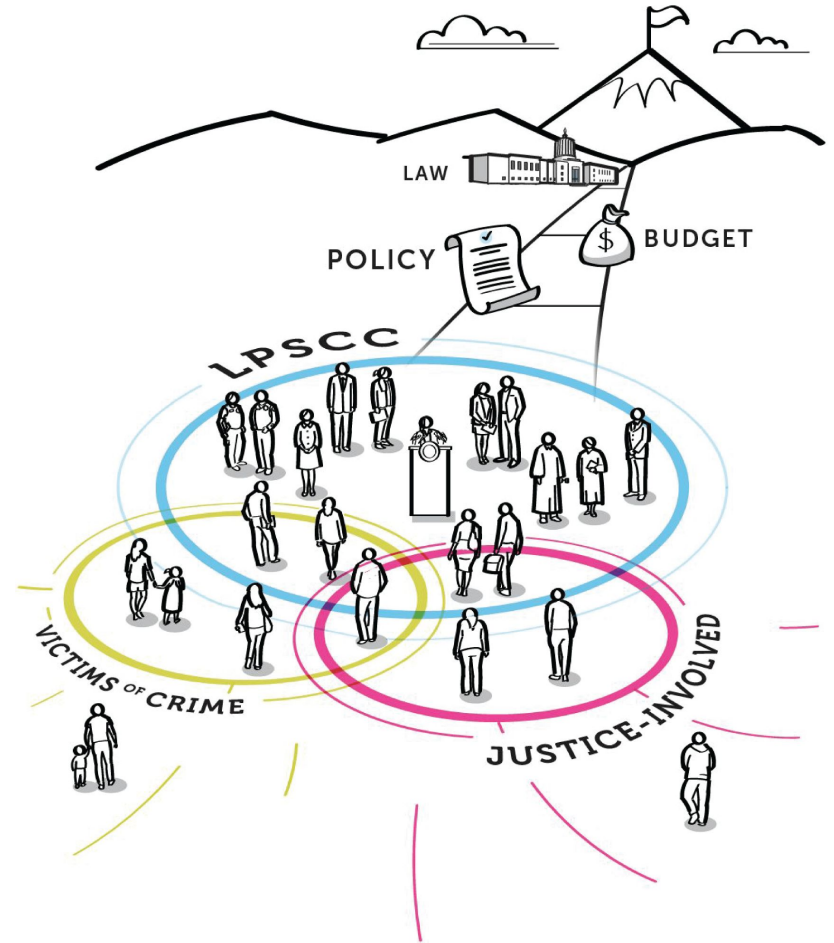


LPSCC Transforming Justice Executive Committee

December 13, 2021

Research Update



Meeting purpose

An update on the Transforming Justice project

Agenda

- Work to Date
- Plan for Increasing Participation
- Work to Come
- Preliminary Findings
- Discussion

Project Outcome + Pillars

A fully realized vision that will lead to a strategic plan across the public safety systems that outlasts turnover and election cycles that:

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Leads with race and and prioritizes interventions, policies, and budgeting for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC) communities

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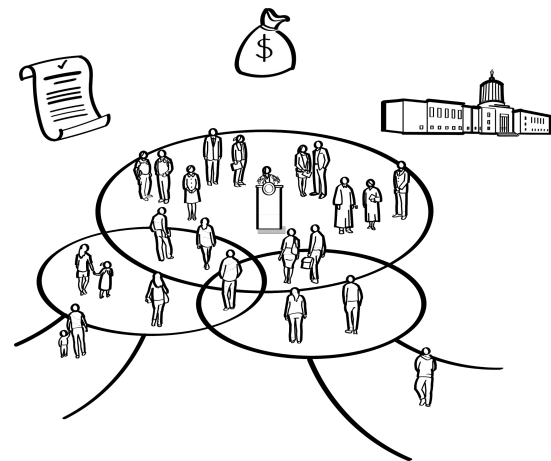


Focuses on shrinking the current criminal legal system footprint, and grows health, housing, and treatment responses

