



National Sheriffs' Association

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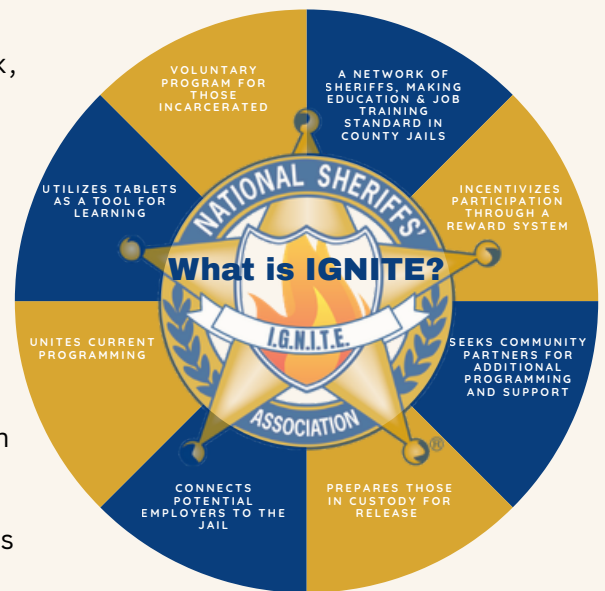
IGNITE impacts
9.5 million
people nationwide

Inmate Growth Naturally & Intentionally Through Education

IGNITE's dedicated mission is to transform the lives of those incarcerated in county jails by providing education and life skills as well as instilling hope. We aim to cultivate a positive self-perception and reshape societal views, fostering a mindset shift. Prioritizing measurable results, IGNITE is committed to disrupting the cycle of recidivism and empowering individuals within the system to envision a future of positive societal contribution. Concurrently, our goal is to enhance the safety of jails, communities, and correctional staff by creating an environment conducive to rehabilitation and personal growth.

Getting Started:

1. Learn about IGNITE: Review the IGNITE framework, goals, and success stories from other participating counties.
2. Build your team: Identify key staff members, community partners, and educators to help plan and implement the program.
3. Assess your jail's needs: Determine available space, scheduling options, and the needs of the incarcerated population to tailor your program effectively.
4. Design your curriculum: Build educational, vocational, and life skills programs that align with local job opportunities.
5. Establish merit-based incentives: Create clear standards for participation, progress, and rewards to motivate students.
6. Launch and evaluate: Start with a pilot group, gather feedback, and track outcomes to strengthen and expand your program.



"How do you want us to prepare your neighbor?"



-Sheriff Garry McFadden
Mecklenburg County, NC

..... Researchers from Harvard University, Brown University, and University of Michigan found:



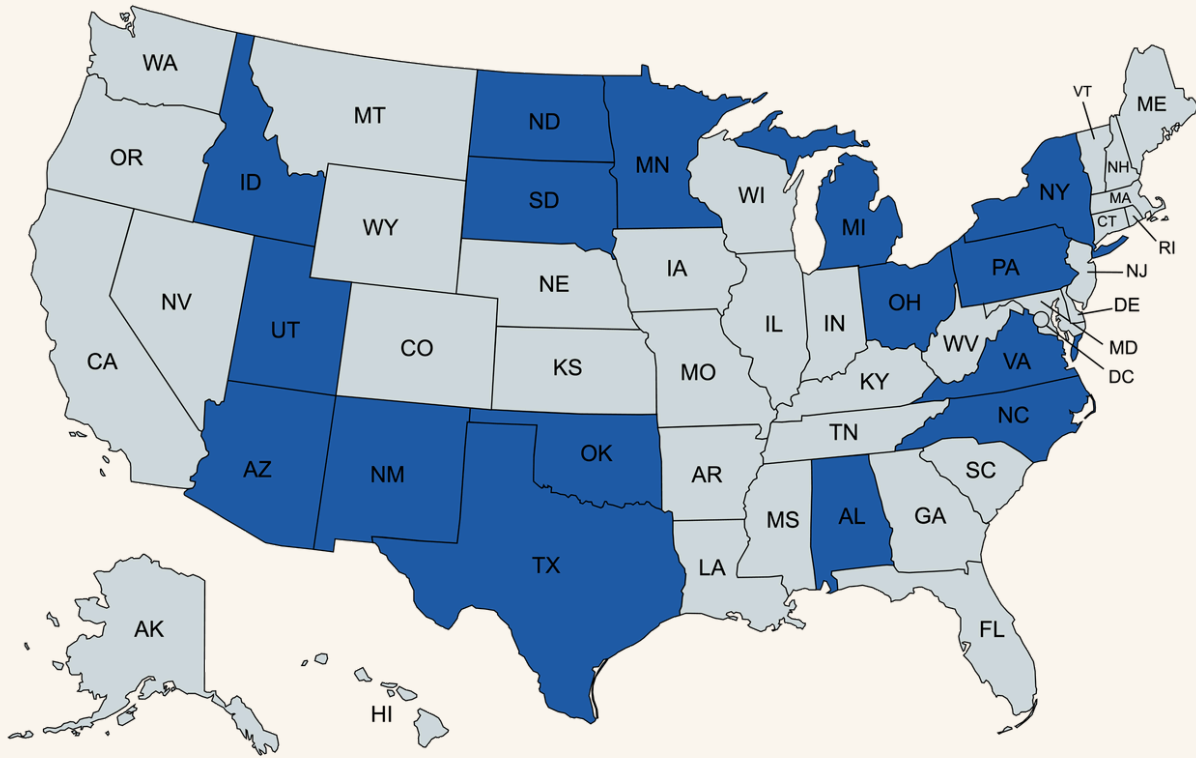
- One month of IGNITE reduces weekly jail misconduct by 25%
- One month of IGNITE reduces three-month recidivism by 24% and one-year recidivism by 15%
- On average, IGNITE participants gained a full grade level in math and reading proficiency
- IGNITE increased positive views of law enforcement among community members
- IGNITE increased positive views of jail educational programming among custody staff
- One month of IGNITE reduces the 12-month social cost of crime by \$7,285 per person.

