



Welcome!

End Mass Incarceration Georgia Network

General Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Agenda



- Welcome / Introductions
- Overview of EMI Georgia Network
- EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

Follow up from 2023 Multifaith Conference on Ending Mass Incarceration, January 11-13, 2023

Legislative Platform REMINDER – Elevating Youth Justice

- CHINS – Child in Need of Services
- Preschool to Prison Pipeline
- SB 367 (2016) - Issue of children 13 and younger being placed in detention by juvenile courts -- hard to find residential placement (*Currently, children, ages 9-12, are residing detention centers.*)
 - 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
- Juvenile Life without Parole
- Voting rights

Georgia General Assembly

- Find your legislators (State Representative, State Senator)
- Legislative Committees of Interest
- Calendar of scheduled appropriations meetings: **Budget - Governor Kemp's budget**

• **Justice Reform Partnership**

- Talk Justice Tuesday, A Youth-Centered Approach
 - January 24th, February 7th & 21st (virtual)
 - March 7th (in-person)
- Justice Day 2023 in Georgia (March 8th)
- STPP Day at the Capitol

• **Announcements and Wrap Up**

- Next meeting date – February 27, 2023



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!



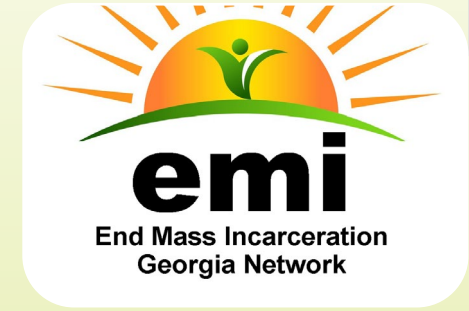
Join us on the fourth Monday at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for our general meeting!



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



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Visit our website for more information at emiganetwork.org

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Elevating Youth Justice



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You and Your Legislators



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 - <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.)?

House Committees of interest

- Appropriations
- Education
- Health
- Judiciary
- Judiciary Non-Civil
- Juvenile Justice
- Public Health
- Public Safety and Homeland Security
- Reapportionment and Redistricting
- Special Committee on Healthcare



Senate Committees of interest

- Appropriations
- Children and Families
- Education and Youth
- Health and Human Services
- Judiciary
- Public Safety



Calendar of scheduled appropriations meetings



<https://www.legis.ga.gov/schedule/all>

- Appropriations Committee meetings of interest (can be viewed online):
 - **Senate Appropriations – Public Safety Committee**, Monday, January 23, at 8:00 AM
 - **House Appropriations – Education Subcommittee**, Monday, January 23, at 1:00 PM – Georgia Department of Education presenting
 - **House Appropriations – Health Subcommittee**, Monday, January 23, at 2:00 PM - Department of Community Health, Department of Public Health presenting
 - **Senate Appropriations – Education & Youth Committee**, Tuesday, January 24, at 2:30 PM
 - **Senate Appropriations – Children & Families Committee**, Thursday, January 26, at 1:00 PM

Calendar of scheduled legislative meetings of interest



- **Senate Public Safety Committee meeting**, Tuesday, January 24, 8:00 AM
(no agenda posted)
- **Joint Senate Children and Families & Health and Human Services Committee meeting**, Wednesday, January 25, 3:00 PM. Hearing on the hoteling of children in foster care.
- **Senate Children & Families Committee meeting**, Thursday, January 26, 1:00 PM
- **Senate Public Safety Committee meeting**, Thursday, January 26, 3:00 PM
- **Senate Judiciary Committee meeting**, Thursday, January 26, 4:00 PM

Budget



Governor Kemp's budget –

<http://www.ciclt.net/ul/gsba/FY2024Governor'sReportFINAL.pdf>

Amended FY2023 Budget

“Educated Georgia”

- \$155,700,000 in one-time grant funding for K-12 education:
 - ✓ \$115,700,000 school security grants (\$50,000 per school)
 - ✓ \$ 25,000,000 to support learning loss grants
 - ✓ \$ 15,000,000 to support paraprofessionals with bachelor’s degrees seeking teaching certificates

“Responsible and Efficient Government”

Juvenile Courts

- 2023 – \$9,659,249
- 2023 amended – \$9,671,749
- 2024 – \$9,684,249

Budget FY 24



For the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities:

- \$13,088,198 to expand behavioral health and substance abuse crisis capacity with three additional behavioral health crisis centers.
- \$10,178,507 to annualize 513 slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- \$4,199,684 for 250 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- \$6,288,973 for additional mobile crisis teams to address increasing demand statewide.

Budget FY 24



For the Department of Community Health:

- \$52,222,154 to implement the Georgia Pathways to Coverage program established by the Patients First Act (2019 Session) and increase health insurance access statewide.
- \$1,772,192 in the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce for 102 new residency slots in primary care medicine.
- \$2,270,000 in the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce for the creation and administration of loan repayment programs for mental health professionals, medical examiners, and nurse faculty.
- \$2,480,000 in the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce to increase the number of physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and nurses receiving loan repayments and to increase the loan repayment amount for physicians.

Budget FY 24



For the Department of Education:

- \$26,933,036 to fully fund the 1-to-450 school counselor ratio for all categories of students pursuant to HB 283 (2013 Session).
- \$22,820,000 in bonds to replace 259 school buses.

For the Department of Human Services:

- \$3,244,889 for 300 additional Medicaid eligibility caseworkers to process redetermination cases upon the expiration of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- \$3,375,000 in the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission to assist in the rehabilitation of children, youth, and adult victims of sexual trafficking.

What's on your advocacy platform?



Google doc response form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNC_rZ0-eDNKWiU5ldRweRM9VyBRxGBNonUqptgnTSvOgOAQ/viewform

Google doc spreadsheet:

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

Announcements and Wrap-up

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

Interested in helping us plan for 2023? Drop us a note: emiganetwork@gmail.com

- **Next meeting date – February 27, 2023**
- **Justice Reform Partnership's Talk Justice Tuesday 2023: A Youth-Centered Approach**
The 2023 series will offer solutions on moving courageously in our approach to public safety through legislative advocacy, policy making, and community-building at the upcoming Georgia General Assembly's legislative session.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Dates: January 24th, February 7th, February 21st

Register for the series via the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kR2CX0reQcecvfoRcQLriA

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- **STPP Day at the Capitol (Date to be determined)**