

Multnomah County Safety & Justice Challenge  
Summary of Strategies  
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Strategy 1:

- Use community engagement as a framework for reducing Racial & Ethnic Disparities (RED) across the criminal justice system
  - Use public health framework
  - Utilize data to further assess RED
  - Conduct implicit bias training
  - Create dashboard to monitor progress
  - Establish consistent data collection and tracking of race/ethnicity
  - Track outcomes for RED reduction and quality of community engagement

Strategy 2:

- Rapid identification, triage, and care coordination for those in the criminal justice system with behavioral health issues
  - Pilot use of mental health/addictions screening tool in the booking process (swing shift)
  - Pilot early notification process with Corrections Health, Corrections Counseling and MHASD
  - Accelerate release of inmates to treatment services, when available and appropriate
  - Decrease the amount of time inmates await in jail for an Aid & Assist evaluation
  - Track data and evaluate system to ensure on-going process improvements

Strategy 3:

- Reduce RED by improving community corrections practices
  - Focus initial Department of Community Justice efforts on offenders sanctioned to jail
  - Develop culturally responsive sanctions to ensure equitable alternative sanction options for all offenders
  - Increase access to culturally responsive case management, pretrial release, and treatment options
  - Study potential impact of validated risk/needs assessments on pretrial release decisions.
  - Track data and evaluate systems to ensure on-going process improvements