



Welcome!

End Mass Incarceration Georgia Network

General Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Agenda



- **Welcome / Introductions**
- **Overview of EMI Georgia Network**
- **EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY**
 - Waleisah Wilson, Chapter Lead, Georgia Chapter of All of Us or None, "Working in Captivity: A Woman's Quest to End Slavery in Georgia"
 - Legislation of Interest (Youth Justice)
 - o HB Raise the Age – introduces a gang clause
 - o SB 44 Gang legislation with Mandatory Minimums
 - o HB 147 Safe Schools Act – Train teachers to be gang identifiers
 - o HB 356 Corporal Punishment (Disallow)
 - Advocacy Opportunities
 - o STPP Advocacy Day at the Capitol – March 1, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - o Justice Day 2023 in Georgia – March 8, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - o Calendar of scheduled committee meetings of interest (Georgia General Assembly site)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WRAP UP

- Next meeting date – March 27, 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 faith communities, organizations and individuals formed to effect positive change in the areas of juvenile 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 juvenile 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!



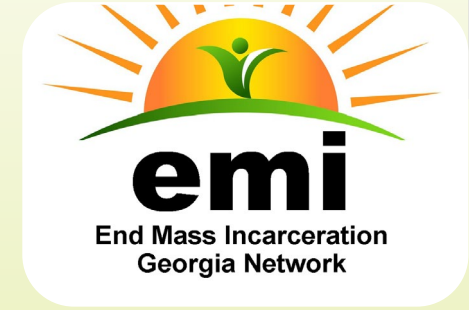
Join us on the fourth Monday at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for our general meeting!



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



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Next EMI Georgia Network Meeting – March 27, 2023



**Guest Presenter: Waleisah
Wilson, “Working in Captivity:
A Woman’s Quest to End
Slavery in GA”**



Elevating Youth Justice



- **Legislation of Interest - Youth Justice**
 - HB 462 Raise the Age
 - SB 44 Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act; mandatory minimum penalties for violations
 - HB 147 Safe Schools Act
 - HB 356 Corporal Punishment

Legislation of Interest - Youth Justice



- **HB 462 Raise the Age** (Rep. Ballinger – R; assigned to House Juvenile Justice Committee)
 - Implementation committee - commence no later than May 15, 2023, and shall stand abolished on December 31, 2024.
 - **New features:**
 - introduces a gang clause for superior court to have exclusive original jurisdiction
 - waiver of juvenile court jurisdiction and transfer to superior court (was 17 at the time of...)
 - participating in criminal gang activity, as defined in subparagraphs (A) through (G) and (J) of paragraph (1) of Code 191 Section 16-15-3, in violation of Code Section 16-15-4
 - second or subsequent commission of a delinquent act that would be classified as a felony offense

Legislation of Interest - Youth Justice



- **SB 44 Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act; mandatory minimums** (Sen. Hatchett – R; passed Senate / assigned to House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee)
 - "(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to **directly, or through another acting upon such person's direction**, cause, encourage, solicit, recruit, or coerce another to become a member or associate of a criminal street gang, to participate in a criminal street gang, or to conduct or participate in criminal gang activity."
 - **Mandatory Minimums section**

Legislation of Interest - Youth Justice



- **HB 147 Safe Schools Act** (Rep. Wade – R; passed out of Public Safety and Homeland Security, 2/16/23; passed House 2/27/23 vote 148-20)
 - (a) No later than December 31, 2023, the Professional Standards Commission, in consultation with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, shall create a school safety and anti-gang endorsement for eligible certificated professional personnel, as determined pursuant to rules and regulations of the Professional Standards Commission, who elect to complete a training program, approved by the Professional Standards Commission, in **multidisciplinary best practices for promoting and preserving safe schools and for identifying and deterring youth gangs.**

Legislation of Interest - Youth Justice



- **HB 356 Corporal Punishment** (Rep. Bazemore – D; assigned to House Education Committee)
 - "(g)(1) It is the policy of this state that corporal punishment **shall not be administered** to any student in any public school in this state. As used in this subsection, **the term 'corporal punishment' means the deliberate use of physical contact or infliction of pain by a school administrator, teacher, or other school personnel on a student for the purpose of punishing or disciplining such student.** Such term shall not include the use of brief, limited, age-appropriate, nonpunitive, and noninjurious physical contact with a student for the purpose of redirecting such student to promote student safety, providing physical guidance to or prompting a student when teaching a skill, guiding a student to a particular location, or providing comfort to a student.

ACTION ALERT **SB 157 Committee Hearing Today!**

[SB 157](#), a bill that will remove barriers to skilled licensed careers for more Georgians, will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee this afternoon! We are grateful for [Chairman Brian Strickland's leadership on this issue as well as the Lt. Governor's support](#). Please call your State Senator and ask them to Vote Yes on SB 157 to get more Georgians back to work. Click on the button below to get your Senator's phone number and talking points. Thank you!

Ask your senator to vote YES on SB 157!

Also, the hearing for HB 334, a bill that will increase access to expungement, was postponed from last week to this Wednesday, February 29th. It's not too late [to call your Representative](#) about that bill too!

DID YOU KNOW?

25% of Georgia's high-demand professions require a license.

No matter how old someone's record is, they may never invest in the education and training they need to pursue an occupational license **for fear their record will shut them out.**

But there are solutions – support SB 157!



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You and Your Legislators



- Find your legislators (State Representative, State Senator)
 - <https://www.legis.ga.gov/find-my-legislator>
 - <https://www.legis.ga.gov/members/house>
 - <https://www.legis.ga.gov/members/senate>
- **Legislative Committees of Interest**
 - Who are the committee chairs and members of juvenile justice, judiciary, education, health, public safety in the House and the Senate?
 - Are your representative and senator on any of these committees?
 - If so, what positions do they hold (e.g., chair, secretary, member, etc.)?

What's on your advocacy platform?



Google doc response form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNC_rZ0-eDNKWiU5ldRweRM9VyBRxGBNonUqptgnTSvOgOgOAQ/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 2023? Drop us a note: emiganetwork@gmail.com

- **Next EMI GA Network general meeting date – March 27, 2023**
- **Justice Reform Partnership's Talk Justice Tuesday- Youth Speaking Truth to Power**
Time: 6:30 p.m. (via Zoom)
Date: Tues., March 7, 2023
<https://tinyurl.com/our-stories-our-legislature>
- **STPP Advocacy Day at the Capitol**
Time: 11:00 a.m. (via Zoom)
Date: Wed., March 1
<https://bit.ly/STPPLegDay2023>
- **Justice Day 2023 in Georgia**
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Date: Wed., March 8
Location: Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta - directly across from the State Capitol)
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/justice-day-2023-justice-reform-makes-dollars-sense-tickets-526630033607?aff=efbneb>