

Justice Collaboration Grants

Update to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

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\$2.3 M Leveraged for Local Justice Partnerships

Safety and Justice Challenge \$1,750,000

Treatment Court Grant \$549,288



Strategic Priority

Coordinate a justice system that is efficient, effective, equitable and protects our public safety while holistically addressing the needs of people involved in the system

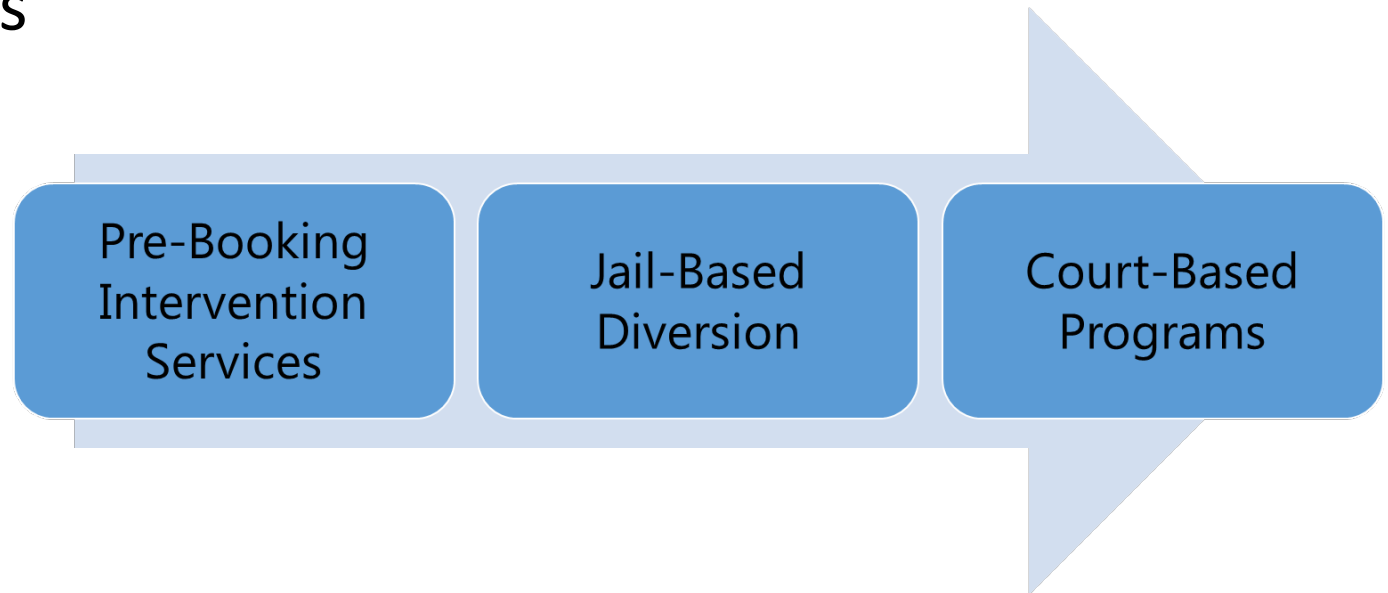


GOALS:

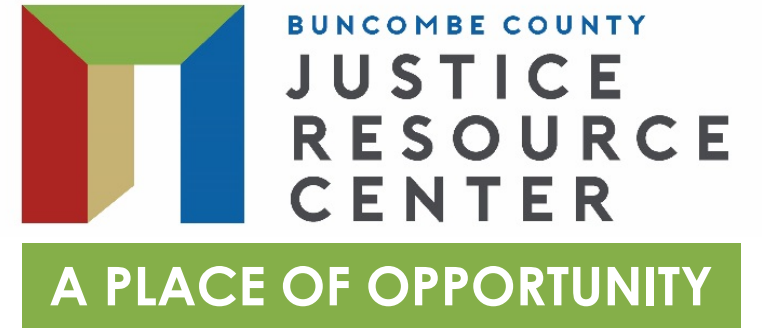
- Enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system
- Focus on law enforcement approaches informed by best practices for serving people impacted by mental illness, addiction, homelessness, poverty and trauma
- Offer diversion and alternatives to incarceration for low-level, first time nonviolent offenders and people with mental illness and substance use disorders
- Maximize community pretrial justice solutions while prioritizing safety and offender accountability
- Support people who are incarcerated and re-entering the community from incarceration
- Focus on crime prevention and offer trauma informed support for victims of crime, including domestic violence, sexual assault and discrimination

