



Dane County's Community Service Program

**Presented to the Dane County Criminal
Justice Council**

April 27, 2023

Program History

- Judges Genovese and Berz conceived the idea in the fall of 2016.
- Idea was to reduce jail days and/or fines by giving individuals the opportunity to provide community service.
- Pro-social activity
- Valuable Experience
- Possible references
- Dane County Department of Human Services has funded the Community Service Program since 2017.

The Team

- **ATTIC:**

- Njemeh Barrow, Outgoing Area Supervisor
- Nick Uebelacker, Area Supervisor
- Verla Barnes, CSP Coordinator

- **Judiciary:**

- Judge Josann M. Reynolds, Judicial Representative

- **Clerk of Courts:**

- Jill Anderson, Criminal Court Manager

- **DCDHS:**

- Kirstin Holmgren, Contract manager

Target Population

- An adult sentenced by a Dane County Circuit Court to perform community service in lieu of a fine or a period of incarceration.
- Not restricted by nature of crime, except sex offenses.
- Sentence must be no more than 30 days (240 hours) and no less than 8 hours.



Process

- Counsel recommends
- Defendant requests
- Judge suggests
- 8 hours for each jail day up to 240 hours
- \$20 per hour towards any fine



Once Admitted

- Participant must contact ATTIC within 3 business days of sentence to schedule intake.
- Intake appointment in person at ATTIC on Park St.
- ATTIC matches participant to community service program sites.
- Goal is to allow maximum choice for participant.
- Participant reports progress to ATTIC monthly.
- Upon completion ATTIC reports hours to the court.
- Participant has up to 1 year to complete

Approved Sites & Community

Partners

- The River Food Pantry
- Madison City Parks
- Second Harvest
- Goodwill
- Salvation Army
- Adult Day Center
- Lussier Community Center
- Goodman Community Center
- Porchlight
- Habitat Restore East and West
- Beacon
- Community Action Collation
- Nehemiah Community Development Cooperation
- LGBT Outreach
- Madison Public Library
- St.John- Waunakee
- Literacy Network
- Badger Prairie Needs Network
- Urban League of Madison
- ...& more

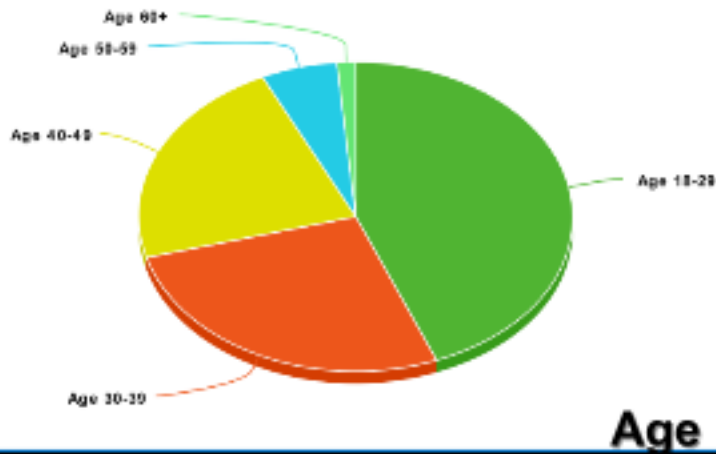


Prosocial Activities

- Reading with children at the library
- Assisting a teacher in the classroom
- Volunteering at church
- Learning a trade
- Helping a coach with youth sports
- Assist with custodial upkeep of sites



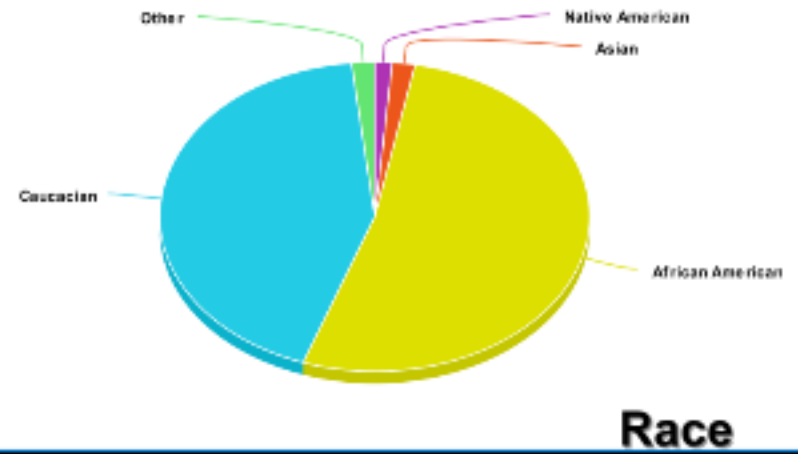
Program Participant Demographics



Age

Age 18-29 Age 30-39 Age 40-49 Age 50-59 Age 60+

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Race

Native American Asian African American Caucasian Other

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Gender



Female Male

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Employment Status



Employed Unemployed Unknown

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Program Data

- 222 people admitted
- 1044 jail days saved
- Over 7,961 hours of community service performed in 2021- 2022 report period
- 48% completion rate
- \$2000 worth of fines

Expanded to alternative court programs, including

- Drug Court Diversion Program
- Drug Court Treatment Program
- OWI Court
- V.A Court

The program saved a combined total of over **1,614** jail days since inception

Program Snapshot: Quarter1 -2023

- **116** Active participants
- **146** Total number of jail days saved
- **1170** Total number of community service hours completed
- **14** Total number of successful completions
- **7** Total number of unsuccessful discharges

Questions?

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