

## Get Involved!

Decarcerate PA is an all-volunteer effort, and we are always looking for more people to get involved. You can:

**Contact your elected officials** and demand that Pennsylvania stop building new prisons and instead invest in our schools and communities.

**Endorse our 3 point platform**

**Invite us to do a workshop** about the campaign at your organization, community center, school, or place of worship

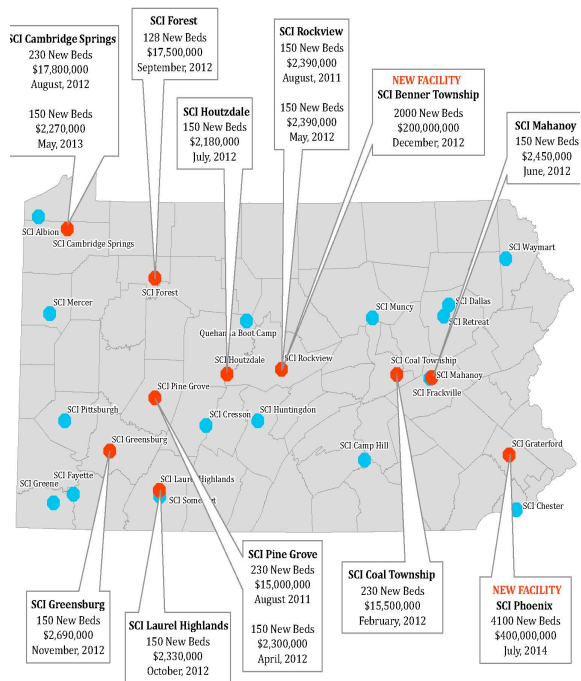
**Sign the petition**

**Join us at our monthly meetings**

If you are currently incarcerated, **send us submissions** for the "Voices from the Inside" section of our website.

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### PENNSYLVANIA PRISON CONSTRUCTION 2011-2014



Total New Beds: 8118  
Total Cost: \$685,300,000

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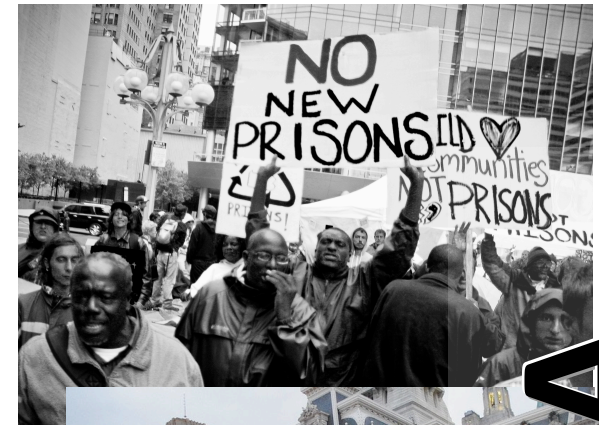
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Decarcerate PA

Decarcerate PA is a grassroots campaign working to end mass incarceration in Pennsylvania. We demand that PA stop building prisons, reduce the prison population, and reinvest money in our communities.

Right now, the state of Pennsylvania is spending \$685 million to build three new prisons and expand 9 others across the state. This comes at a time when the governor is cutting funding for healthcare, education, and services that create safe, strong communities.

## 1. No New Prisons

We advocate that Pennsylvania enact an immediate and lasting moratorium on all new prisons, county jails, prison expansions, immigrant detention facilities, and private prisons.



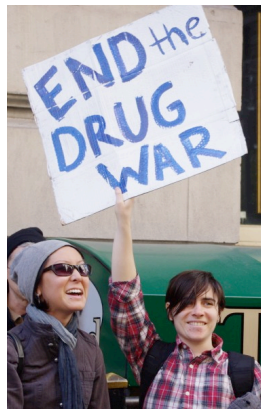
Right now, the state is just starting construction on two new prisons on the grounds of SCI Graterford in Montgomery County. If completed, these projects will

cost \$400 million to build and will house 4,100 people. We have been protesting, petitioning, and calling the governor to demand the immediate cancelation of these new prisons.

## 2. Decarceration

Prison overcrowding can be solved only by reducing the number of people in prison. We advocate that Pennsylvania shrink its prison population by changing the policing, sentencing, and parole practices. Decarcerate PA is fighting for many policy changes, including:

- Parole eligibility for lifers and people serving long sentences
- An end to mandatory minimum sentencing
- An end to Pennsylvania's participation in the war on drugs
- The reinstatement of prerelease
- No incarceration for technical parole violators



## 3. Community Reinvestment

Imprisonment guts local resources and destroys families and communities. We need to build communities, not prisons. We advocate that Pennsylvania reinvest money spent on prisons into community institutions including quality public schools, stable housing, jobs and job training programs, health care and food access, drug and alcohol treatment programs, and community-based reentry services.



Decarcerate PA's 3 point platform has been endorsed by over 80 organizations across the state. Many of these groups do not work directly on prison issues, but recognize that as long as we are spending money on prisons the state will not invest in schools, jobs, healthcare, and the things that really keep us safe. Join us by signing on to the platform today!