Strong Foundation

- Buncombe County a frontrunner in diversion with track record of decades of leadership in criminal justice
- Robust array of local criminal justice and behavioral health programs:
 - Front end crisis responses
 - Law enforcement
 - Jail-based services
 - Diversion programs
 - Pretrial supervision
 - Specialty courts
 - Re-entry services
 - Victim support

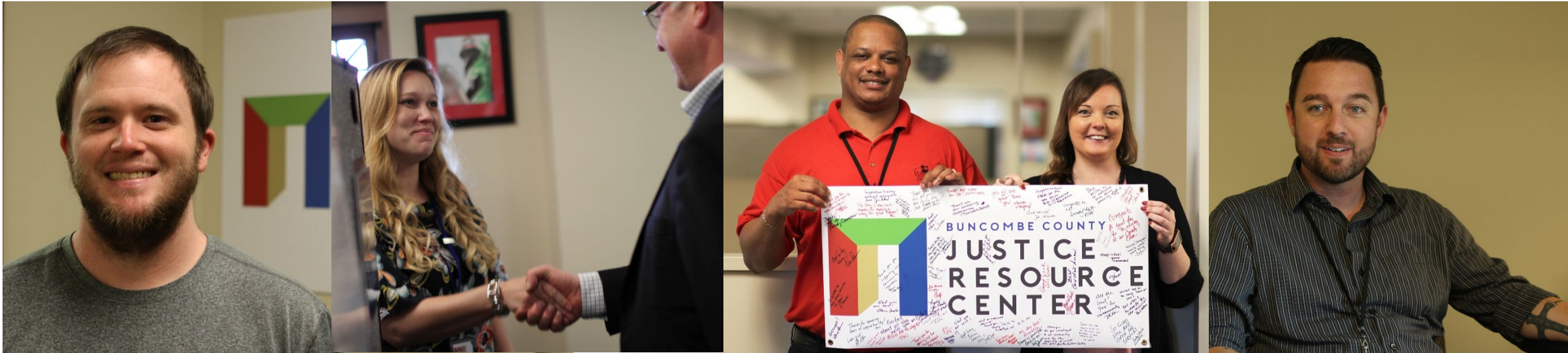


Justice Resource Center



1,000+ people served since opening in October 2017

- Case management
- Public benefits
- Diversion services
- Re-entry services
- Career & education
- Expunction support



MANY PARTNERS, ONE LOCATION
Buncombe County Courthouse, 15th floor



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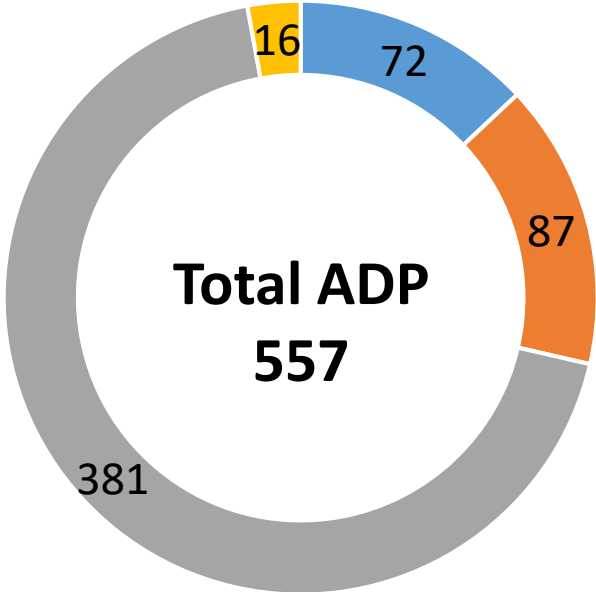
Jail in Buncombe County

Buncombe County Detention Facility can house up to 604 individuals in 13 housing units:

