



**North Carolina Task Force**  
*for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice*

# Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice August Clips

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

*Previous TREC clips can be found at [ncdoj.gov/trec/modelpolicies/](https://ncdoj.gov/trec/modelpolicies/). For more information, please visit [ncdoj.gov/trec](https://ncdoj.gov/trec) or email TREC at [criminaljustice@ncdoj.gov](mailto:criminaljustice@ncdoj.gov).*