Metro ATL		Equitable & inclusive college/career readiness for K-16 BIPOC students with disabilities	Decrease incarcerations and
9/21/2022 11:51:22	Imani Center	Georgia		Better Medical/Dental Care for the incarcerated	More Parole Board Transparency
10/20/2022 11:01:52	Change Gon' Come	GA		Address Mass Incarceration	Racial Injustice & Equity
10/24/2022 12:19:01	Joli Cooper, GreenLight Fund	GA		Second Chance Employment	Access to safe and affordable
11/21/2022 0:15:40	Living On Purpose ATL, Inc..	Georgia		Housing	Living wage jobs
11/28/2022 12:35:14	Angela Booker/Wilkes County JumpStart Program & Center	GA		Voter Protection	Parents' Rights in the Workplace
12/1/2022 11:53:09	Georgia Coalition for Equity in Education (GCEE)	GA		Enforcing in the rights of students to have meaningful supports in the most integrated setting	recognizing the multiple identities
1/17/2023 21:31:37	FACES, Inc.	Georgia		School to Prison Pipeline and all barriers leading to.	Juvenile Justice
1/18/2023 10:33:20	Uplifting People, inc.	Georgia		Reduce Recidivism	Successfully Transitioning
1/18/2023 12:51:51	Coco Guthrie-Papy - Deep Center	Georgia		Juvenile justice reform	criminal justice reform
1/22/2023 20:59:31	Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty	Georgia		Abolition of the death penalty in Georgia	protects the humanity of people
1/23/2023 0:03:59	Individual, NIA, Rehoboth	GA		Profiling	Counseling and group meetings
1/24/2023 0:16:28	Mary Yeboah - Atlanta International School, Justice for All	GA		Death Penalty, Solitary Confinement, Coverups, Capitalism, Plea Deals, Corruption, Cruel and Unusual punishment - Advocate for Keith LaMar's retrial and freedom from 30 years of solitary	Prison Abolition - Restorative
1/24/2023 8:37:42	Black Voters Matter	Georgia		Warrant Clinics	Expungement Clinics
2/27/2023 6:31:07	Southern Women In Motion Foundation Inc	Georgia		Homelessness and poverty of formerly incarcerated people	Injustice
3/24/2023 22:25:39	Inmates Lives Matter: Inmate Advocate & Support Group	Georgia		Poor food diets/ incarceration persons not allowed to purchase vitamins	Staff refusing to write up reports
4/17/2023 16:07:09	SOSSI- Saving Our Sons & Sisters International	Georgia		Upskill Communities of Color- Tech, Digital, and Financial Literacy Skills	Reentry-- Youth2
4/23/2023 9:22:50	Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)	GA and several other states		BAJI advocates for racial, social and economic justice.	Civic engagement, Immigration
5/7/2023 18:52:05	I AM AWESOME AMAZING ALICE D FEAGINS INC	GA		PRESCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE	Lack Of Leadership Classes
5/19/2023 11:10:35	AIMO Affirm I am . Org	Georgia		Reentry	Second Chance Housing
5/19/2023 11:11:36	REFORM Alliance	GA		Probation and Parole Reform	
5/22/2023 14:32:59	I AM AWESOME AMAZING ALICE D FEAGINS INC	Georgia		Teaching others to become a Corporation	Training Women and Men
5/22/2023 16:04:20	The A Team AV Tech Hands LLC	Georgia		Reducing Debt for Parents	Employing Our Youth
8/22/2023 14:31:31	Black Wallstreet Institute	Georgia		Legislation engagement	Community Civics 101
8/22/2023 15:16:59	Change Gon' Come	GA		Addressing Mass Incarceration	Youth & Young Adults (Upcoming)

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SCENARIOS

Outreach role play scenario #1

Network Member: Hi, I sent out an email to everyone, and no one responded to my message.

EMI GA Network Steering Team Member: Okay, how long has it been since you sent your message?

Network Member: It's been three days.

EMI GA Network Steering Team Member: What was your ask?

Network Member: Well, I wanted to know if anyone was interested in being a presenter at a workshop that my organization is hosting. I attached the flyer. We really would like to have members of the network participate.

EMI GA Network Steering Team Member: Have you reached out to any members on an individual basis?

Network Member: No.

GROUP DISCUSSION: What should happen next?

Outreach role play scenario #2

During an EMI Georgia Network general meeting, an attendee was interested in finding out more about a presenting organization. The attendee sent a private chat message to the presenter.

Network Member: Hi, I'm really interested in learning more about your organization. I saw a lot of possible connections between your work and ours. Would you please send me your contact information so that I can follow up with you? My contact information is: Anita Zachary, azachary@inthefight.com, 555-222-1111.

Presenter: Hi Anita, thanks for sharing your contact info. Here's mine and let's set up some time to talk.