96 Female Beds & 508 Male Beds



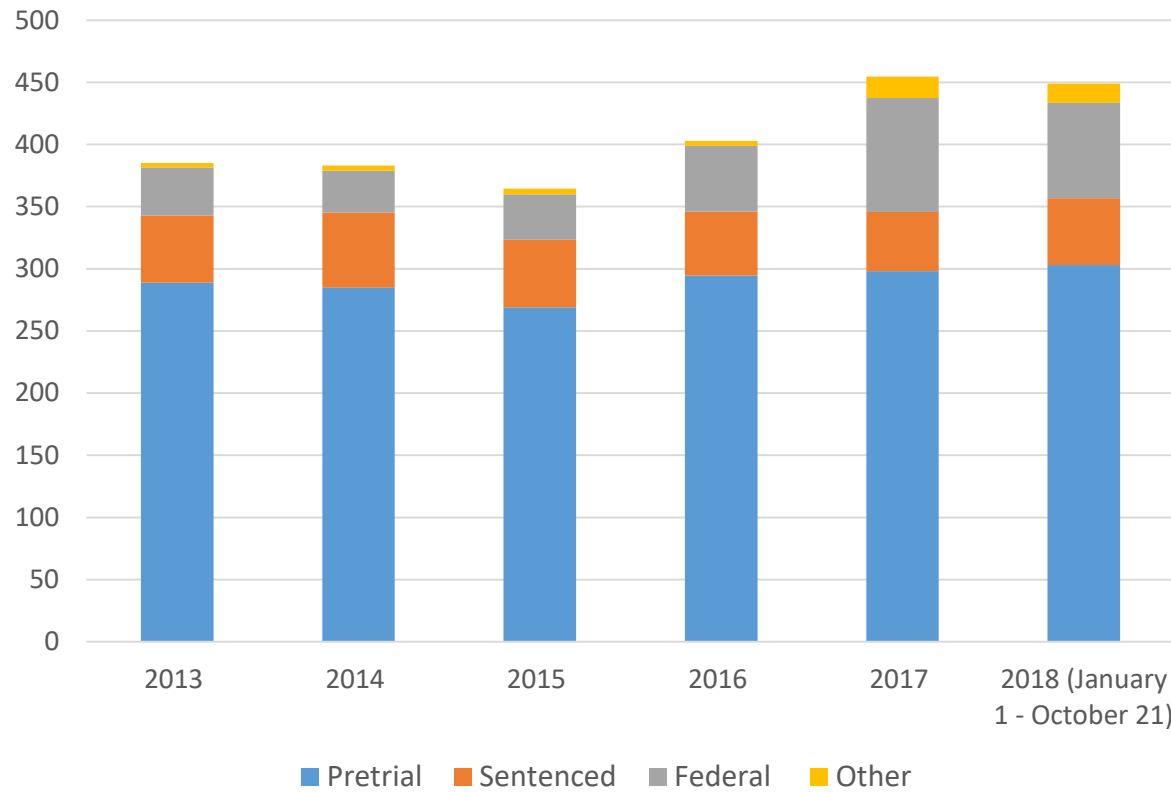
Average Daily Population
October 2018



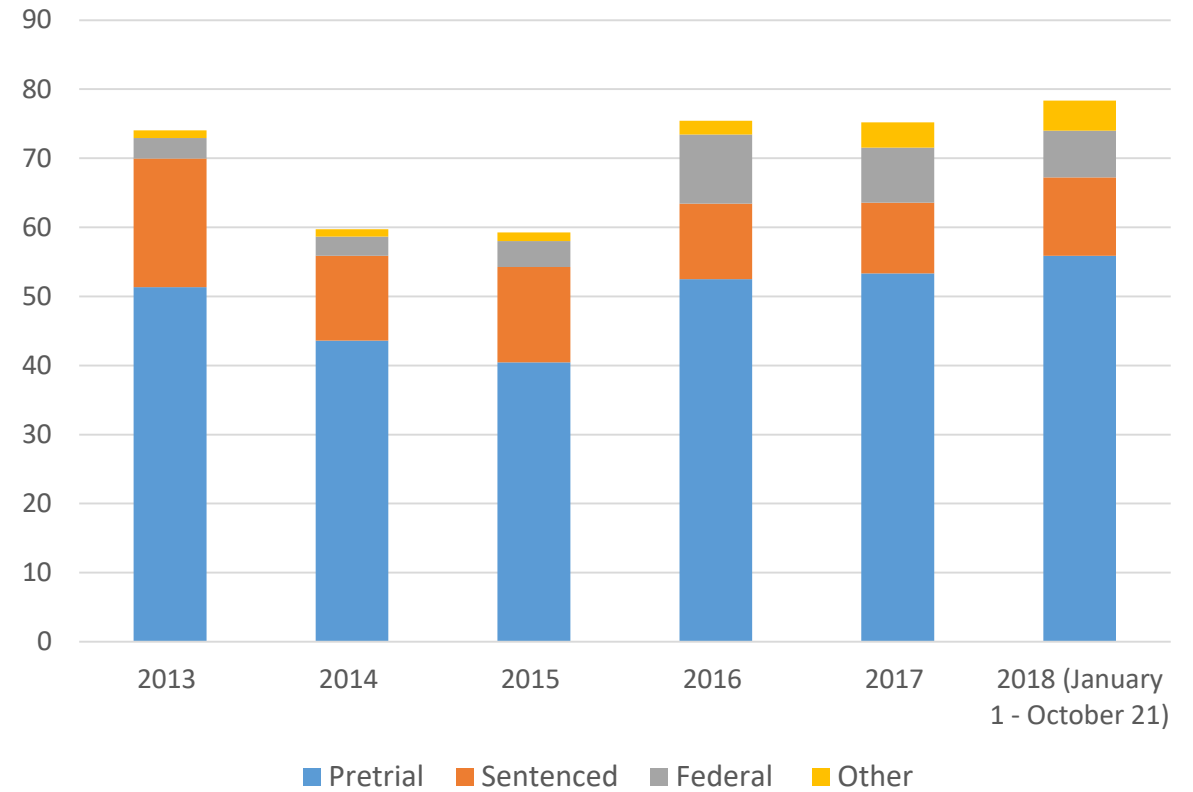
■ Federal ■ Sentenced ■ Pretrial ■ Other

