The Need

Georgia has the highest rate of individuals under community supervision (probation & parole) in the country — 1 in 18.

GJP’s Approach

Informed by Direct Service
Reform efforts informed by years of individual service to hundreds of clients every year

Building a Coalition
Built a coalition of key partners to identify the best path forward

Reaching Bipartisan Support
Crafted a plan that people across the political spectrum could get behind

Building a Bridge Between Public & Private
Motivated Atlanta-based corporations to publicly support SB 105

SB 105 Becomes Law

- 25% of felony probationers qualify for early termination immediately (up to 40,000 people)
- Provides clear set of criteria for early termination
- More individuals will qualify faster
- Provides incentive and hope for people serving a long sentence
- Saves Georgia $34 million per year

Next Steps

Through a strategic implementation strategy, SB105 will help us reach our goal of reducing the number of people on probation by 15%.

Direct Services
- Individual support
- “Know Your Rights” presentations
- Ensure effective implementation

Education & Outreach
- Record restriction summits
- Informative materials
- Knowledge for self-advocacy

Policy Advocacy
- Update legislators on SB 105’s impact
- Monitor data on SB 105’s progress
- Further probation reform in GA
**THE NEED**

4.3 million people have a Georgia criminal history: ~40% of adults. Before SB 288, almost all convictions stayed on a person’s record for life.

**GJP’S APPROACH**

**INFORMED BY DIRECT SERVICE**
Reform efforts informed by years of individual service
GJP represents approximately 500 clients/year

**BUILDING A COALITION**
Built a coalition of key partners to identify the best path forward
Established the Second Chance for Georgia Campaign and signed on 77 partner organizations and over 1,200 individuals

**REACHING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT**
Crafted a plan that people across the political spectrum could get behind
SB 288 passed unanimously in Georgia’s House & Senate

**BUILDING A BRIDGE BETWEEN PUBLIC & PRIVATE**
Motivated Atlanta-based corporations to publicly support SB 288:
UPS, Coca-Cola, Home Depot, Newell Brands McKenney’s, Verizon, and Metro Atlanta Chamber

**SB 288 BECOMES LAW**

- At least 1.5 million Georgians newly eligible for record restriction.
- Includes misdemeanor and some pardoned felony convictions.
- Liability protections for employers who hire people who have a criminal history are included.

**NEXT STEPS**
Through a strategic implementation strategy, GJP is rising to meet the growing need for record restriction services following SB 288.

**Direct Services**
- Individual support
- Expungement desks
- “Know Your Rights” presentations

**Education & Outreach**
- Record restriction summits
- Informative materials
- Knowledge for self-advocacy

**Policy Advocacy**
- Update legislators on SB 288’s impact
- Monitor data on SB 288’s progress
- Further reduce barriers to reentry