



Strengthening Reentry Through Collaboration

Connecting the Work of the Behavioral Health Workgroups and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Dane County Community Justice Council Racial Disparities Subcommittee

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Building on Existing Work

The Behavioral Health Subcommittee has already begun identifying barriers affecting successful reentry.

Recent work includes:

- Medication continuity following release from jail

- Jail resource navigation

- Behavioral health referrals

- QR code and resource access initiatives

- Coordination among treatment providers

- Connections to community-based behavioral health services

- Collaboration with probation, parole, and community organizations

- Identifying gaps in service coordination across systems

Where Behavioral Health and Racial Disparities Intersect

Behavioral Health Focus

Medication continuity

Resource navigation

Behavioral health referrals

Housing stability

Employment supports

Cross-system coordination

Racial Disparities Perspective

Equitable access to treatment following release

Awareness and accessibility across communities

Culturally responsive and timely connections to care

Removing barriers that contribute to repeated justice involvement

Expanding pathways to long-term stability

Improving consistency and reducing service gaps

Reentry Requires Collaboration

Successful reentry depends on coordinated efforts across multiple systems.

Potential partners include:

Justice Partners

- Dane County Sheriff's Office
- Madison Police Department
- Wisconsin Department of Corrections
- District Attorney's Office
- State Public Defender

County Departments

- Dane County Office of Justice Reform
- Public Health Madison & Dane County
- Veterans Service Office
- Housing and Economic Support programs

Community Organizations

- JustDane
- FREE
- Operation Fresh Start
- Centro Hispano
- Urban League of Greater Madison
- Journey Mental Health Center

Reestablishing the Ferris Center Coalition

Participants may include:

- Wisconsin Department of Corrections
- Dane County Sheriff's Office
- Madison Police Department
- Dane County agencies
- Community-based organizations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Behavioral health providers
- Housing providers
- Employment and workforce partners
- Veterans organizations
- Additional community stakeholders

Opportunities for Joint Action

Potential areas include:

- Behavioral health access following release
- Housing stability
- Employment opportunities
- Transportation barriers
- Community Court and diversion pathways
- Community resource navigation
- Cross-system communication
- Community engagement
- Measuring successful reentry⁶ outcomes

Possible Shared Measures

- Connections to behavioral health services
- Housing placement after release
- Employment within six months
- Community Court participation
- Reduced jail readmissions
- Improved coordination among service providers



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