Population Trend

Average Daily Population Males

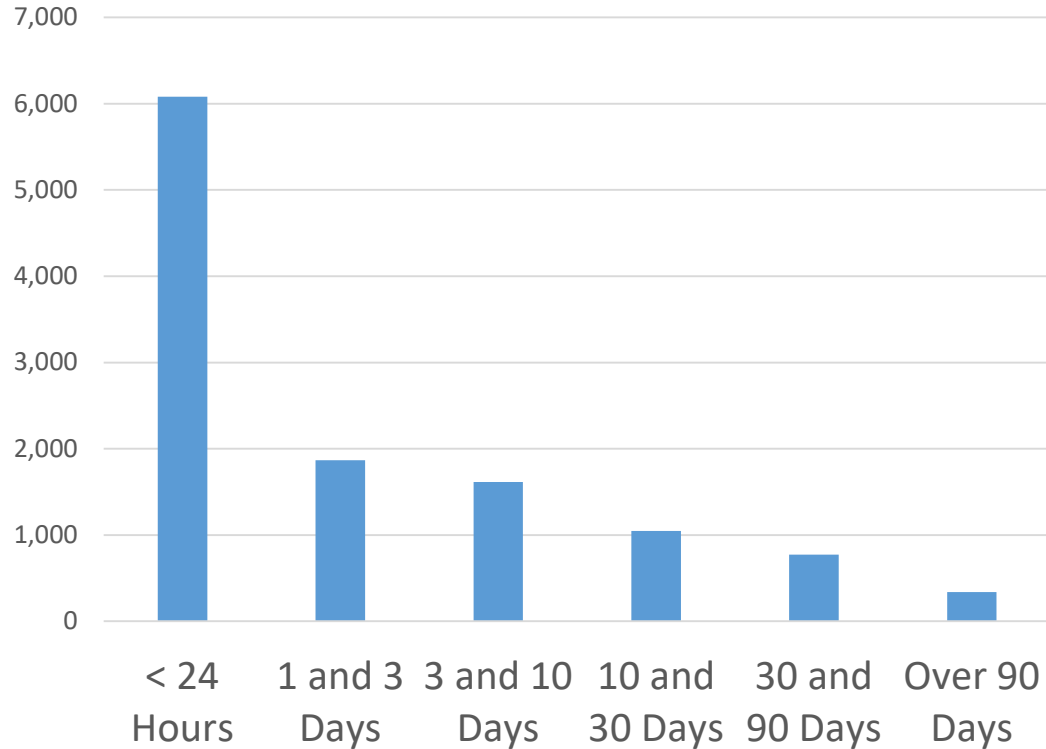


Average Daily Population Females

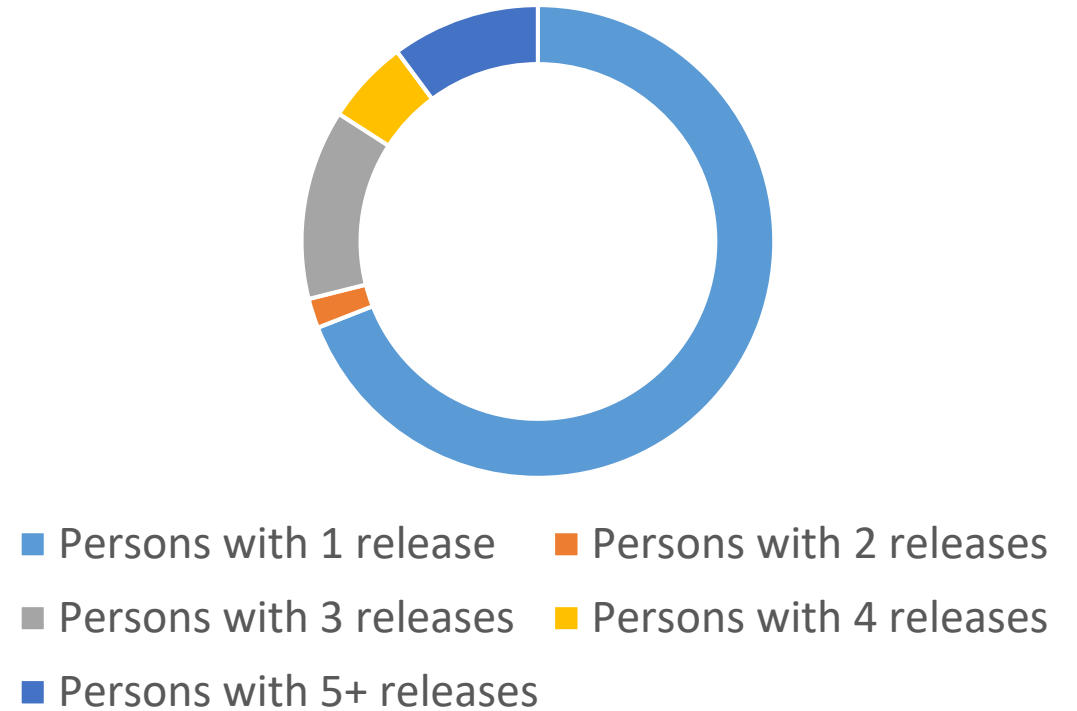


Jail Releases

Length of Stay



Number of Persons Released

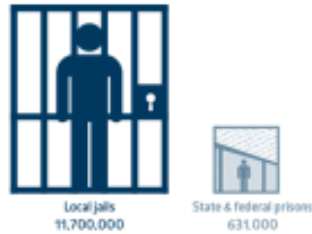


- There were 11,727 releases from jail in the past year: 7,336 people
- 10% had 5 or more releases... 16% had 4 or more... and 29% had 3 or more
- Most bookings were released within 24 hours

Rethinking Jails Nationally



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There are **nearly 12 million** jail admissions annually—equivalent to the populations of New York City and Los Angeles combined and almost 19 times the annual admissions to state and federal prisons.



