



Inaugural Conference Fact Sheet: “The State of the South Carolina’s Criminal Justice System”

Goal

The goal of the conference is to showcase the best and most promising practices for improving public safety, justice, and fairness in South Carolina. The inaugural conference will also serve as a launching pad for a collaborative network of data-guided leaders working locally and statewide to improve different parts of South Carolina’s criminal justice system.

Who Should Attend

Leaders representing various sectors of the criminal justice system from across the state, including the courts, prosecution, defense, law enforcement, corrections, city, county and state leaders, medical/behavioral healthcare and community-based providers, individuals with lived experience, the advocacy community, and subject matter experts are encouraged to attend.

When, Where, and Cost

The conference will be held on October 20, 2023, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at Trident Technical College in North Charleston. Participation is free and registration is required.

What to Expect

Participants can expect to review and discuss system trends and evidence-based opportunities for advancing public safety, justice, and fairness in the Palmetto state. Participants will share progress and challenges, network with one another, and learn from experts in the field. Participants can also become part of a growing data-guided collaborative dedicated to improving public safety, justice, and fairness in South Carolina.

Expect the inaugural conference to:

- Be for diverse stakeholders and perspectives... Not be for a single stakeholder.
- Be grounded in research and data... Not be about anecdotes and politics.
- Encourage meaningful dialogue... Not be a dog and pony show.
- Acknowledge key problems and explore innovative and scalable solutions... Not be business as usual.

Hosts

The conference is hosted by the Charleston CJCC and Charleston Forum with the support of a diverse steering committee of leaders from across South Carolina.

Key Deadlines and More

Presentation proposals accepted from August 8th until August 28, 2023.

Registration open from August 22nd until October 10, 2023.