In 2016, Milwaukee County Joined the SJC Network

Using the technical assistance and resources provided by the MacArthur Foundation, the Milwaukee Community Justice Council worked to safely reduce the average daily jail population (ADP).

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By December 2019, Milwaukee County surpassed the target ADP, reaching a 20% reduction in its jail population without compromising public safety.

The primary purpose of jails is to detain those awaiting trial who are a danger to public safety or a flight risk.

Jailing someone who is neither results in significant costs for families and communities - particularly communities of color - including lost income, parents separated from their children, untreated mental health and substance use challenges, a greater risk of re-offending, and wasted public dollars.

The Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) represents a significant investment by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails.

**Safety and Justice Challenge Goals**

- Reduce over-reliance on local jails
- Address racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system
- Engage the broader community in system change
With MacArthur Foundation Support, Milwaukee Has...

- Funded the first Crisis Assessment Response Team with countywide jurisdiction to prevent jail admissions tied to mental health crises
- Created a mental health diversion program and hired a behavioral health liaison to conduct assessments in the jail and connect people to community-based services
- Established an Expedited Disposition calendar to decrease time to case resolution
- Launched the Court Reminder Program to improve court appearance rates
- Expanded capacity for diversions and deferred prosecution agreements
- Instituted a policy to reduce jail bookings tied to non-violent misdemeanors
- Reduced incarceration due to unpaid citations by reexamining practices around fines and fees
- Organized 8 Home to Stay Resource Fairs for persons returning to the community after incarceration
- Trained 550+ criminal justice stakeholders on the impact of trauma in the justice system

Data Capacity
Monitor trends and inform policy with accurate data

Reentry
Support persons who are returning to the community and prevent cycling through the system

Mental Health
Identify people in custody with mental health challenges and link them to community resources

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Community and System Partners are Advancing 5 Strategies to Prevent Unnecessary Jail Use and Reduce Disparities

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Our Work Is Not Done

As the Milwaukee Community Justice Council (CJC) marks its progress to date, we recognize that opportunities remain to implement forward-thinking reforms, address disparities, use public resources more efficiently, and support individuals impacted by the justice system while protecting public safety.

To move closer towards our shared vision of a fairer, more efficient, and more effective justice system, in 2020, the CJC will collaborate with community and system partners to:

- Launch a Jail Population Review Team to identify system trends, racial and ethnic disparities, and cases that may be eligible for faster resolution and alternatives to incarceration
- Complete data dashboards to expand local data capacity and inform policy, including racial equity initiatives
- Open a Transitions Clinic to support people who are returning to the community after incarceration
- Release subgrants to fund community-led work that aligns with SJC goals
- Start a Criminal Justice Learning Series to increase transparency and engage community members in criminal justice priority-setting

In 2019, people of color accounted for at least two-thirds of Milwaukee County jail bookings

25% of the pretrial population screened positive for needing further mental health assessment in 2019

Visit milwaukee.gov/cjc to learn more about Safety and Justice Challenge efforts in Milwaukee County.

Join the conversation to #RethinkJails on social media.