
INNOVATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES

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Justice System Equity and Equality

Where: Justice Services Programs Nationwide

Program: The Stepping Up Initiative: Addressing Justice System Inequities Head-On

<https://csgjusticecenter.org/events/addressing-justice-system-inequities-head-on/>

As part of the continued efforts within the Justice Management Institute, the National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils, and the Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails, this presentation and webinar focuses on the hot topic of racial inequalities in the justice system. Justice Systems Directors from counties in South Carolina, Ohio, and North Carolina discuss as a panel the importance of elevating these topics as priorities and guiding system stakeholders toward meaningful action. As these difficult topics can be uncomfortable and challenging, these Directors share their approach for championing change where systematic disparities exist.

Neighborhood Crime Prevention

Where: Southern California

Program: Project Safe Neighborhoods

<https://timesofsandiego.com/life/2020/09/04/6-non-profits-to-split-265000-in-funding-to-prevent-youth-crime-recidivism/>

Local non-profit organizations in Southern California were awarded \$265,000 in a series of national awards to provide funding to prevent youth crime, recidivism, and reduce violent crime. The nonprofit organizations are effectively reaching not only at-risk youth but reentering adults to show a path towards a fulfilling life that is not involved with gangs or criminal behavior. Through strategies that pair crime prevention with enforcement, awardees are working to build trust with at-risk citizens and discourage gang connections and criminal behavior as a path forward. The outcome will be brighter futures and safer neighborhoods.

Technology

Where: Moline, Illinois

Practice: Police Departments technological use of social media to reach public

<https://www.govtech.com/public-safety/Police-Increasingly-Use-Social-Media-to-Reach-Public.html>

In the past, police departments reached the public by other means, now police are increasingly reaching the public through the use of social media. East Moline Police Department Sgt. Tony Frankowski said it is a way for the department to be transparent. The information is coming straight from the police department. The East Moline police post information on cases the public needs to be aware about or that the department needs help solving. Partnering with Crime Stoppers has amplified the effect by sharing featured crimes on their own social media accounts. Social media has also helped gather evidence and identify relationships in investigations. Using social media has significantly developed connections with the public.
