

# Planning Process for a Community Justice Center

- Community members and leaders reiterated a lack of trust in the criminal justice system due to racial bias
- Long-time community members feel let down by broken promises for change made in the past and fear that this planning process may end the same way
- Inclusive planning must include community-based organizations and individuals with lived experience
- Expedite actions steps within a **core planning team** and **community advisory board**.

Recommendations from *Community justice center initiative final needs assessment report* (CCI, 2021).

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## ***Core planning team***

- Consisting of multiple agencies that will contribute to services and the legal functions of the community justice center initiative.
- Team members should include:
  - Representatives from each service provider offering services at the center
  - a resource coordinator to streamline service scheduling
  - and a community justice center initiative director to oversee the collaboration of social services and the legal processes.
  - If a community court is included in the center, a representative from the offices of the District Attorney, Public Defender, Clerk of Courts, and judiciary (Municipal Court and Circuit Court) to finalize case and service flow.

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## ***Community Advisory Board***

- Steering committee to provide feedback and ideas to the core planning team.
- To include individuals with lived experience who reflect the individuals the community justice center initiative aims to serve.

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