

# About the Project on Accountable Justice

The mission of the Project on Accountable Justice (PAJ) is to advance public safety through evidence-informed practices and policies in Florida and beyond. PAJ facilitates research, public education, and dialogue to provide reform options that will turn Florida and the nation from a trajectory of expensive and outmoded practices of mass incarceration and poor performance to stopping victimization, turning lives around, rebuilding families, saving taxpayer dollars and, ultimately, to enhancing safety and vitality in communities across our country.

PAJ is a partnership between the FSU College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at St. Petersburg College, and the Florida Public Safety Institute at Tallahassee Community College. PAJ is governed by an Executive Committee actively engaged in the budgeting, planning, governance, and fundraising initiatives of PAJ.

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## Operating Cornerstones

1. Fidelity to data;
2. Transparency of finances; and
3. Mutual Accountability between partners and the public.

## Principles for Criminal and Juvenile Justice Reform

- Public safety is paramount;
- Criminal justice systems and participants must be fully accountable;
- Crime victimization must be reduced;
- Children in the justice system should be treated differently than adults;
- Justice includes, along with the traditional concepts of punishment and retribution, the concepts of restorative justice, redemption, education, rehabilitation, and reintegration;
- Rehabilitation of offenders is essential to family stability, community vitality, and economic growth;
- Criminal justice systems must seek ways to incentivize good behavior across all participants; and
- Success in criminal justice is measurable.

For more information, please visit our website at: [projectonaccountablejustice.org](http://projectonaccountablejustice.org)

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