

DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER

NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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**PROBLEM -
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The Center & Dane County

- **2013**: Dane County Criminal Justice Council and the Center begin discussions about planning efforts for the Community Restorative Court
- **2014**: Dane County visits Community Justice Centers in New York
- **2015**: Center staff visit Dane County's Community Restorative Court
- **2020**: Judge Alex Calabrese, Red Hook Community Justice Center and Center staff present at a Dane County CJC-sponsored community conversation
- **2021**: Center is awarded contract and Center staff begin conducting Needs Assessment activities in May

Timeline

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Data Review Stakeholder Interviews	May-June
CJC Presentation 1	June 24
Public Engagement Event Community Conversation	July 13
CJC Presentation 2	August 26
County Board Presentation	September 9
Final Report Due	September 10



Community Justice Centers & Community Courts

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Person-Centered Justice Practices

- Voice
- Respect
- Understanding
- Neutral decision-making



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Evolving and Adaptable Models

- Court-based locations
- Stand-alone building
- Static in-community locations
 - Library
 - Homeless shelter
 - Community recreation/service center
- Mobile outreach hubs

Community Justice Centers & Community Courts

Guiding Principles

- Individualized justice
- Community engagement
- Alternative outcomes
- Client accountability
- System accountability
- Enhanced information



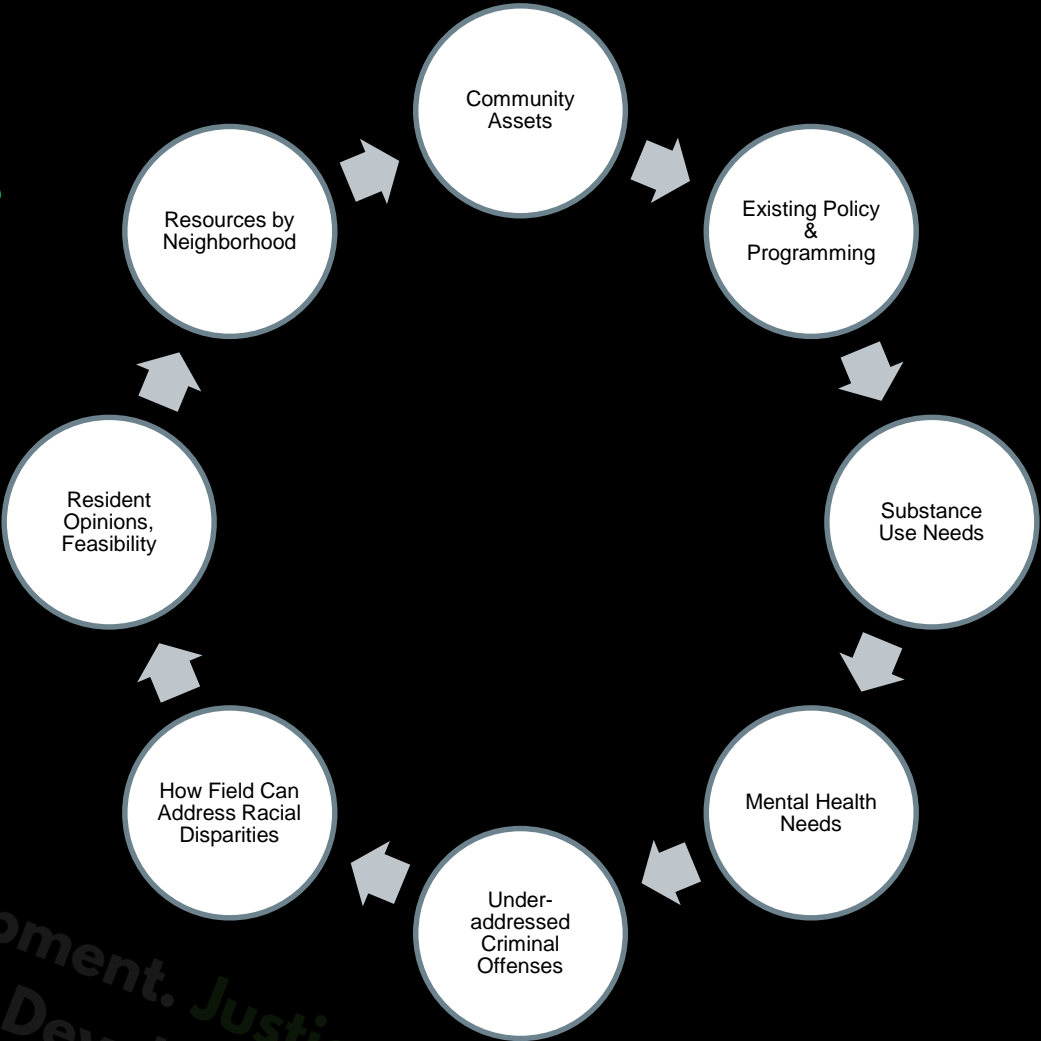
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The Center's Role: Needs Assessment & Implementation Planning

