

# Community Safety Strategy

Across the U.S., there is a distinct shift away from racialized mass incarceration, toward public safety approaches that focus on prevention, promote community health and well-being and reduce the criminalization of people of color and those with disabilities.

## SHIFT PUBLIC NARRATIVES

Advance effective messages and storytelling that promote crime prevention over arrest and incarceration.

## DEVELOP NEW APPROACHES TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Foster proof of concept of public safety strategies that prevent crime, involve multiple government and community agencies, and use new metrics to measure safety outcomes.

## BUILD SUPPORT FOR CHANGE

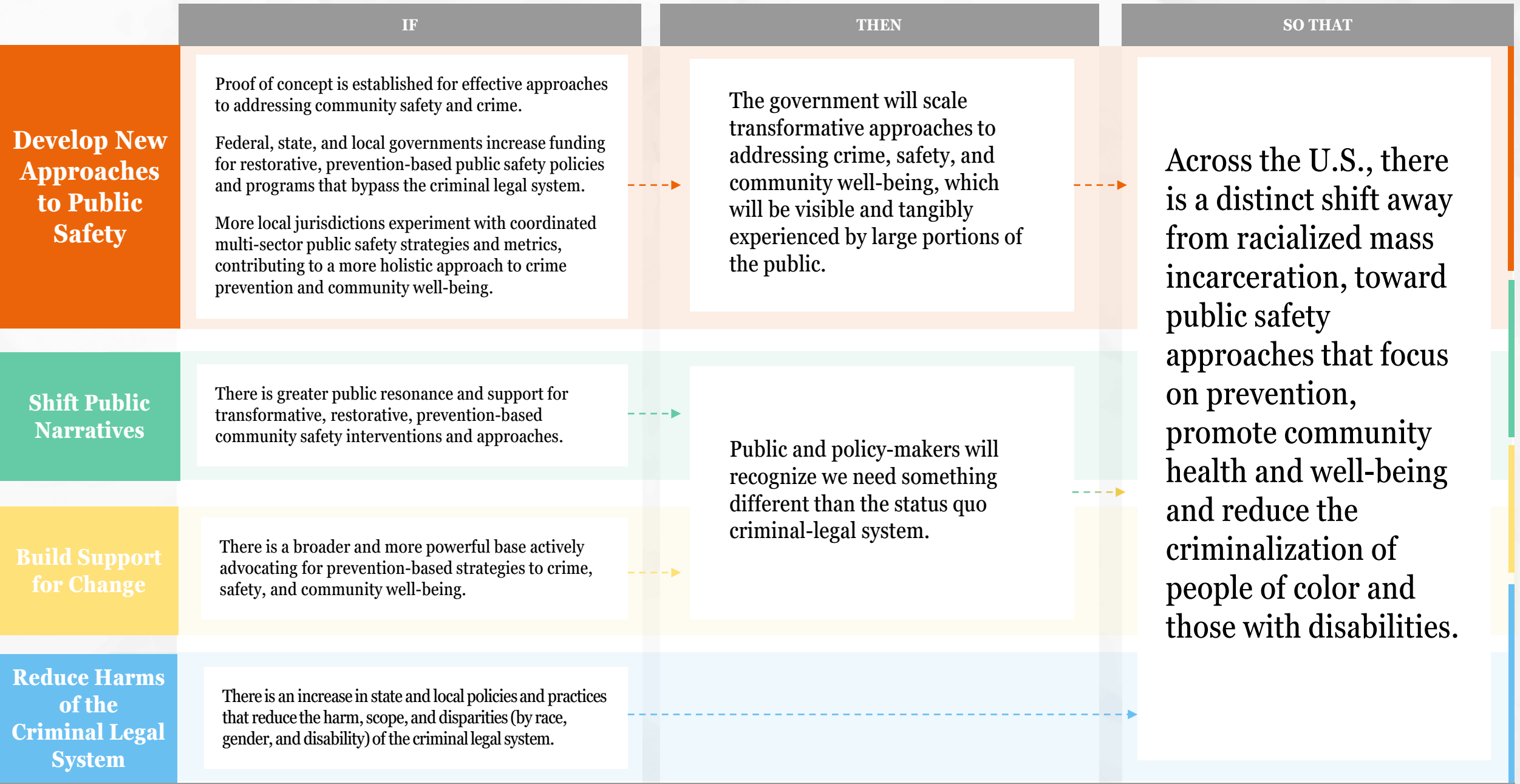
Broaden the constituencies that support new paradigms for public safety and strengthen their visibility and capacity.

## REDUCE HARMS OF THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM

Support policy reforms and litigation that reduce the size, disparities and harm of the justice and carceral systems.



# Community Safety: Change Pathway



# Community Safety: Approaches

## Develop New Approaches to Public Safety

Support organizations that are building models for public safety with an emphasis on community-based violence intervention and prevention programs, and strategies focused on decriminalizing mental illness;

Support research on new community safety models;

Support organizations engaged in federal and local budget advocacy to increase funding for restorative, prevention-based public safety;

Support experimental and high potential projects aimed at developing multi-sector approaches and new metrics for local public safety.

## Shift Public Narratives

Support organizations that are developing, testing, and amplifying messages on prevention-based approaches to public safety and criminal legal system reform while countering misinformation;

Support efforts that build the storytelling capacity and media engagement of credible spokespeople for upstream community safety interventions and strategies;

Raise the visibility of the impact of promising prevention-oriented community safety among the public and key influencers.

## Build Support for Change

Support groups strengthening the public education and engagement efforts of people most impacted by public safety policies and practices;

Support groups fostering the engagement of other valuable constituencies and voices in public safety policy discourse that have the potential to influence positive change.

## Reduce Harms of the Criminal Legal System

Support groups advancing policy reforms, campaigns, and litigation focused on reducing the harm and number of people involved in the criminal legal system;

Strengthen work that increases the availability, transparency, and visibility of public data that tracks disparities by race, gender, and disability in the criminal legal system and new public safety strategies;

Support the implementation of successful reforms.