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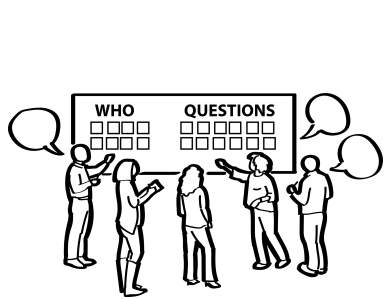


Increases restorative approaches that focus on healing, harm reduction, and restoration



Work to Date

Where we are in the project

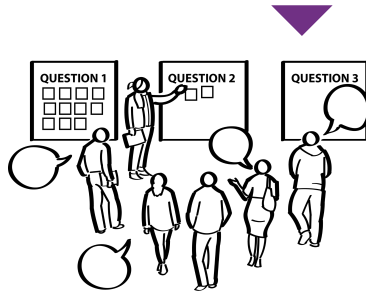


Working group planning research

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Group Dynamics & Research Plan

Establish group charter; identify stakeholders and define how we engage with them



Stakeholder focus groups, interviews, surveys, etc

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Environmental Research

Conduct engagement research with various stakeholders

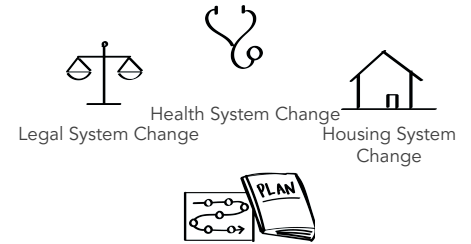


Working group developing the vision

3

Vision Sessions

Develop a fully realized vision that will lead to a strategic plan across the public safety systems that outlasts turnover and election cycles



Vision and Priorities Plan

4

Final Vision and Priorities Plan

Deliver final long-term vision report and visualized priorities and plans of action to group

Discovery activities

The LPSCC Transforming Justice Project is conducting the following activities with the Multnomah County stakeholders identified by the Working Committee and approved by the Steering Committee:

- Surveys
- Interviews
- Focus groups

Additionally, we are reviewing existing research and local and national reports on public safety systems.

Status of Discovery Activities

As of December 10, the following progress has been made on the community discovery activities.

	Invited	Completed	% Complete
Surveys	90	7	8%
Interviews	43	19	44%
Focus Group Participants	161	45	28%
TOTALS	294	71	24%

In addition, the Working Group and Steering Committee recommended a set of existing research to include in the final discovery report.

This review of existing research will detail commonalities, highlight any notable conflict, and surface any information relevant to the project goal & pillars. Among other sources, this research will include the Survey on needs of people living unsheltered (PSU), and Imagine Black: Demands for justice reform.

The full list of desktop research can be found on the Transforming Justice project website:

<https://www.multco.us/transforming-justice/transforming-justice-desktop-research-library>

Plan to Increase Participation

Plans to increase participation

In order to hit our participation goals, the following actions are underway:

- Distribution of videos from LPSCC co-chairs about the importance of this work
- Follow-up emails and calls from Working Group members and project team
- Extending the time for gathering input to mid-January

Work to Come

Estimated timeline

December
2021

1

Interim Report & desktop research

Interim report drafted and delivered by EOY, based on research and analysis done to date, including desktop research

January
2022

2

Draft discovery report

Draft discovery report delivered by end of January—updated with additional data and any new insights

February
2022

3

Full discovery report

Full discovery report delivered by mid-February—complete data and insights

March – May
2022

4

Vision Sessions

Develop a fully realized vision that will lead to a strategic plan across the public safety systems that outlasts turnover and election cycles

June
2022

5

Final vision and priorities plan

Deliver final long-term vision report and visualized priorities and plans of action to group

Clarifying questions,
suggestions, ideas?

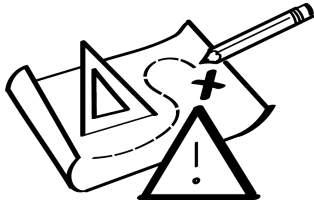
Preliminary Findings

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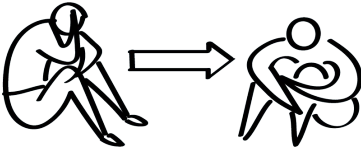
The following information is not a final synthesis of the research to date.

