

# Community Justice Council Strategic Plan—Past and Future

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# Past strategic work included support from national organizations

MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge

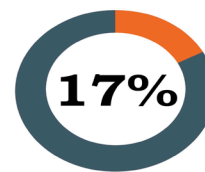


The Safety and Justice Challenge is reimaging and rebuilding local justice systems-reducing jail incarceration and increasing equity for all.

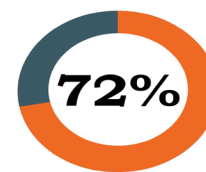
Ten year effort. Closing 2026

NLC, NACO, Harvard's Access to Justice, MDRC, Luminosity, CJJ, Vera Institute of Justice, Urban Institute, Burns Institute and more!

## Rethinking Jails & Behavioral Health



of those in jail have a serious mental illness (SMI)



of those in jail with SMI have a co-occurring disorder

PRI facilitated Sequential Intercept Mappings (SIMs) with

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SJC sites from 2016-2019 to identify gaps & priorities for change

### SIM Top Gaps

Crisis Response	100%
Discharge & Reentry	96%
Communication & Collaboration	92%
Data Collection, Analysis, & Sharing	92%
Housing	92%
Jail Administration	92%
Screening, Assessment, & Evaluation	92%

### What's Working?



- Law enforcement-led diversion initiatives, co-responder teams, & crisis stabilization centers
- Pretrial and initial appearance behavioral health screening & diversion
- Outreach to familiar faces
- Wrap-around transition planning & service engagement at reentry

For more information visit: <https://www.prainc.com/resource-library/rethinking-jails-behavioral-health-sjc/>



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# Dane County Strategic Plan with SJC



Front End Diversion

Pre-trial assessments

Data Driven Justice

Re-entry Strategies



## DANE COUNTY



### COUNTY PROFILE

Population	488,073
Jail Population	843
Median Household Income	\$62,865
Land Area in Square Miles	1238
Racial Makeup	
White	84.7%
Black	5.2%
Hispanic	5.9%

**Dane County Criminal Justice Council (CJC) engages multiple strategies to change criminal justice**



February 2017, Dane County Team learns national best practices for Community Restorative Court (CRC).

### CRC Pilot launch: Fall 2014



(L-R) Dane County Executive Jov Farris, Community Relations Director Tamara Grigby, Community Restorative Court Coordinator Ron Johnson, and Jail Re-entry Coordinator Jerome Dillard

The PSA score is calculated based on nine factors:

- Current status offense
- Pending charge at the time of the offense
- Prior misdemeanor conviction
- Prior felony conviction
- Prior violent conviction
- Prior letters to appear within 2 years
- Prior letters to appear greater than 2 years
- Prior sentence to incarceration
- Age at current arrest

The PSA does NOT look at any of the following factors:

- Race
- Gender
- Income
- Homelessness
- Homeless history
- Drug use history
- Family status
- Marital status
- National origin
- Employment history
- Language

The Dane County Criminal Justice Council approves a study of the PSA and outcomes related to length of stay, impact on racial inequalities. Partners: IJAF and Harvard University-Access to Justice Lab.



### KEY STRATEGIES

- Strategy 1: Front End Diversion**
  - Dane County Community Restorative Court (CRC) offers pre-charge diversion to low level offenders. In 2017, expanded from pilot phase to full implementation.
  - Pre-Arrest Diversion Frameworks—The Role of Treatment in the Diversion Process. July 2017
- Strategy 2: Pre-trial Assessment**
  - In April 2017, Dane County began using the PSA (Public Safety Assessment) at initial appearance. The PSA provides information that is race- and gender-neutral. It helps guide pretrial decision making in an effort to increase safety, reduce taxpayer costs, and enhance fairness and efficiency in the system.
- Strategy 3: Data Driven Justice**
  - Data Driven Justice (DDJ): Dane County joins a national cohort of jurisdictions dedicated to data driven justice.
  - Dane County CJC Data Sharing Benchmarks developed and endorsed by CJC (June 2017).
  - Data sharing agreement endorsed by criminal justice stakeholders to explore data integration of administrative data.
- Strategy 4: Re-entry Strategies**
  - Window to work in DCSO?
  - Re-entry coordinator in DCSO
  - Re-entry Court (pilot Fall 2017)

#RethinkJails

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# CJC of Dane County—a new strategic plan

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RFP-<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/countyofdane/projects/142295>

1. Goals and Priority Areas of the CJC
2. Improving Data Driven Decision Making
3. Enhancing Operational Efficiency
4. Community Engagement
5. CJC Capacity

## SMART GOALS

**Specific,  
Measurable,  
Achievable,  
Relevant,  
Time Bound**

# Timeline

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Release Date:	January 31, 2025
Question Submission Date:	February 14, 2025
Proposal Deadline Date:	February 28, 2025
Evaluation of proposal deadline:	March 21, 2025
Vendor selection and contracting	March/April 2025
Vendor research/interviews	April-June 2025
Presentation to CJC	June 26, 2025
Final Report	August 2025



