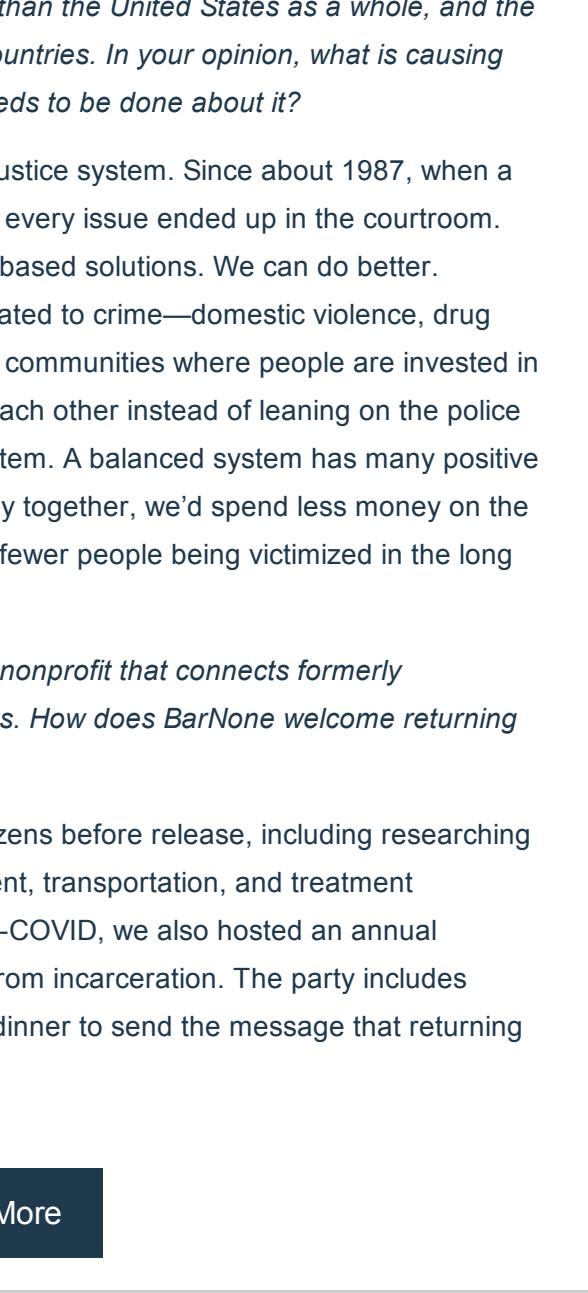
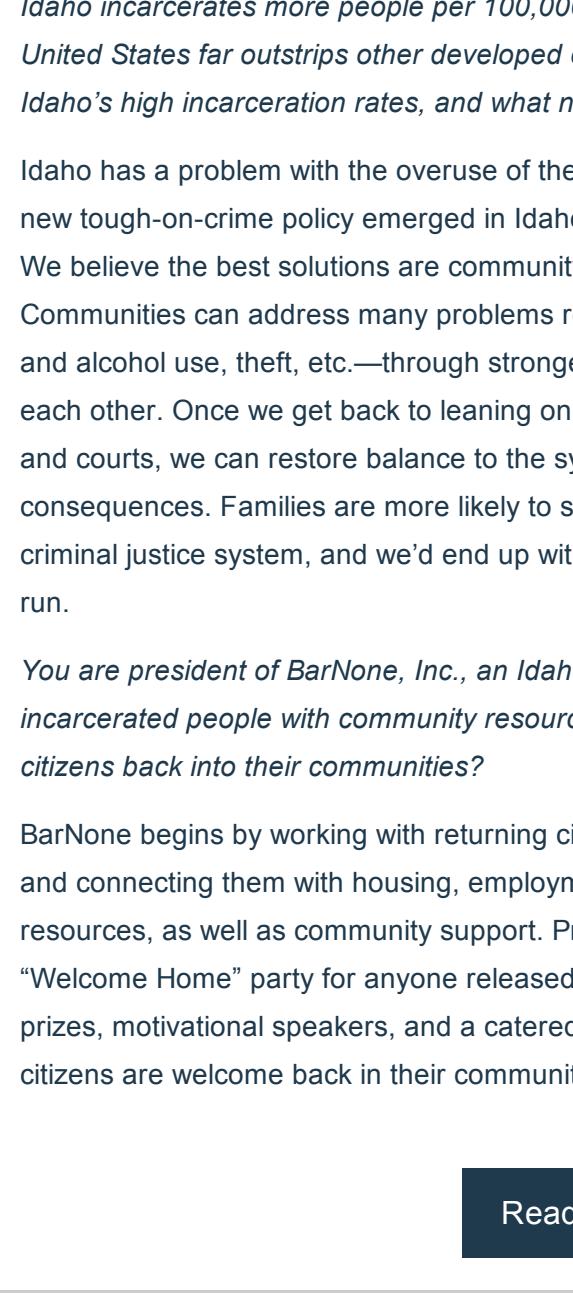


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Idaho incarcerates more people per 100,000 than the United States as a whole, and the United States far outstrips other developed countries. In your opinion, what is causing Idaho's high incarceration rates, and what needs to be done about it?

Idaho has a problem with the overuse of the justice system. Since about 1987, when a new tough-on-crime policy emerged in Idaho, every issue ended up in the courtroom. We believe the best solutions are community-based solutions. We can do better. Communities can address many problems related to crime—domestic violence, drug and alcohol use, theft, etc.—through stronger communities where people are invested in each other. Once we get back to leaning on each other instead of leaning on the police and courts, we can restore balance to the system. A balanced system has many positive consequences. Families are more likely to stay together, we'd spend less money on the criminal justice system, and we'd end up with fewer people being victimized in the long run.

You are president of BarNone, Inc., an Idaho nonprofit that connects formerly incarcerated people with community resources. How does BarNone welcome returning citizens back into their communities?

BarNone begins by working with returning citizens before release, including researching and connecting them with housing, employment, transportation, and treatment resources, as well as community support. Pre-COVID, we also hosted an annual "Welcome Home" party for anyone released from incarceration. The party includes prizes, motivational speakers, and a catered dinner to send the message that returning citizens are welcome back in their community.

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Although they have been around for years, technologies such as virtual reporting, teleservices, and smartphone apps have had a slow uptake in the criminal justice system. Reasons for this include concerns about fairness in the courtroom, mental health information privacy, equitable access to technology, or cost-effectiveness. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged many agencies across the country to begin embracing the use of technology to improve services in the criminal justice system. For those who are still unsure, we look to early adopters to provide guidance on how more local systems can begin incorporating technologies that advance the goals of justice.

Some hesitation around the use of technology stems from concerns about infringing on privacy, fostering over-surveillance, or contributing to unanticipated adverse impacts on people involved with the justice system. For consideration of these matters, see the Center for Court Innovation's 2019 publication *10 Principles for Humane Justice Technology* (PDF), which aims to support human dignity and advance best practices around the use of technology. The remainder of this article will use two case examples to focus on how technology is being used to support those with justice involvement.

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