



Community Justice Center

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The Criminal Justice Council directed the CJC-Racial Disparities Subcommittee to investigate the potential for a community justice center in Dane County.

A needs assessment is a systemic examination of quantitative and qualitative data from a variety of community partners and government sources. The goals are to inform planning, generate buy-in, and set the foundation for the development of future community justice center.

The needs assessment must engage the communities that are most impacted by the current criminal justice system. The engagement is a component of the needs assessment and is an essential part of the process.

Dane County shall seek local champions and national partners to match resources and/or technical assistance in this effort.

Community Justice Centers--

- ▶ Red Hook community Court, NYC
- ▶ Includes a community court
- ▶ Community resources for those justice and non-justice involved
- ▶ Housing, educational, vocational supports
- ▶ Judge involved
- ▶ <https://www.courtinnovation.org/programs/red-hook-community-justice-center>
- ▶ Brownsville community justice center, NYC
- ▶ Detroit community justice center
- ▶ Community resources for those justice and non-justice involved
- ▶ Housing, educational, vocational supports

This is NOT a full listing of all United States community justice centers

Community Court defined:

- ▶ Community courts are neighborhood-focused court programs that combine the power of the community and the justice system to address local problems. They connect persons committing less serious crimes—often misdemeanor cases—to judicially supervised drug treatment, alternative sanctions, and other community-based services
- ▶ Red Hook Community Court
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxdjnXpZgjl&t=9s>
- ▶ Other community courts, 2016 grant recipients of Technical assistance
- ▶ (Delaware, city of fort Lauderdale, Puyallup, WA; Nashville, TN;

Potential grant funding? BJA: Community Court Program grant

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The goal of the National Community Courts Program is to help judges, prosecutors and defense counsel, law enforcement, and other innovators around the country reduce drug use, crime, and unnecessary incarceration through a variety of supports.

Next steps?

CJC-Racial Disparities Subcommittee helps determine the path to move forward with the needs assessment/community engagement.

- Population a community justice center would positively impact

- Catchment area

- Data requirements

- Adult only? Youth Justice included?

- Other?