Rather, it is a raw collection of memorable moments and salient soundbites. It should not be interpreted as final insights or takeaways from the research.

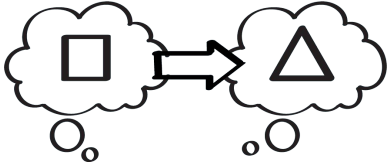
Sample of emerging themes



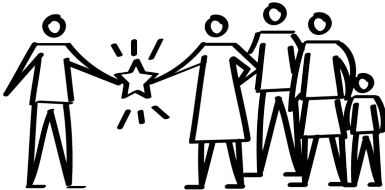
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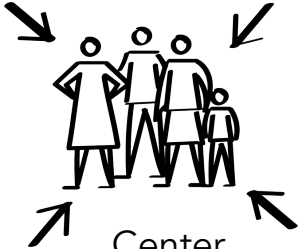
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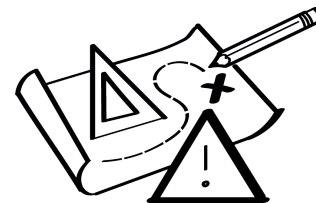


Empower community
to lead



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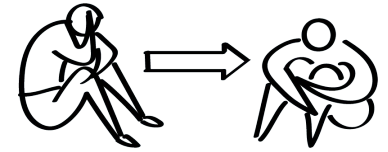


Well, there's not a lot to think about because frankly it's [the criminal justice and public safety systems] just not working. It's not working in any way for the people that we serve.

It's like a hospital that actually makes people sicker, not healthier.

Our system isn't resolving any conflicts. There may be consequences, but the conflicts (e.g., gang disputes) will persist if not resolved.

Trauma begets trauma



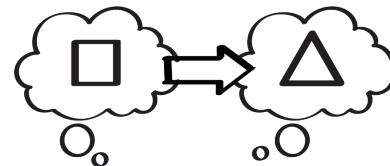
People often just simply need a safe place to go, to heal, to stop the cycle of repeating harm.

Involvement of any youth in the justice system causes trauma to every member of the family.

Many people come out of incarceration MAD, not healed. If they do return to the community improved, it's about that person's intrinsic nature, not the punishment.

The fact that we simply release people from prison, a trauma inducing experience in and of itself, without any consistent training or resources and expect them to live a healthy, housed lifestyle is aggressively absurd and ironically criminal.

Philosophical shifts required

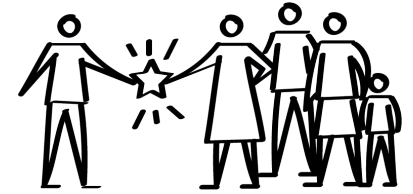


We need a philosophical mindset shift away from punishment and toward healing.

While it's offering restoration for no one, the system is in some ways working. Doing what it was designed to do. So, shifting it will mean shifting the American philosophy of justice.

There is no basis for forgiveness anywhere in the system.

Empower community to lead

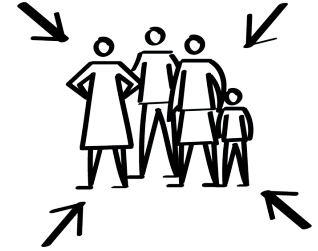


Voices of the community are important to this work—everything has to start in and from local communities.

Peers and mentors were critical to success while incarcerated—seeing hope for the future, an opportunity to thrive after incarceration.

I would love to have outcomes where people are being treated with dignity and respect, and they engage in recovering communities and become leaders themselves.

Center humans



Those closest to the problem are those with the best, most realistic ideas for successful solutions.

You have to offer people what works for them. Not what some professional's opinion is but what they actually need. It's got to be responsive, not directive.

Accountability is to the state, not to the person who was harmed—and that's not trauma-informed nor does it result in healing.

What thoughts do these early findings surface for you?