



ILLINOIS COALITION TO
END PERMANENT PUNISHMENTS

BIO - MARLON CHAMBERLAIN

Executive Director



Marlon J. Chamberlain is an advocate for people directly impacted by the justice system. Marlon brings over 20 years of lived and professional experience to his work as the Executive Director of the IL Coalition to End Permanent Punishments.

Marlon has an established track record of creating effective coalitions. Previously, he was the Campaign Manager of the Fully Free Campaign with Heartland Alliance where he built a statewide coalition of over 50 organizations to end permanent punishment laws in IL. He also served as the Community Organizer with the FORCE (Fighting to Overcome Records and Create Equality) Initiative. Marlon developed FORCE to become one of the strongest organizations led by people with records to advance issues, policies and legislation at the state level – including passing the largest sealing expansion law in the United States and leading a voter registration campaign that registered over 1,000 people with records to vote.

Marlon is very active in the community. He is a founding member of the RROCI coalition (Restoring Rights & Opportunities Coalition of IL); He Chairs the Live Free Decarceration advisory committee; he is an Alumni of JustLeadership USA – a national organization with a mission to reduce the U.S. prison population in half by 2030. In 2013, he received the Purdy Award from the Community Renewal Society in recognition of his outstanding leadership in organizing and policy work. And in 2017, he received the CARRE Visionary Award from Safer Foundation. Marlon lives on the south side of Chicago with his wife and five children.