

Mission Statement for Arizona Justice Alliance:

The goal of Arizona Justice Alliance is to identify and recommend changes to Arizona's justice-related laws and practices to preserve and enhance public safety, reduce incarceration, and decrease corrections spending so that state resources can be invested in critical services that prevent crime, protect citizens and fulfill state priorities. Our work includes an initial focus on the impact of current criminal justice policies on children and people with mental illness.

Focused Coalition Goals

1. Reduce reliance on incarceration, with special emphasis on children and people with mental illness
 - A. Expand diversion opportunities
 - B. Revise mandatory sentencing policies
2. Create earned release opportunities for non-violent offenders
3. Increase the availability of crisis intervention training for law enforcement

To achieve these goals, the coalition will:

1. Recruit a diverse and representative group of stakeholders, experts, and affected communities
2. Conduct research and publish reports
3. Develop policy recommendations, draft legislation, and serve as a resource to lawmakers and other elected officials
4. Engage in targeted advocacy, training, and mobilization