

Incarceration

NMCDLA believes that:

- The United States incarcerates more of its own citizens than any other country in the world.
- The cost of housing a person in prison for one year is much more than the cost of educating a student at a New Mexico university.
- During imprisonment, virtually nothing is done to prepare prisoners to successfully return to their families and communities.
- Essential social programs such as mental health centers, homeless shelters, and public health facilities have been replaced by prisons and jails, despite the fact that they provided these important services at half the cost.
- Because of over-crowding and under-funding, our prisons and jails are dangerous for convicts and correctional officers alike.

NMCDLA supports:

- Diverting criminal offenders from prison into treatment programs by providing low-cost alternatives to incarceration for all drug crimes and other non-violent offenses.
- Effective rehabilitation program combined with the elimination of all social barriers for previously convicted felons.

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