

This investment in incarcerated women feels very important to me. As a judge, I am acutely aware that the criminal legal system is full of traps that keep incarcerated people struggling in ways that could be alleviated or prevented entirely, yet there is far too little institutional commitment to shoulder a share of the responsibility for filling those gaps. This program offers real and vital assistance to people who are forgotten and suffering, and the careful way it is conducted improves the possibility that the rest of us will acquire a better understanding of how our system is functioning. I can't imagine a better and more efficacious use of state resources and hope it will continue indefinitely.