



WEBINAR RESOURCE GUIDE

Public health alternatives to policing and incarceration

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Guest Resources

Christine Mitchell, program director, Health Instead of Punishment, Human Impact Partners

[Health Departments Taking Action on Incarceration: A framework for advancing health instead of punishment During COVID-19](#) includes recommendations and actions health departments can take to address the harms of incarceration.

[How Health Departments Can Address Police Violence as a Public Health Issue](#) includes recommendations and actions health departments can take to help end police violence.

The [Advancing Public Health Interventions to Address the Harms of the Carceral System](#) policy statement, adopted by the American Public Health Association (APHA) in 2021, recommends moving toward the abolition of carceral systems and building just and equitable structures that advance the public's health.

The [Addressing Law Enforcement Violence as a Public Health Issue](#) policy statement, adopted by the APHA, calls for a community safety approach around community-led and community-built solutions.

These initiatives center public health and upstream prevention strategies instead of policing:

- [Relationships Evolving Possibilities](#) in Minnesota
- Mental Health First Aid in [Oakland](#) and [Sacramento](#), California

Highlighted Guidance

- Explore these What Works for Health evidence-informed strategies related to the webinar topic:
 - [Restorative justice in the criminal justice system](#)
 - [Focused deterrence strategies](#)
 - [Drug courts](#)
- Learn more about the work and resources at [Human Impact Partners' Health Instead of Punishment](#) program.
- Check out [WISDOM](#) and its [Transformational Justice Campaign](#). And learn more about the [effort](#) to address current inhumane issues at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility.



- [Cambridge HEART](#) (Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team) in Cambridge, Massachusetts

The [One Million Experiments](#) site documents community-based efforts that strive to keep people safe without policing or punishment.

Mark Rice, transformational justice campaign coordinator, WISDOM

The [JustUS Coordinating Council](#) (JCC) is a national collective led by leaders impacted by the incarceration system, community members and national organizations. Its mission is to enhance quality of life for justice-impacted individuals and their communities by dismantling policies that uphold systemic oppression rooted in racial inequalities.

The JustUS Coordinating Council's report, [Building the Table: A right to quality and continuous health care for people incarcerated and returning from incarceration](#), makes a case for incarceration as a major social determinant of health.

[The Wisconsin Community Corrections Story](#), commissioned by JustLeadershipUSA, investigates the history of community corrections in Wisconsin and issues recommendations to reduce the footprint of community corrections in the state, unnecessary incarceration and inequities.

The [Excessive Revocations in Wisconsin: The health impacts of locking people up without a new conviction](#) report from Human Impact Partners highlights the health impacts of current practices in Wisconsin and recommendations to improve them.

Discussion Group Resources

A [Crisis Intervention Team \(CIT\)](#) program is a community-based approach to improve outcomes of law enforcement encounters, identify mental health resources for those in crisis and ensure officer and community safety.

The [People's Response Act](#) bill emphasizes an inclusive, holistic and health-centered approach to public safety and creation of a new Division on Community Safety within the Department of Human Health and Services to fund community safety programs nationwide.

The [Kentucky Court of Justice's Recovery-Oriented System of Care](#) focuses on individuals with substance use disorder, mental illness and intellectual disabilities and strives for equitable pathways to recovery that divert individuals into necessary treatments and out of the court system.

Healthy Places by Design (HPbD)

[Healthy Places by Design](#) facilitated the post-webinar discussion group. Its [Community Action Model](#) was developed with insights from more than a dozen years supporting successful community health initiatives and a deep understanding of the community change process.

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