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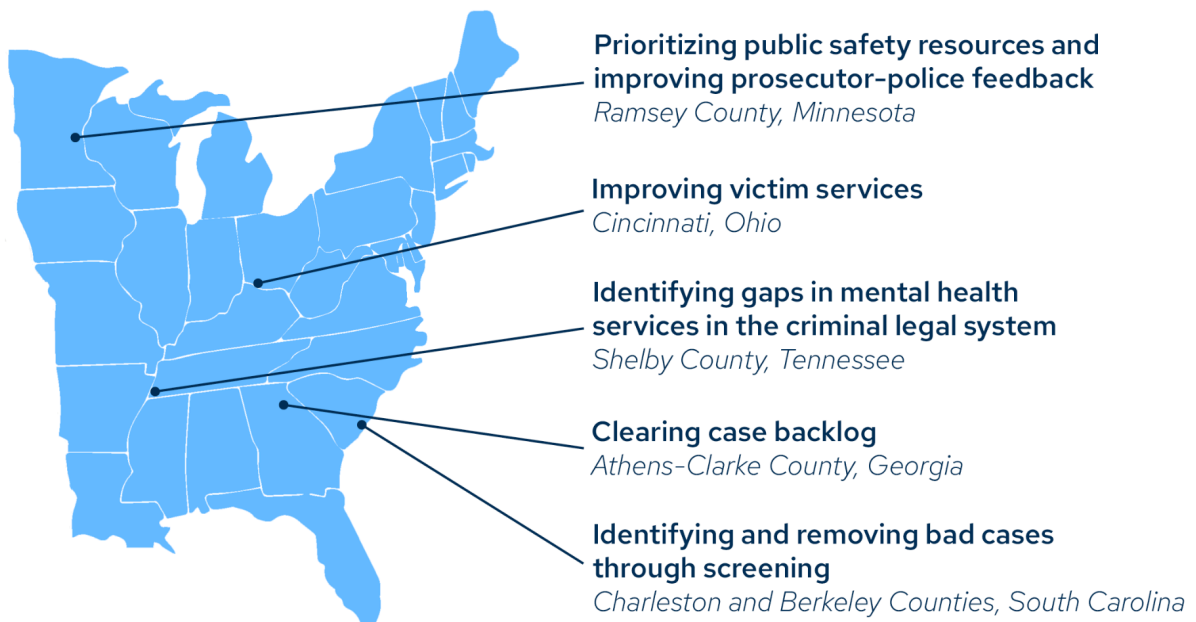
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Justice Innovation Lab builds data-informed, people-centered solutions for a more fair and effective justice system.

Our team of former prosecutors, data scientists, human-centered design experts, policymakers, and community advocates support communities in developing effective solutions to criminal justice challenges. We help jurisdictions improve public safety while reducing harmful outcomes.

Our Approach

Redefining what it means to achieve safety and justice requires new tools, new skills, and a more holistic approach. JIL helps communities improve their justice systems by harnessing the power of data, facilitating values-driven decision-making, and building innovative solutions. JIL partners with decision-makers who have the power to make impactful changes to the criminal legal system.



JIL is intentional in selecting partner jurisdictions that can serve as models for the rest of the country. We work in communities with:

1.

Leaders who are willing to ask hard questions, explore data for answers, and demonstrate a commitment to problem solving.

2.

Sufficient quality and quantity of data to identify compelling opportunities to improve justice and to evaluate impact.

3.

Available community resources and actively invested stakeholders.

4.

A significant challenge impacting many people for which a solution could serve as a model for other jurisdictions.

Our Tool Box

JIL's approach integrates data analysis, systems mapping, and human-centered design.

Policy Evaluation

In September 2021, Ramsey County, MN, law enforcement leaders announced they would reduce the use of minor, non-public safety traffic stops to better prioritize law enforcement resources, engender community trust, and reduce other harmful outcomes. JIL partnered with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office (RCAO) to study the outcomes. We **analyzed the impact** of this policy using data collected by the Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center for traffic stops and 911 calls, and firearm seizure data from the Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD). In June 2023, we authored the ["Traffic Stop Policy in Ramsey County, MN" report](#) that showed that the policy **achieved its objectives**. We are now leading the effort to scale similar policies statewide.

Design Thinking

In 2020, JIL began working with the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office (Charleston, SC) to create a sustainable process to **improve the accuracy of criminal justice data**. JIL analyzed 24,000 criminal charges – covering all prosecutions from 2015–2020 – and created a first-of-its-kind [interactive web report](#).

JIL then led a series of multi-day **workshops** that brought together prosecutors with community stakeholders to discuss the report's findings. These sessions helped participants identify opportunities for more effective collaboration and resulted in the creation of a new [case screening process](#) that is effectively identifying cases with insufficient evidence, reducing case backlog, reducing inequitable outcomes, and eliminating hundreds of years of unnecessary incarceration, without negatively impacting public safety. JIL is currently running a first-of-its-kind **randomized control trial (RCT)** of Charleston's new screening process, and we expect to have initial results by November 2024.



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