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.

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.

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Our Approach

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.

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.

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

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