### MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities





## **General Meeting January 4th**

You are invited! MAJR has an exciting agenda ahead for the 2019 legislative session. It's going to be a busy year, and we need your help in organizing and forwarding our initiatives.

The Maryland legislature will begin its deliberations on January 9th. It's time to make our plans firm. MAJR will host a general planning session on **Friday**, **January 4th** at the **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church**, 600 South Conkling Street, Baltimore, MD 21224



6:00 - 7:00: Welcome and Potluck supper

7:00 - 9:00: Issues and Participation

# It's Time to Act

Our January 4th meeting will be a critical one. After briefly



reviewing each initiative and goal, we will break out into groups and determine how we will achieve success. Here are the issues:

#### • Front Door:

- Mental Health Screening and Diversion.
- Citations as Alternatives to Arrest.
- · Sentencing Guidelines.
- School-to-Prison Pipeline.

#### · Behind the Walls:

- Correctional Education.
- Solitary Confinement Initiative.
- Take Governor out of Parole Process.

#### Back Door:

- Certificate of Rehabilitation.
- Women's Pre-Release Center
- Expungement.

[For more details see: https://www.ma4jr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Flyer2019.pdf]]

Are you passionate about one of these issues? Perhaps you have the leadership skills to coordinate a successful effort. Perhaps you are a researcher who can help pull together persuasive data. Maybe you have experience lobbying or coordinating volunteers. Or maybe you belong to an allied organization that MAJR should be working with to reach our shared goals. Whatever your gifts you bring and however you want to help, come to the meeting and join a team to begin the work of getting us from A to B. Maybe we'll get there this session. Maybe we'll lay the groundwork and get there next session. But together, let's give it our best!

MAJR is a nonpartisan association of over fifty community organizations and churches with members in every part of the state, formed to support justice reinvestment. Individual supporters include judges, attorneys, corrections professionals, as well as returning citizens, victims, and service providers.

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