Steps to document assets, needs, areas of opportunity:

1. Stakeholder interviews
2. Community interviews
3. Data review
4. Cost considerations

Question Categories



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Learning from Dane County Stakeholders

Stakeholder Interviews:

Dane County Criminal Justice Council Members (CJC)

- Analiese Eicher, Criminal Justice Council Chair/Dane County Board Chair
- Ismael Ozanne, Dane County District Attorney
- Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive (**scheduled*)
- Calvin Barrett, Dane County Sheriff
- Catherine Dorl, Dane County Public Defender
- Chief Troy Enger, Department of Community Corrections
- Carlo Esqueda, Dane County Clerk of Courts
- Hon. John Hyland, Dane County Circuit Court Judge
(interviewed as proxy for CJC member Hon. Valerie Bailey-Rihn, Presiding Circuit Court Judge) (**scheduled*)
- Chief Aaron Chapin, Village of McFarland Chief of Police

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Learning from Dane County Stakeholders

Stakeholder Interviews:

Dane County Criminal Justice Council Members (CJC) (continued)

- Satya Rhodes-Conway & Reuben Sanon, Mayor & Deputy Mayor of Madison
- Chief John Patterson, Assistant Chief of Police, Madison Police Department
- Hon. Todd Meurer, Municipal Court Judge, Town of Madison, Middleton, and Verona, and former Circuit Court Commissioner
- Maureen McCarville, Dane County Board of Supervisors (**scheduled*)
- Colleen Clark-Bernhardt, Manager of Policy and Practice Innovation & Coordinator of Criminal Justice Council

Learning from Dane County Stakeholders

Stakeholder Interviews:

CJC-RACIAL DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

- John Bauman, Juvenile Court Administrator
- Hon. Mario White, Dane County Circuit Court Judge
- Wesley Sparkman, Director, Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion
- Ron Chance, Dane County Department of Human Services (**scheduled*)

OTHER DANE COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS

- Aurielle Smith, Director of Policy, Planning and Evaluation at Public Health Madison and Dane County (**scheduled*)
- Hon. Jason Hanson, Court Commissioner (**scheduled*)

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Stakeholder Interviews:

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS

- Alex Booker, Urban Triage
- Anthony Cooper & Karen Reece, Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development
- Karen Menendez-Collier & Evelyn Cruz, Centro Hispano
- Kirbie Mack & Walter Williams, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute
- Lisa Burrell, Families Back to the Table

Initial Responses from Community Groups & Stakeholders

- Center the feedback provided through **past needs assessment activities** (focus groups, forums, interviews) when reviewing current problem-solving initiatives
- Work towards acknowledging **racial and ethnic disparities** has been ongoing but issues persist and must be the focus of any justice center planning and implementation
- There is an opportunity for **enhanced collaboration** between community-based organizations and city/county agencies that will be required for a justice center to provide comprehensive responses
- Focus of justice center should be on **offenses not currently addressed** by other alternative to incarceration responses like Community Restorative Court or deferred prosecution

Initial Responses from Community Groups & Stakeholders

- Mental health and substance use treatment resources are more accessible in certain areas of Dane County, so any justice center response needs to be attentive to more rural/difficult to reach places
 - Intergenerational trauma and working with whole families in addition to individuals
- There is a need for more vocational/skill development opportunities and education around employment opportunities, especially for young people
- Any justice center should address gaps including:
 - Culturally competent programming
 - System navigation (across criminal/civil/housing court systems)

Initial Action Steps Based on Feedback

- **Data review**
 - Continued review of frequent offenses NOT currently being addressed in restorative court or those that are not squarely eligible for deferred prosecution
- **Community engagement feedback sessions**
 - Elicit feedback from stakeholders, CBOs, and community members themes, strengths and areas of opportunities arising from interviews and review of Dane County reports
- **Follow up with stakeholders**
 - Clarify recommendations and confirm common priority areas

Process for Developing Recommendations



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Questions and Answers

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