

SYSTEMS CHANGE

DATA

Use data to fully describe the problem. Collectively acknowledge the problem and move from data to better designed programs and practices.

FRAME

Frame responses with strategies that are accessible, use proven resources, and “make sense” to system stakeholders, community members.

CHAMPIONS

Find the Champions. Local elected leaders, community leaders often times recognize the problems--and potential solutions.

NATIONALS

Use national experts to assist in framework building, communications, and evidence base practices. Catalysts for change.

AMPLIFY

Amplify voices of individuals with lived experiences as a criminal justice respondent, family member or survivor.

All three workgroups collective response included need for current and accurate data.

Deeper and more complete analysis; work with national researchers; up to date and well developed public dashboards

2009

Task Force on Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System

2015

Investigating Solutions to Racial Disparities and Mental Health Challenges in the Dane County Jail and Throughout Dane County's Criminal Justice System.

2016-2017

Dane County hires first CJC Research Analyst. Moves to create a data sharing agreement--one of two in the State of WI.

2018-today

National known as an effective CJC, with deep abilities to research with accurate data. Partnerships with Harvard, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, MDRC, CJI and more

Data sets were used by UW as pulled from large Dept of Corrections data sets. Need for capacity in County articulated.

Working with the CJC data owners, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, and CJC Coordinator for over one year to create first data sharing agreement.

All Reports, Research , Members, Initiatives and DATA available on the
CJC website: cjc.danecounty.gov

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