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## Citizens Alliance on Prisons and Public Safety Announces Updated Brand, Renewed Focus on Safety and Justice in Michigan

**Lansing, MI**—When it comes to Michigan’s future, there is nothing more important than safety and justice.

That’s why CAPPs, a Michigan nonprofit that conducts research, public education and advocacy, is announcing a new organizational name today. Effective immediately, CAPPs will be known as Safe & Just Michigan (SJM).

“Over the past two decades, CAPPs has made steady progress in educating the public and advocating for evidence-based sentencing and parole reforms that reduce Michigan’s over-reliance on incarceration,” said Laura Sager, SJM executive director.

“Now, as Safe & Just Michigan, we’ll also be focusing on increasing investments in services that keep our communities safer. These include prevention and public health services, such as mental health and substance abuse treatment, services that ensure successful reentry, restorative justice services that help communities and individuals heal, and trauma-informed services that help crime survivors heal.

“Safe & Just Michigan works with a broad array of business and community leaders, faith communities, and organizations led by crime survivors and formerly incarcerated people, to make Michigan a national leader in effectively addressing problems of public safety,” Sager said. “Our goal is to make sure that *all* people are safe in their communities and have the services they need to thrive.”

Safe & Just Michigan will continue to serve as a resource for the media and nongovernmental organizations on corrections policies, statistics and recommended sentencing and parole reforms.

Learn more about Safe & Just Michigan at [www.safeandjustmi.org](http://www.safeandjustmi.org)

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