MacArthur Foundation
Safety and Justice Challenge Proposal

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MacArthur Foundation Goals

• Safely reduce the number of individuals held in jail

• Reduce the length of stay in jail detention

• Create reforms that eliminate racial disparities in the criminal justice system
The MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge

Challenge: Achieve 18% reduction in jail population over a two year period.

Requested: $4 million in grant funds from the MacArthur Foundation

Six Month Planning Process:

Develop a proposal that;

• Consists of pilot strategies and training and evaluation initiatives that address the major decision points leading to jail incarceration. (arrest, pre-arraignment, and post jail release)

• Include participation from multiple state and local agencies, law enforcement, and advocacy organization.
Proposed Pilot Strategies

- Hartford Alternative to Arrest
- Collaborative Ongoing Review Team
- Jail Diversion Substance Abuse
- Medication Assisted Therapy Program
Hartford Alternative to Arrest Project (HAAP)

**Project Goal:** For the Hartford Police Department to deflect low risk high need offenders from custodial arrest into community based mental health care, addiction treatment, and social services.

**Pilot Location:** Hartford neighborhoods of;
- Barry Square
- South Green
- Frog Hollow

**Summary:**

- Develop alternative to arrest policies and protocols
- Reduce custodial arrests in pilot neighborhoods for; drug offenses, prostitution, burglary, and larceny
- Develop a referral system to mental health and substance abuse services.
Collaborative Ongoing Review Team (CORT)

**Project Goal:** To reduce the time in pre-trial detention through the development of case processing improvements.

**Pilot Location:** New Haven and Bridgeport

**Summary:**

- Collaboration between the Division of Criminal Justice and Office of the Chief Public Defender
- Establish early and ongoing screening of cases for an alternative case processing stream
- Increase information sharing and use of alternative options to reduce collateral consequences.
Jail Diversion Substance Abuse Program (JDSA)

**Project Goal:** To increase access to court-based diversion programming, such as substance abuse treatment services.

**Pilot Location:** New Haven

**Summary:**

- Expand DMHAS JDSA program to provide court-based diversion detox and residential treatment in the community.
- Reduce pre-trial jail detention and risk factors.
Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT)

Project Goal: Expand the Department of Correction’s facility based Medication Assisted Therapy program.

Location: Willard – Cybulski Correctional Institution

Summary:

• Program provides methadone induction to opioid addicted inmates 6-8 weeks prior to their release into the community.

• Provides community based treatment at post release.

• Helps support successful re-entry into the community and reduce risk of future re-arrest and re-incarceration.
Proposed Training Initiatives and Evaluation

**Goal:** To develop specialized training components to serve as a foundation for the Safety and Justice Challenge proposed pilot strategies.

**Cross Agency Training and Systems Improvement**

- Develop cross-agency training for criminal justice professionals and local stakeholders to increase awareness of existing deflection and pre-trial diversion interventions and services.

**Implicit Bias Training**

- Expand implicit bias training for criminal justice professionals and local stakeholders in Hartford, Bridgeport, and New Haven.

**Assessment of Racial Disparities**

- Conduct a data based analysis of racial disparities at key decision points within the criminal justice system.
Project Next Steps

• The MacArthur Foundation is currently reviewing Connecticut’s final proposal.

• On April 13\textsuperscript{th} 2016 the Safety and Justice Challenge winners will be announced.

• In preparation for the announcement the Safety and Justice Challenge work group will continue to;
  
  ❖ Take a deeper dive into data analysis
  
  ❖ Continue to develop implementation specifics for each strategy