



OUR POLICY PRIORITIES



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE PREVENTION

Support for elimination of domestic violence-related shootings and homicides in Illinois.

- [HB 2541](#) would bring the Illinois Domestic Violence Act into compliance with IL law on emergency orders of protection and allow judges and law enforcement to remove access to guns at one of the most dangerous times for victims.

EMPLOYMENT DRUG POLICY REFORM



Support policies that protect individuals from unfair hiring and employment policies that block or terminate individuals based solely on cannabis drug tests.

- [HB 4116](#) provides that an employer cannot refuse to hire an individual or discipline an employee solely because drug test results indicate the presence of THC (found in cannabis), and still allows for reasonable drug-testing policies.
- [HB 4392](#) eliminates the requirement for cannabis drug testing in order to have certain criminal records expunged or sealed.



SENTENCING REFORM FOR DRUG CRIMES

Supporting sentencing reform for drug crimes that:

- Considers any domestic or dating violence offenses and provides for mitigations for survivors coerced into criminal behavior
- Abolishes youth mandatory minimums including life imprisonment for youth

FULL FUNDING AND EXPANSION OF THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET



Support full funding and expansion of the social safety net to reduce the role of prisons in Illinois, with special emphasis on:

- Reducing the barriers to employment and education faced by individuals re-entering society
- Renewing the State’s commitment to funding and supporting community based programs that allow communities to reduce their dependence on the prison system
- Ensuring that the State study and then take active steps to pay restitution to communities disproportionately impacted by inequities in the criminal justice system

ALSO promotes, develops, and advocates for policies that will improve the lives of our constituents through the reduction of risk factors for violence, and the increase of protective factors.



ALSO's mission is to work in partnership with people living in-risk of violence to promote safer streets and homes, and we prioritize input from those directly impacted.



ALSO's team of community violence and gender-based violence staff trains others on the intersections of intimate partner violence and community violence

