

Addressing Justice System Inequities Head-On

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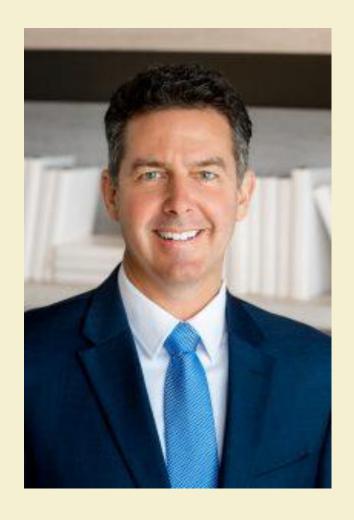




Welcome and Introductions







Webinar Moderator: Thomas Eberly, Program Director, Justice Management Institute







Featured Panelist: Kristy Danford, Project Director, Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, Charleston County, SC







Featured Panelist: Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policies and Programs, Franklin County, OH





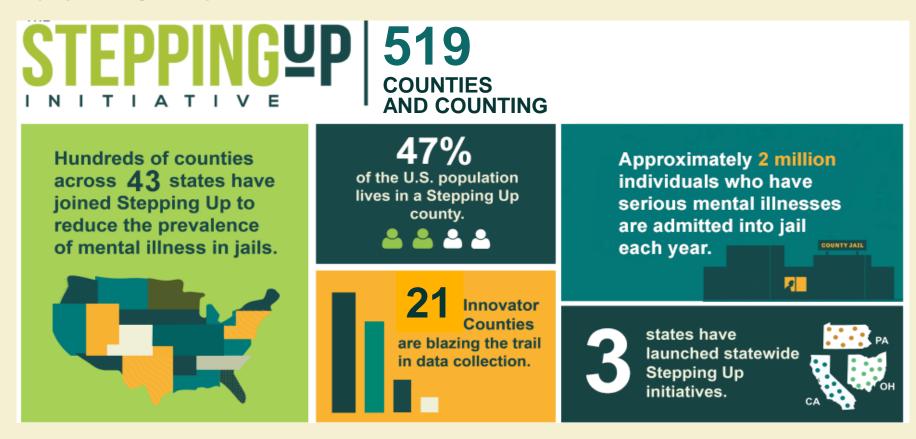


Featured Panelist: Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director, Buncombe County, NC





Stepping Up Overview



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JMHCP Technical Assistance Center—Coming Soon!

- Offers training, resources, and TA to jurisdictions to improve their approaches for people in their criminal justice systems who have mental illnesses or co-occurring substance use disorders
- TA will be tailored based on intensity of request and could include: consultations with CSG Justice Center staff, connections with subject matter experts and peers, virtual events and meetings, curated online resources
- Jurisdictions can request TA through a request form on the CSG Justice Center website





Justice Management Institute

Arlington, VA non-profit organization

Provides cutting edge research, education and training programs, and technical assistance in justice policy, planning, and operations



NNCJCC was created in 2010 to provide a forum for CJCCs to learn from each other and to build capacity for local system improvement.







The Role of Criminal Justice Coordinating Committees

- Buncombe County, North Carolina, buncombecounty.org/jrac
- Charleston County, South Carolina, cjcc.charlestoncounty.org/
- Franklin County, Ohio, jpp.franklincountyohio.gov/





Polling Questions





Panel Discussion





Approaching Disparities in the Justice and Public Health Systems

- As a leader in your system, how do you approach conversations that others may want to avoid or may cause unintended conflict?
- How do you use data to elevate the issue and frame conversations about disparities?
 - E.g., Data on overrepresentation of serious mental illness (SMI) in jails compared to general population; percentage of SMI in jail remains flat even with reductions in overall jail population; racial disparities along justice system decision points
- Recently, racism was declared a public health crisis in Buncombe and Franklin Counties. What does this mean and why was this action taken?





Facilitating Difficult Conversations as a Change Agent

- How do you identify potential partners and bring people together to have difficult conversations?
- What role does the community play in addressing disparities in the justice and behavioral health systems?
- What are some guiding principles that you feel are necessary when addressing system inequalities?





Developing Strategies and Implementing Change

- What strategies has your jurisdiction undertaken to address racial inequities in the justice and behavioral health systems?
- What obstacles have you faced in implementing changes and what unexpected opportunities have you seen?
- How can you keep the work moving forward and prevent factions from emerging?





Questions and Answers





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