

Safety & Justice Challenge Update – Milwaukee County

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In 2016, Milwaukee County was among 11 jurisdictions selected by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to receive funding and technical assistance to introduce reforms to safely reduce overreliance on the jail and address racial/ethnic disparities in the justice system. Five strategies are currently underway.

Strategy	Description	Key Activities
Book & Refer	<p>Creates process to divert individuals to Milwaukee Police Department district station for booking, release, and referral to the District Attorney’s Office.</p> <p>This mirrors suburban practices, cuts processing time, and creates a non-custodial option to handle charges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pilot launched, with plans for citywide implementation ▪ Training for MPD personnel and staff
CMT, CART, and CRC	<p>Adds 3rd Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART) and conducts outreach and training for law enforcement about community-based mental health resources.</p> <p>This strategy expands available services, directs individuals into community-based services, and increases non-custodial options and training for law enforcement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100% MPD patrol officers received Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) ▪ CART Team launched
Post-Booking Stabilization	<p>Creates process to divert individuals with mental health conditions from jail into community-based support services.</p> <p>This strategy connects individuals to treatment and support while avoiding in-custody decompensation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Screening tool implemented ▪ PBS Program launched ▪ 58 individuals enrolled; 15 discharged (as of January 2018)
Trauma & Family Violence	<p>Provides trauma training to system stakeholders, conducts trauma audit of criminal justice system, requires BHD vendors to provide trauma-informed care, and allows diversions and deferred prosecution agreements with required evidence-based trauma-informed care in eligible family violence cases.</p> <p>This increases recognition and improves response to trauma in the criminal justice system. It also connects families affected by violence with support services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30 local trainers participated in trauma “train-the-trainer” session ▪ 375 system stakeholders attended trauma training ▪ 83 family violence deferred prosecutions entered (as of January 2018)
Expanding Data Capacity & Information Sharing	<p>Increases data sharing between agencies to inform response to system-involved individuals with mental health conditions.</p> <p>This aims to improve the coordination of services for individuals with mental health conditions, thereby reducing their cyclical involvement in the system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Established Data Use Agreement between partners ▪ Improves integration between stakeholder data systems