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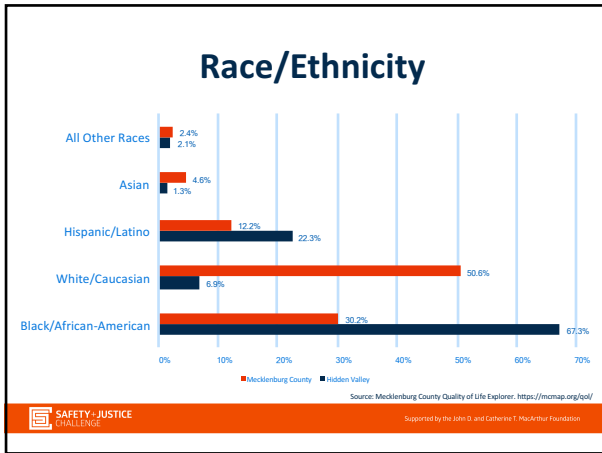
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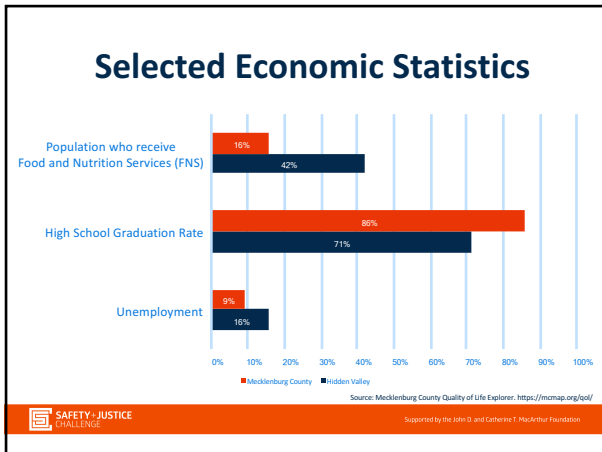
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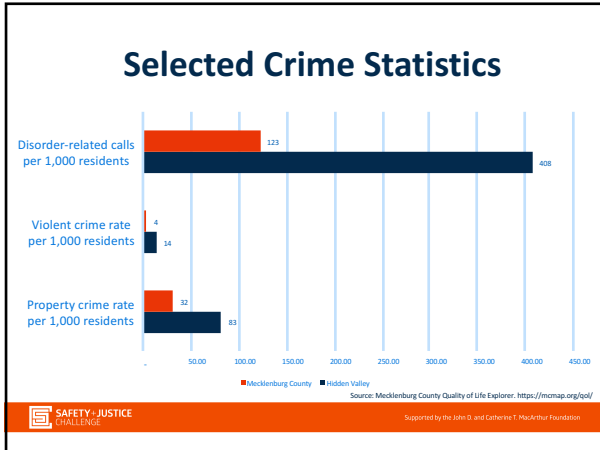


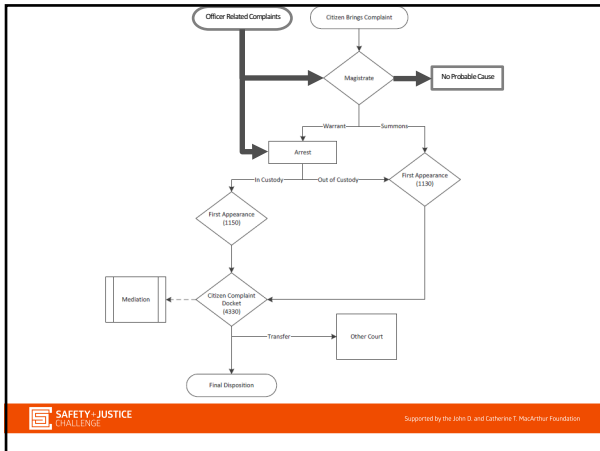
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For additional information, please contact
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CJS@mecklenburgcountync.gov

SafetyAndJusticeChallenge.org

STORYCORPS JUSTICE PROJECT


Examples of Deep Community Engagement

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What is StoryCorps?

- Founded 2003 by Dave Isay from a MacArthur Genius Grant
- National Media organization
- Oral History Project
- **Mission:**
 - Preserve + share humanity's stories to:
 - Build connections between people
 - Create a more just and compassionate world




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- StoryCorps' Newest Initiative
- Launched 2016
- To preserve and amplify the stories of people whose lives have been impacted by mass incarceration and the justice system nationwide



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Who We Partner With

- Organizations that work with people who are directly impacted
 - MacArthur SJCN partners, such as Orleans Defenders, Bronx Defenders, etc
- Organizations in local jurisdictions
 - Direct Service
 - Community Organizations
 - Many more!



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Guiding Principles of SCJP

- Influence of MacArthur CE paper
- Trauma-informed approach
- Deeply informed consent
- "Do no harm."
- Internal Staff Trainings + Partner Orientations
- Consultations with partner organizations and experts
- SCJP Advisory Group



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PRESERVING STORIES

PRESERVE: (v)

1: to keep safe from injury, harm or destruction

2: a: to keep alive, intact, or free from decay

B: maintain

3: to keep or save from decomposition

4: to keep up and reserve for personal or special use



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Interview Collection

- Preparation:
 - Customized scheduling
 - Site-Specific Considerations
 - Partner Orientation + Check Ins
 - Sometimes Presentations or workshops
 - Staff training and facilitator support



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Interview Collection

- Signature Interviews
 - The foundation of StoryCorps' work
- Recording Days
 - Centered on participant agency and deeply informed consent
 - Presence of SCJP Manager



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Archives

- Participants choose to archive their recordings
 - Library of Congress
 - Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture
 - Benson Collection at University of Texas Austin
- Partnerships can build local community archives
 - Hartford Public Library
- SCJP creating a community archive with MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Network



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AMPLIFYING STORIES

AMPLIFY: (v)


- 1: to expand (something, such as a statement) by the use of detail or illustration or by closer analysis
- 2: a: to make larger or greater (as in amount, importance, or intensity); INCREASE
- B: to increase the strength or amount of; especially: to make louder


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National Distribution


- National Broadcasts on NPR's Morning Edition
- Digital Distribution
- FB LIVE: on NPR FB Page and StoryCorps Chicago FB Page
- StoryCorps Justice Project Portal
 - Available to MacArthur SJCN partners
 - Available to SCJP Partners









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Local Distribution

- Partnership with local radio stations
 - Chicago, WBEZ
 - New Orleans, WWNO
 - Will be produced by Eve Abrams of *Unprisoned*





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Community Partner Content Use

- Cook County, IL/ Chicago
 - “Dismantling Barriers to Life” public listening event
 - Soundcloud Playlist
 - Booklet
 - Video coming soon!

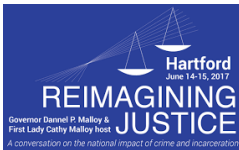


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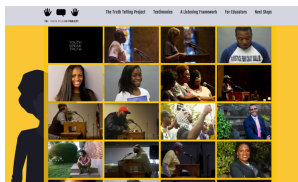
- Connecticut
 - Hartford Public Library Archive
 - Connecticut Governor and First Lady’s “Reimagining Justice” Conference



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Reciprocity + Mutual Benefit

- Attendance at community event
- Skills + Resource workshop and webinar
- Youth Focus Group + Q+A



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HOW CAN YOU SHARE YOUR STORIES?

StoryCorps App

StoryCorps Justice Project Partnership



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