



North Carolina Task Force
for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice

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TREC's monthly newsletter highlights progress on some of our [recommendations](#) across North Carolina

Clips

Respond more appropriately to situations concerning mental illness, autism, intellectual disabilities, substance abuse, homelessness, and other nonemergency situations (Rec. 1)

WRAL: [Durham's unarmed first responders are making an impact, data shows](#)

The city of Durham's new team of unarmed first responders is helping lighten the load on police by responding to hundreds of calls, new data released Monday shows.

Spectrum News: [Biden lays out \\$37B policing, crime prevention strategy in Pennsylvania](#)

The Safer America plan also includes \$700 million for crisis interventions related to mental health, plus a \$15 billion for a proposed Accelerating Justice System Reform grant program that communities can use to do things like prevent violent crime, support formerly incarcerated Americans or expand co-responder programs to prevent officers from having to intervene in situations that may need something other than a law enforcement response.

Develop violence prevention programs (Rec. 4)

WNCN: [Wake Co. leaders discuss violence interruption program](#)

On Monday, Wake County leaders discussed a new violence interruption program.

Establish and expand access to diversion programs (Rec. 16)

Gaston Gazette: [Program that led people from court to addiction recovery may be revived](#)

A regional partnership that helped funnel people struggling with addiction from the court system into treatment may be revived, but organizers first must obtain funding, the Gaston County Police Department said.

The Sentencing Project: [Diversion: A Hidden Key to Combating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice](#)

Compared with youth who are diverted, youth who are arrested and formally petitioned in court have far

higher likelihood of subsequent arrests and school failure. Pre-arrest and pre-court diversion can avert these bad outcomes.

Treat addiction as a public health crisis (Rec. 17)

WLOS: [Buncombe County officials lead statewide webinar on program for opioid-addicted inmates](#)

Last month, North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein toured the jail. He referred to its MAT program as the “gold standard.”

Establish and fund restorative justice programs (Rec. 61)

The Daily Reflector: [Planning begins for Family Justice Center: Community leaders hope new approach to domestic violence reduction will save money, lives](#)

Community leaders convened Tuesday to hear from a New Orleans domestic violence expert as they begin a months-long strategic planning period for a family justice center in Pitt County.

TREC Meetings

For access to TREC meetings click [here](#) and for TREC events click [here](#). Upcoming meetings:

- September 9 at 10 a.m.: Data Committee Meeting
- September 15 at 11 a.m.: Prosecutor Advisory Group Meeting
- September 22 at 8 a.m.: Judicial Committee Meeting
- September 28 at 8 a.m.: Local Policy Committee Meeting
- September 28 at 10 a.m.: Law Enforcement Advisory Group Meeting

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