

NEW! JUSTICE ADVOCATES COHORT

The **Justice Advocates Cohort (JAC)** is a program designed to equip people directly impacted by the criminal legal system with the skills needed to be effective change makers. In bi-weekly workshops over several months, participants will learn about the legislative process in Missouri while organizing advocacy efforts around their chosen policy goals.



Seeking 12 Participants for the Pilot Cohort:

- Based in the St. Louis region
- Personally impacted by the criminal legal system (either formerly incarcerated or have an incarcerated loved one)
- Eager to start advocating for change in Missouri's criminal legal system

Participation stipend: \$50 per class attended (\$450 maximum per participant)

Program Schedule & Details

- Bi-weekly meetings on Sunday afternoons, January through May 2026
- We will alternate meeting in person 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. (STL or STL County) and meeting virtually 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Transportation assistance provided as needed
- 1-2 hours per week of independent work outside of class
- 2 additional weekday visits to the MO State Capitol

The program will culminate in **small group projects** with groups assigned based on interests. Deliverables may include a policy memo, a meeting with a lawmaker or other stakeholder, a strategic planning document (such as a messaging guide or power map) and a final presentation.



Interested in joining the program?

Learn more and apply by scanning the QR code or visiting the link below:

EmpowerMissouri.org/Justice-Advocates

