



Benton County - Criminal Justice System Assessment

The primary purpose of the criminal justice system assessment is to provide a vision for a trusted and accessible system of justice that provides a high degree of safety and confidence.

- Investigate all aspects of the system, including behavioral health and diversion services
- Collect crime, jail, and court processing statistics & analyze justice system policy and practices
- Describe project population, service needs, trends and industry standards
- Conduct benchmarking, performance review
- Review use of evidence based practices which involve both corrections and treatment responses
- Identify improvements to the system to better serve the public and inmates
- Engage our communities & develop a common vision for the criminal justice system
- Host community forums, topic-based workshops, and focus groups with non-profit organizations, community groups and local partners to engage public in dialogue.



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PHASE 1

Document Current Justice System Conditions



Phase 1 Work Plan and Community Engagement

- Stakeholder meetings
- Offender population analysis
- Justice System Policies and Practices
- Justice System Process Mapping
- Project launch and community meeting
- Focus groups with non-profit organizations, community groups and local partners
- Stakeholder interviews

PHASE 2

Conduct Needs Assessment



Phase 2 Work Plan and Community Engagement

- Courts, jail and probation system demands
- Courts, jail, probation and program performance
- Justice System Issues and Needs
- Focus groups with non-profit organizations, community groups and local partners
- Phase 1 and 2 data presentation and community meeting

PHASE 3

Develop Solutions



Phase 3 Work Plan and Community Engagement

- Alternative solutions
- Stakeholder review
- Fiscal impact
- Information system requirements
- Focus groups with non-profit organizations, community groups and local partners
- Topic-based workshops

PHASE 4

Develop and Submit Report



Phase 4 Work Plan and Community Engagement

- Draft report
- Implementation plans
- Final Report
- Draft report presentation and community discussion
- Final report community briefing

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Initial thoughts about the assessment.

Vision of an effective criminal justice system.

Important elements of treatment for offenders

What might help repeat offenders - those that cycle in / out of the jail?

Have you been in the jail -toured it?

Have you heard of the matrix system?

Other Comments.

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