Building a Culture of Research & Innovation

Leveraging Data, Engagement, Unique Partnerships, and Innovation.



Catalysts

Racial Inequity in Criminal Justice System

Dane County is widely acclaimed as one of the "best places to live" yet is one of the most racially disparate in criminal justice, with ratios of 8 to 1 for black compared to white arrests.

1950's Deteriorating Jail Space

New and reconfigured space approved with an overall reduction of jail beds of 10%.

Data Silos

Community and stakeholders requested Dane County start investing in combining data for better outcomes.

Wins

- ✓ County wide expansion of CRC
- ✓ First county to conduct a RCT with Harvard University A2J Lab.
- ✓ Data Sharing MOU with CJ Stakeholders
- ✓ Familiar Faces Project underway
- ✓ Launched CJC website
- ✓ Public data visualizations on arrests and jail population

Challenges

- No unique person identifiers
- Disparate databases
- Determining cost savings
- Small staff to meet demands
- Lean Government and Budgets

Dane Research & Innovation Model



New Capstone Award!

Front End Justice Data Model

- Community and CJ stakeholders engagement
- Arrest and booking integrated data sets
- "De-Geeking" of the data model
- Data Model to inform policy and program decisions







Randomized Control Trial of the PSA

- ✓ Greater transparency in pre-trial data
- Partnership with District Attorney, Sherriff, Courts
- ✓ Research assistant added
- √ 63% Felony, 27% Misdemeanors, 9% Other
- ✓ 53% White, 43% Black, 4% Other: PSA population







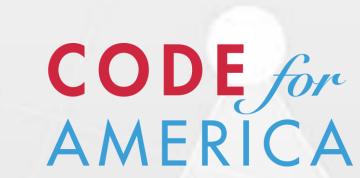
Community Restorative Court

- ✓ Repair harm, reduce risk, rebuild community
- ✓ Restorative Justice Alternative to 17-26 y/o misdemeanants
- √ 90% Success Rate
- √ 65% of Respondents are people of color
- ✓ Text reminders for peacekeepers and respondents









Public Health MADISON & DANE COUNTY

Healthy people. Healthy places.

Racial Equity and Implicit Bias Training

- Law Enforcement, Juvenile Justice and System Stakeholders
- ✓ Tribal Judge Peacemaking Circle Seminar
- ✓ Community Conversation on Implicit Bias











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