

## NATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S JUSTICE INSTITUTE

# 2022 Impact

We **research**, **elevate**, and **educate** the public about innovative, community-led solutions to address the criminalization of Black women & girls.

# 170+

**BLACK WOMEN,  
TRANS, & GENDER  
NONCONFORMING  
PEOPLE**

We surveyed more than 170 people to examine **how** “**everyday**” encounters with **police inflict violence** and harm on Black women, trans, & gender nonconforming people — who are rarely the focus of policing research.



We worked with Black girls and other youth of color from across the nation to create a set of **youth-developed policy recommendations** to better address the unmet mental health needs of Black girls and other youth of color. We also worked with our youth advisory committee to develop a **bill of rights to support the mental health of Black girls and gender-expansive youth in schools**.

THE **LOVE**  
Project

Meeting the needs of women impacted by gender-based violence and the criminal legal system

Together with our organization partners and formerly incarcerated women, we developed a training curriculum to build the capacity of victim service providers to **better support formerly incarcerated survivors of gender-based violence**, especially women & gender expansive people — people who are transgender, gender nonconforming, gender queer, or nonbinary.

# 21

**FORMERLY INCARCERATED  
BLACK WOMEN**

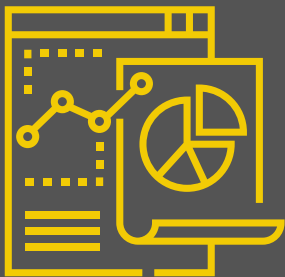
We surveyed 21 formerly incarcerated Black women to **understand their health needs, the impact of incarceration on their health**, how they access healthcare, and barriers to care once released.

# What's Ahead



## CREATING AFFIRMING RESPONSIVE & EQUITABLE SCHOOLS (CARES) INITIATIVE

Working with schools to implement healing-centered policies and practices to support the wellbeing and success of Black girls and gender expansive youth, including providing assessment and training on mental health and wellness, gender-based violence, school discipline, pushout, and other critical topics.



## RESOURCE & DATA HUB: DISMANTLING PATHWAYS TO CRIMINALIZATION

Building a hub of research, analysis, and data dashboards examining the criminalization, arrest, and incarceration of Black women and girls to stimulate the development and implementation of evidence-informed solutions advancing safety and wellbeing for Black women and girls.



## REENTRY NETWORK FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED BLACK WOMEN

Forming a national network to support the learning, practice, collaboration, and advocacy of reentry service providers serving formerly incarcerated Black women and girls to enhance and expand gender-responsive services.

## OUR APPROACH

### RESEARCH

We conduct qualitative & quantitative research drawing on participatory methods to elevate the lived experiences of Black women & girls.

### POLICY

We advocate for policy solutions that advance the safety and wellbeing of directly impacted Black women & girls in communities and places of confinement.

### TRAINING & ASSISTANCE

We support organizations and government institutions to implement healing-centered policies and practices that center directly impacted Black women & girls.

We aim to dismantle the racist and patriarchal U.S. criminal-legal system and build, in its place, pathways to opportunity and healing.

We envision a society that respects, values, and honors the humanity of Black women and girls, takes accountability for the harm it has inflicted, and recognizes that real justice is healing.

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