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# **EVOLUTION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS**

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# STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF PAST WORK

- FOR DECADES RESIDENTS OF COLOR WERE DISCUSSING AND DOCUMENTING THE RACIAL DISPARITIES OF THE MADISON AREA REGION—FROM HOUSING, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC CONDITIONS—AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE.
- IN 2007, GOV. JIM DOYLE COMMISSIONED A TASK FORCE ON REDUCING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. CO-CHAIRS SPENCER COGGS AND NOBLE WRAY
- IN 2008, DANE COUNTY CREATED THE TASK FORCE ON RACIAL DISPARITIES WITH COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, SYSTEM ACTORS, AGENCY DIRECTORS, AND RESEARCHERS.

# OVER 80 RECOMMENDATIONS, STARTING WITH A “CALL TO ACTION” FOR ALL

COLLABORATIVE BODY THAT MET FOR OVER A YEAR

STAFFED BY THE DANE COUNTY OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

USED AS A LAUNCH PAD FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHANGES IN  
POLICY, PRACTICE AND PROCEDURAL SHIFTS

GALVANIZED GRANT FUNDING AND LOCAL INVESTMENT TO  
INCREASE RACIAL EQUITY



Dane County Office of Equal Opportunity

## DANE COUNTY TASK FORCE ON RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Final Report

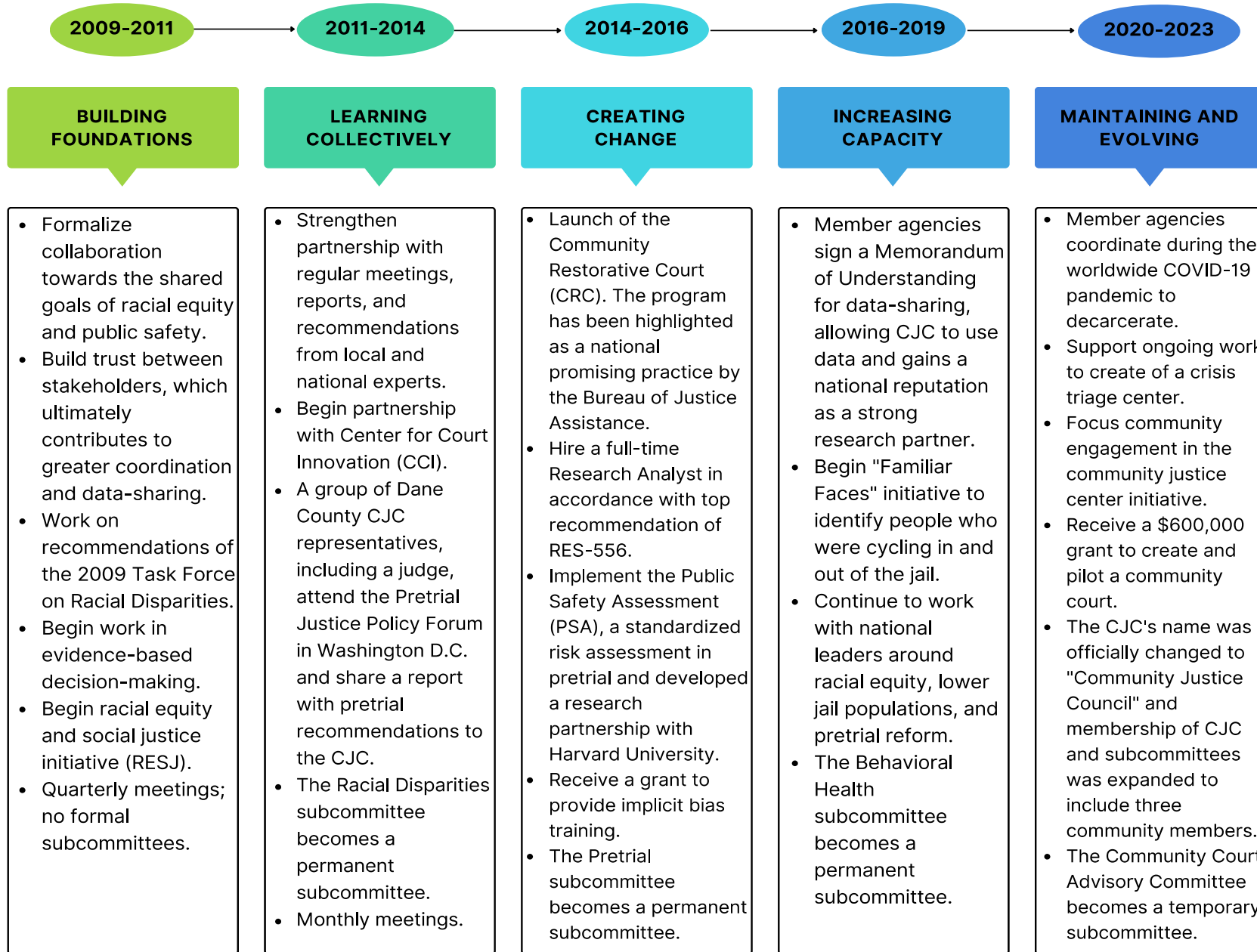
September 2009

Celia M. Jackson and Laurie Mlatawou

Co-Chairs



# CJC of Dane County Evolution



2010-2014

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



## PRETRIAL REFORMS

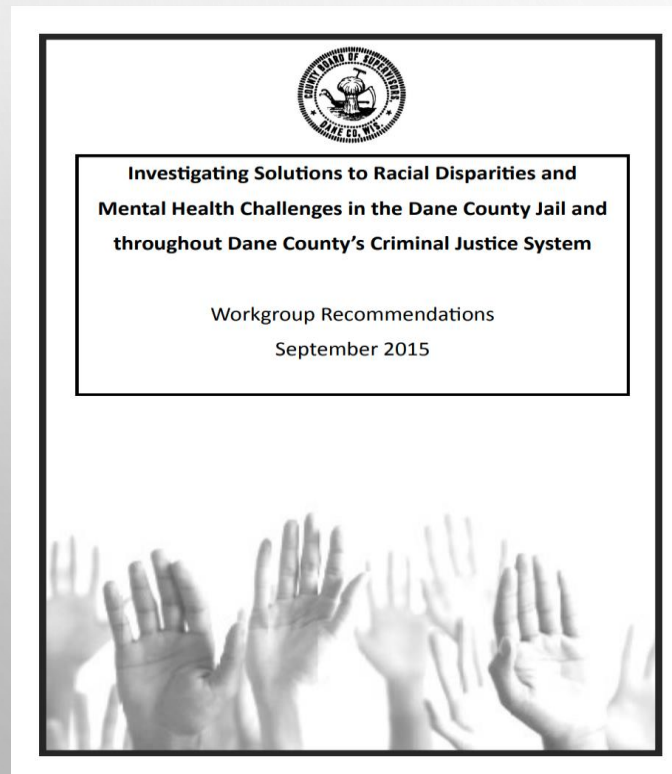
**Report to the Dane County Criminal Justice Council**  
Pre-trial Services Subcommittee  
August 22, 2014

**Pre-trial Services Subcommittee Members**  
Todd Meurer, Chair, Circuit Court Commissioner  
Michelle Viste, Deputy District Attorney  
John Tradewell, SPD Local Attorney Manager  
Jeff Kostelic, Executive Assistant to County Executive  
Lt Gordon Bahler, Dane County Sheriff's Office  
Colleen Clark-Bernhardt, Equity Coordinator / CJC Coordinator

**Assisted by**  
Julie Beyler, Lead Social Worker, Alternatives to Incarceration Program  
Lance Wiersma, Chief, Region 1, Department of Corrections  
Hon. Nicholas McNamara, Circuit Judge Branch 5  
Gail Richardson, District Court Administrator

2014-2016

INCREASING LOCAL  
COLLABORATION: RES 556



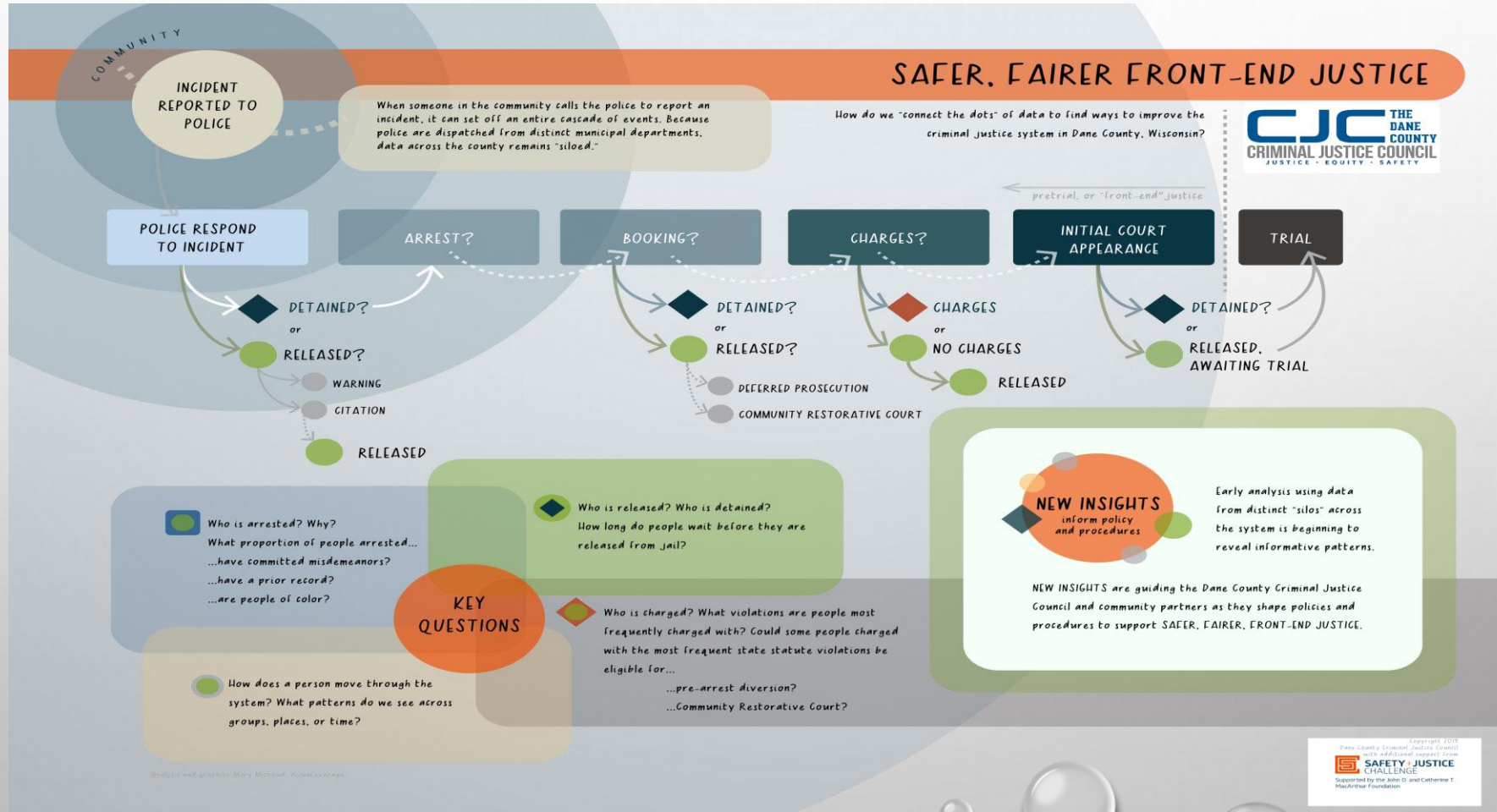
ADDING RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS



