

# Building Community Safety without Policing

## A Resource Guide

### Further Reading:

#### Articles & Blogs

- ["Slavery and the Origins of the American Policing State"](#) by Ben Foundation
- ["If we Abolish Police, What Happens to the Rapists?"](#) by Cassandra Mensah
- ["Yes, We Mean Literally Abolish the Police"](#) by Mariame Kaba
- ["6 Reasons Why It's Time to Defund the Police"](#) by Mary Zerkel
- ["What the Prison-Abolition Movement Wants"](#) by Kim Kelly
- ["Defund the Police: What it Means and Why Activists are Calling for It"](#) by Cassidy Johncox

#### Book Recommendations

- [Are Prisons Obsolete?](#) by Angela Davis
- [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) by Michelle Alexander
- [The End of Policing](#) by Alex Vitale

### Getting Involved:

#### National Campaigns

- [Critical Resistance](#)
- [8 to Abolition](#)

#### Local Campaigns

- [#DefundCPD](#) (Chicago)
- [#NoCopAcademy](#) (Chicago,)
- [Communities United for Police Reform](#) (New York)
- [#CloseTheWorkhouse](#) (St. Louis)
- [Defund OPD](#) (Oakland)

### Ongoing Learning:

#### Watch & Listen

- Video: [Defund Police](#)
- Podcast: [Ruth Wilson Gilmore Makes the Case for Abolition](#)
- Videos: [No One is Disposable: Everyday Practices of Abolition](#)
- Videos: ["From Attica to Abolition" Webinar](#)

#### Explore

- ["What Policing Costs"](#) by Vera
- ["How Much Do US Cities Spend on Policing?"](#) by Niall McCarthy
- ["A Community Compilation on Police Abolition"](#) by Sarah-Ji and Monica Trinidad
- [The Movement for Black Lives Policy Platform](#) (Endorsed by AFSC)
- [The Marshall Project](#) - Nonprofit Journalism about Criminal Justice

### Toolkits to Use:

- [New Era of Public Safety Advocacy Toolkit](#)
- [Defund CPD Community Conversation Toolkit](#)
- [Defund, Rebuild](#) Toolkit by Dream Defenders
- [#DefundPolice](#) Toolkit by Interrupting Criminalization



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## Upcoming Conversations

November 19 - Creating Police Free Schools  
December 15 - How to Have Conversations  
in Your Communities