One day after the meeting, the network member took the following actions:

Network Member *[places call]*: Hi, is this *[presenter's name]*? Hi, this is *[name]* from the EMI GA Network meeting. How are you? Is this a good time? I'm following up with you from the meeting about setting up some time to talk more about the work that you do and the work that we do and how we might work together.

Presenter: Hi, thanks for reaching out to me. Yes, let's take a look at our calendars and set a date and time to meet.

Network Member: Great! *[They set a date/time for meeting.]*

Presenter: And, you know, I also took a look at the Shared Advocacy spreadsheet to see if your organization was listed on it, and I saw that two of your priorities are aligned with ours. So, definitely, I think that our work intersects.

Network Member: Thanks! I'm looking forward to our meeting. In the meantime, have a great week and don't hesitate to contact me if anything should come up.

GROUP DISCUSSION: What should happen next?



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Cradle Justice: Breaking the Preschool to Prison Pipeline by Starting at the Beginning

Guest Presenters:

Ms. Juanita Yancey
Executive Director
Georgia Head Start



Ms. Stefanie Clardy
Babies Can't Wait
Georgia Department
of Public Health



Elevating Youth Justice



- **Preschool to Prison Pipeline**

In its most basic form, the preschool to prison pipeline is the use of exclusionary discipline practices (such as suspensions, expulsions, charges of being unruly, disrespectful, willful, etc.) that remove primarily children of color; children of low income or poverty; children who have a learning disability or difference; and emerging LGBTQIA2S+ out of the formal educational setting and into the alternative education, juvenile justice and/or criminal justice systems.

(<https://emiganetwork.org/breaking-the-preschool-to-prison-pipeline>)

- **CHINS – Child in Need of Services**

Passed in 2014 under Juvenile Code Reform

A child who is in need of guidance, counseling, structure, supervision, treatment or rehabilitation. CHINS applies to children who commit status offenses.

Examples of status offenses:

- ungovernable
- unruly
- truancy
- underage Possession of Alcohol
- runaway

When a child commits a status offense, the juvenile court can place the child under CHINS to serve as a diversion program and prevent children from having further involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Elevating Youth Justice



- **SB 367 (passed 2016) - Issue of children 13 and younger** being placed in detention by juvenile courts
 - 473 (2) When a child who is 13 years of age or younger is taken into custody as provided in
 - 474 subsection (a) of this Code section for any delinquent act other than a serious delinquent
 - 475 act, **there shall be a presumption that such child should not be detained.**

- **Raise the Age**
 - Raise the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to age 18, to include 17-year-old youth
 - Georgia is one of three states left in the nation that has not raised the age to include 17-year-olds.

Update on HB 272 as of 2022 legislative session: Senate Judiciary Committee submitted substitute to establish the implementation of a study committee.

Bill was not placed on Senate floor for a vote.

Elevating Youth Justice



○ Juvenile Life without Parole

- Georgia Supreme Court decision (2020) - a trial judge (no need for a jury) can impose a life sentence without parole for a juvenile
 - <https://www.gasupreme.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/s20a0181.pdf>
 - <https://www.ajc.com/news/local/judges-can-sentence-juveniles-life-without-parole-court-says/dhzeCuQaT2LyVmc42pMchP/>
- US Supreme Court decision (2021) - a judge need not make a finding of "permanent incorrigibility" before sentencing a juvenile offender to life without parole
 - https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/20pdf/18-1259_8njq.pdf
 - <https://www.gpb.org/news/2021/04/23/supreme-court-rejects-restrictions-on-life-without-parole-for-juveniles>

○ Voting rights

- Call upon county election officials to ensure that the youth of Georgia, who are under the supervision of a Department of Juvenile Justice facility and who are of eligible age, be afforded all opportunities to (1) register to vote and to (2) cast their ballots in all applicable elections held in the state of Georgia.
- Letters to county elections boards on behalf of our youth of voting age in DJJ facilities to inform our elections boards that the voices of our youth must be heard and to curb any disenfranchisement that might be taking place across our state.

What's on your advocacy platform?



Shared Advocacy Shared Progress

Google doc response form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNC_rZ0-eDNKWiU5ldRweRM9VyBRxGBNonUqptgnTSvOgOAAQ/viewform

Google doc spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Gv--U07XyOpPZ0p1R8uteAyre79GqhRw4LnrE2yVG6Y/edit#gid=1790801195>

Announcements and Wrap-up



Interested in helping us plan for 2024? Drop us a note: emiganetwork@gmail.com

- **Next meeting date – September 25, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
- Abiodun Henderson – Come Up Project
- Submit announcements by the 10th of the month to go out before the next general meeting. Send your announcements to [Google Form]. Like our EMI GA Network Facebook page so that you can tag us on your social media postings. [Drop link into chat: <https://forms.gle/i8eHwaz8XhVykW7X7>]