# WISDOM for Justice: MICAH wins big grant for criminal justice

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MICAH will celebrate 30 years of work for social justice in Milwaukee in 2018.

During those years, MICAH has done influential work around Criminal Justice Reform and now they will be working to expand to work directly with women who are incarcerated, those who are formerly incarcerated, and families of people affected by incarceration.

Women are the fastest growing demographic of our jails and prisons.  Through this grant MICAH will not only work with women who have been directly impacted by incarceration, the women will be central to our work all across the state of Wisconsin.  Milwaukee, being the most urbanized area of Wisconsin, also has a high concentration of women who are impacted by incarceration. However, this issue is not exclusive to Milwaukee.  Through WISDOM, MICAH has  partnerships with Chippewa Valley Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing (CV EXPO) and EXPO of the Fox Cities.  This project will connect with women who have been impacted by the criminal justice system from around the state.

A recent health impact assessment of people by effected by incarceration in Wisconsin identified three social determinants of health (housing, economic opportunity, and family unity) as major concerns particularly for women affected by incarceration. This project will adress those three areas.

Our main goal is to build civic leaders across the state of Wisconsin of women who

have been directly impacted by incarceration.

MICAH received one of five Community Collaboration Grants from the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. In addition to funding, grantees will receive training and technical assistance through the grant program.