From 1982 to 2011, local spending on corrections—largely building and running jails—increased at least 235%. Today, **\$22.2 billion** is spent annually by local jurisdictions on correctional institutions.



Three out of five people in jail are **legally presumed innocent**, awaiting trial or resolution through plea negotiations.

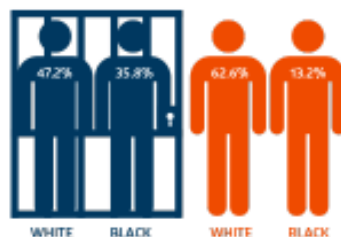
Jails in America



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Nearly 75% of sentenced offenders and those detained in jail before trial are there for **nonviolent** traffic, property, drug, or public order offenses.



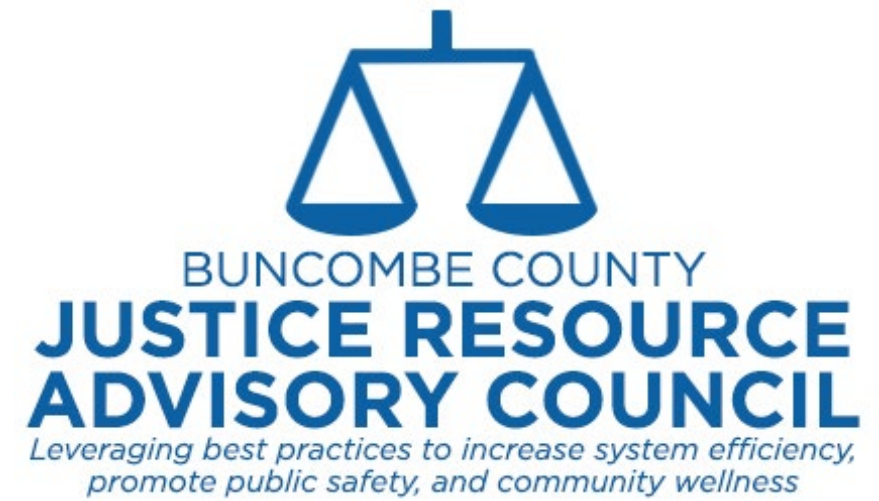
Nationally, African Americans are jailed at almost **4x the rate** of white Americans.



