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Alexis Mansfield is currently the Senior Advisor for Children & Families & Relationship Safety at the Women's Justice Institute (WJI), a dynamic, national "think and do tank" based in Chicago that works across sectors to address women's mass incarceration, reduce harm to impacted women, children and families and improve health, well-being and outcomes among them. The WJI is co-led by a team of formerly incarcerated women leaders and engages a broad range of stakeholders to develop innovative, transformative and data-driven solutions centered on policy, practice, research and program development.

At WJI, Ms. Mansfield works in a leadership role to address the intersections of the criminal legal system, the child welfare system and issues related to gender-based violence. She recently co-authored WJI's 2024 groundbreaking report, *Expecting Justice*, on the lack of policies, practice and procedures designed to protect the health, well-being and safety of pregnant and postpartum women detained in Illinois' 96 county jails. She is also a co-founder of the Reunification Ride, an initiative supported by a coalition of community organizations, that sponsors bus rides that protect mother/child bonds by facilitating meaningful, family-centered visits and opportunities for healing between children and their incarcerated mothers.