Bureau of Justice Assistance, Center for Effective Public Policy, The Perception Institute, Arnold Ventures, Vera Institute of Justice, MacArthur Foundation SJC

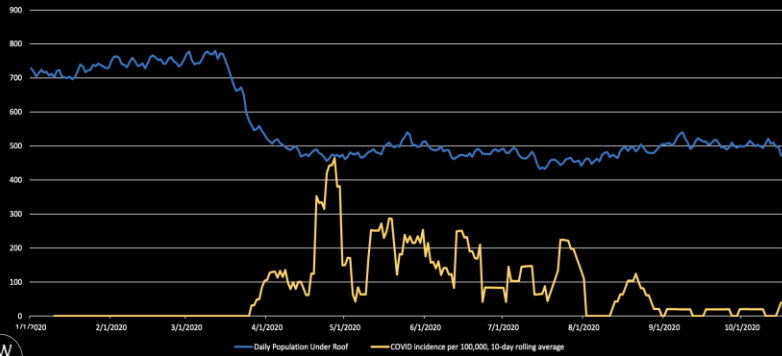
# 2017-2019

## DATA SHARING AND INCREASED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



# 2019-PRESENT DATA PARTNERSHIPS, COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER, INCREASED VISIBILITY

### Dane County Jail Under-Roof Population & COVID Incidence



## DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER

NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Center  
for  
Court  
Innovation

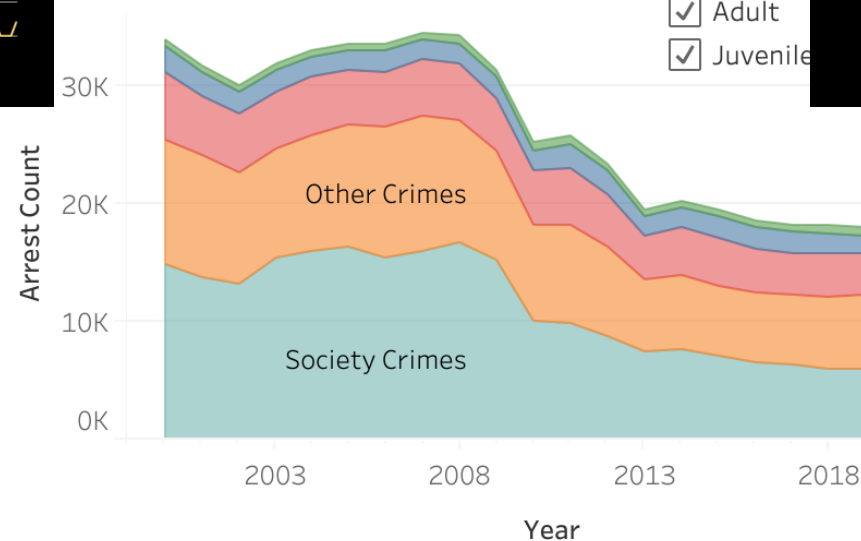
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Dane County count of arrests

Adult Or Juvenile

Adult

Juvenile





# QUESTIONS?

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