For more information,
scan the QR code.



To get involved,
please email:
ignite@sheriffs.org

I.G.N.I.T.E. SITES



GENESEE COUNTY, MI

SHERIFF CHRISTOPHER R. SWANSON
LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2020

HENNEPIN COUNTY, MN

SHERIFF DAWANNA WITT
LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2021

CASS COUNTY, ND

SHERIFF JESSE JAHNER
LAUNCHED MAY 2022

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NC

SHERIFF GARRY MCFADDEN
LAUNCHED JULY 2022

ROANOKE CITY, VA

SHERIFF ANTONIO HASH
LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2022

COLLIN COUNTY, TX

SHERIFF JIM SKINNER
LAUNCHED APRIL 2023

PENNINGTON COUNTY, SD

SHERIFF BRIAN MUELLER
LAUNCHED MAY 2023

SANDUSKY COUNTY, OH

SHERIFF CHRIS HILTON
LAUNCHED JULY 2023

BONNEVILLE COUNTY, ID

SHERIFF SAM HULSE
LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2023

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NY

SHERIFF JAMES QUATTRONE
LAUNCHED OCTOBER 2023

ULSTER COUNTY, NY

SHERIFF JUAN FIGUEROA
LAUNCHED DECEMBER 2023

IRON COUNTY, UT

SHERIFF KEN CARPENTER
LAUNCHED JANUARY 2024

STEARNS COUNTY, MN

SHERIFF STEVE SOYKA
LAUNCHED MARCH 2024

FAYETTE COUNTY, PA

SHERIFF JAMES CUSTER
LAUNCHED MARCH 2024

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AL

SHERIFF DERRICK CUNNINGHAM
LAUNCHED APRIL 2024

KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MI

SHERIFF RICHARD FULLER III
LAUNCHED APRIL 2024

BLOUNT COUNTY, AL

SHERIFF MARK MOON
LAUNCHED MAY 2024

GRAYSON COUNTY, TX

SHERIFF TOM WATT
LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2024

ALPENA COUNTY, MI

SHERIFF ERIK SMITH
LAUNCHED DECEMBER 2024

EDDY COUNTY, NM

SHERIFF MATTHEW HUTCHINSON
LAUNCHED DECEMBER 2024

WAYNE COUNTY, PA

SHERIFF CHRIS ROSLER
LAUNCHED JANUARY 2025

WILKIN COUNTY, MN

SHERIFF TONY HARRIS
LAUNCHED JANUARY 2025

RICHLAND COUNTY, ND

SHERIFF GARY RUHL
LAUNCHED JANUARY 2025

RUSSELL COUNTY, AL

SHERIFF HEATH TAYLOR
LAUNCHED APRIL 2025

JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL

SHERIFF MARK PETTWAY
LAUNCHED APRIL 2025

FAYETTE COUNTY, OH

SHERIFF VERNON STANFORTH
LAUNCHED MAY 2025

WASHINGTON COUNTY, OH

SHERIFF MARK WARDEN
LAUNCHED MAY 2025

BUTLER COUNTY, PA

SHERIFF MICHAEL SLUPE
LAUNCHED MAY 2025

SHELBY COUNTY, AL

SHERIFF JOHN SAMANIEGO
LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2025

WOOD COUNTY, OH

SHERIFF MARK WASYLYSHYN
LAUNCHED NOVEMBER 2025

ROGERS COUNTY, OK

SHERIFF SCOTT WALTON
LAUNCHED NOVEMBER 2025

BINGHAM COUNTY, ID

SHERIFF JEFF GARDNER
LAUNCHED NOVEMBER 2025

WASHINGTON COUNTY, OK

SHERIFF SCOTT OWEN
LAUNCHED NOVEMBER 2025

SUMMIT COUNTY, OH

SHERIFF KANDY FATHEREE
LAUNCHED JANUARY 2026

ADA COUNTY, ID

SHERIFF MATT CLIFFORD
LAUNCHED FEBRUARY 2026

YAVAPAI COUNTY, AZ

SHERIFF DAVID RHODES
LAUNCHED MAY 2026

TRUMBULL COUNTY, OH

SHERIFF MICHAEL WILSON
LAUNCHED MAY 2026

