

The logo features a dark blue rectangular background with two white horizontal lines. The text "North Carolina Task Force" is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font, and "for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice" is in a smaller, italicized white sans-serif font below it. Two orange circles are positioned above and below the text.

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

Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice Clips (Jan.-March)

The below items of interest on some of our recommendations in North Carolina and nationally

Clips

Does race play a role in the justice system? Duke researchers study plea deals in Durham County (WRAL)

<https://www.wral.com/does-race-play-a-role-in-the-justice-system-duke-researchers-study-plea-deals-in-durham-county/20730484/>

Duke Researchers Find Promising Results in Pre-Arrest Diversion Program for People who use Drugs (Duke University School of Medicine)

<https://psychiatry.duke.edu/news/duke-researchers-find-promising-results-pre-arrest-diversion-program-people-who-use-drugs>

Alamance County to launch youth program to reduce violence in the community (WXII12)

<https://www.wxii12.com/article/north-carolina-alamance-county-launch-youth-program-reduce-violence-community/42712948>

Reducing community violence while protecting civil rights (The Hill)

<https://thehill.com/opinion/congress-blog/3860410-reducing-community-violence-while-protecting-civil-rights/>

Nobody Wants to Be the World's Villain (NY Times)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/28/magazine/louisville-police-department.html>

New Orange County Initiative Will Add Social Workers to Police Calls (Chapelboro.com)

<https://chapelboro.com/news/crime/new-orange-county-initiative-will-add-social-workers-to-police-calls>

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper announces creation of Office of Violence Prevention (WTVD)

[North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper joined by violence prevention advocates for announcement - ABC11 Raleigh-Durham](https://www.wtvd.com/news/north-carolina-governor-roy-cooper-joined-by-violence-prevention-advocates-for-announcement-abc11-raleigh-durham)

Criminal-reform activists fear reversals as power shifts on state Supreme Court (WTVD)

[Criminal-reform activists fear reversals as power shifts on state Supreme Court - ABC11 Raleigh-Durham](#)

Gun violence plaguing communities of color (WCNC)

[NC nonprofit pushes for gun violence prevention | wcnc.com](#)

NC Policy Watch investigative reporter Kelan Lyons discusses some of the big challenges state leaders need to confront in our systems of criminal and juvenile justice (NC Policy Watch)

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NC Supreme Court justice discusses work of Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice at Greensboro event (NC Policy Watch)

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Governor's Racial Equity in Criminal Justice task force releases report (North State Journal)

[Governor's Racial Equity in Criminal Justice task force releases report | The North State Journal \(nsjonline.com\)](#)

From the bad of a few cops, do more to make good cops better (WRAL)

[Editorial: From the bad of a few cops, do more to make good cops better \(wral.com\)](#)

Beyond physical healing: Hospital programs follow up with gunshot victims (WRAL)

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Rehabilitation, solitary confinement, staff vacancies in focus at confirmation hearing for new corrections chief (NC Policy Watch)

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Black Americans hope new awareness of 'the talk' can spur police reform (The Hill)

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Updates from TREC

- 1) TREC's committees and working groups continue to meet to develop implementation strategies for the Task Force's recommendations.
- 2) The TREC Legislative Committee plans to host a bipartisan series of panel discussions on criminal justice reform. These will be virtual and focused on different areas of interest. The first of the panel discussions will be **April 18th at 10am** and will focus on indigent defense and driver's license restoration.

- 3) The next TREC Quarterly Meeting will be held Friday, April 21, 2023, from 11am-1:30pm (Virtual).

Previous TREC clips can be found at [Sample Policies and Information Sheets - NCDOJ](#). For more information, please visit [Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice | NC DPS](#) or email TREC at trec@ncdps.gov