An estimated 14.5% of men and 31% of women admitted to jail have a **serious mental illness**—rates that are four to six times higher than in the general population.

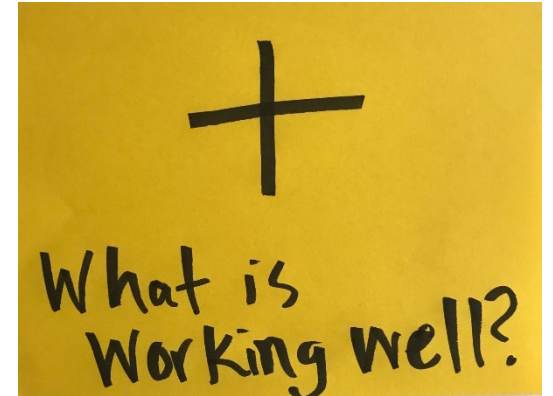
Partners

- Buncombe County – Sheriff’s Office, Pretrial Services, ID Bureau
- Asheville Police Department
- Office of the District Attorney
- Public Defender’s Office & Local Private Defense Bar
- Superior & District Court Judges
- Magistrate & Clerk of Court
- Probation Office
- Juvenile Justice
- Vaya Health Managed Care Organization

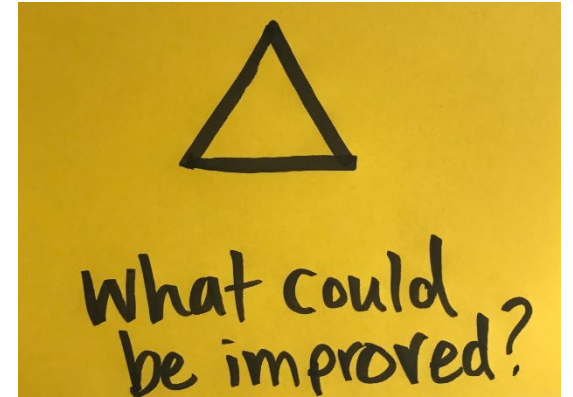


Strengths

- + Below average incarceration rate
- + Track record of leadership in criminal justice
- + Continuum of justice and behavioral health supports
- + Cross-system work with Family Justice, Mental Health, Housing, Workforce
- + Supportive elected leaders
- + County staff resources
- + Commitment to data-driven planning
- + Some shared data systems
- + IT infrastructure and dashboard reporting



Areas for Improvement



- △ Jail population growth trends
- △ Rising numbers of women in jail
- △ Rising numbers of substance abuse detox protocols in jail
- △ Lengths of stay for defendants awaiting trial
- △ Pretrial lengths of stay for non-violent charges
- △ Number of people who cycle in out of jail multiple times
- △ Growth in Pretrial Supervision
- △ Higher incarceration rates/longer lengths of stay for Blacks and Hispanics
- △ Gaps in public confidence

Safety and Justice Challenge Grant



- Awarded Implementation Fund Grant of **\$1.75 million** over 2 years, plus expert technical assistance
- Goal to **reduce jail population by at least 15%**
- Requires system-wide collaborative and data-driven approaches
- Emphasis on protecting public safety and strengthening wellness

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Safety & Justice Grant Strategies



Primary

- Deflect at Arrest and Booking
- Divert to Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Treatment
- Enhance Pretrial Services
- Increase Efficiencies in Case Processing

Supportive

- Improve Data Utilization
- Increase Community Engagement
- Address Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Treatment Court Grant



- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs – Adult Drug Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program
- Awarded **\$549,288** over 2 years
- Funds enhancement of **Adult Drug Treatment Court & Veterans Treatment Court**
- Offers substance use treatment, sanctions, incentives and support to non-violent offenders
- Emphasis on expanding services to people impacted by opioid use disorders

\$ Grant Funding



Actions Needed by Board of Commissioners

1. Vote to accept and amend budget for Safety and Justice Challenge Grant
2. Vote to accept and amend budget for Treatment Court Grant

