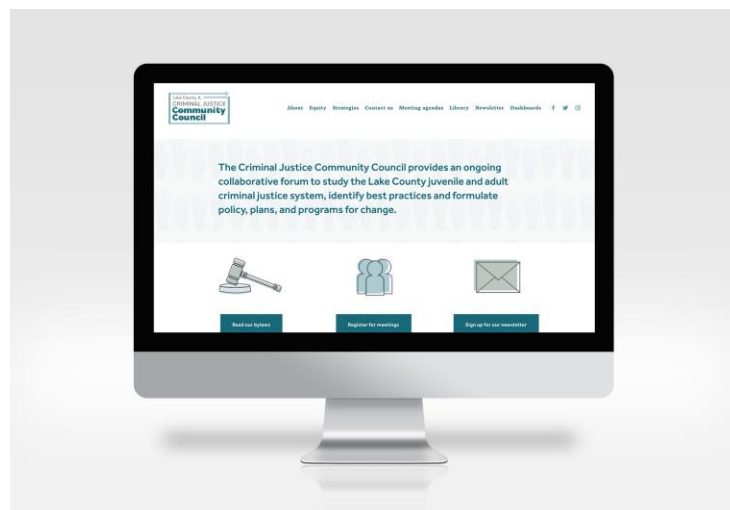




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A Message from Sheriff John D. Idleburg

Before getting to the focus of this month's newsletter, I am pleased to announce the launch of the Lake County, IL [Criminal Justice Community Council website](#). The website will serve as a central site for community-driven information about the Lake County, IL criminal justice system. Click the image below to check it out! We have also launched a new [Facebook social media page](#) for increased community engagement.



Focus Groups

Last year, the Lake County Equity Team used Safety and Justice Challenge grant money to fund two experienced focus group facilitators to conduct three focus groups and several interviews with members of the Lake County community who have been directly and indirectly impacted by the local criminal justice system. In September 2020, the focus group facilitators submitted a report to the Lake County criminal justice system stakeholders with findings and recommendations.

What Were the Findings From the Focus Groups?

Not only was this newsletter inspired by the recommendations in the report from participants of the focus groups, but the Lake County, IL Criminal Justice Community Council website is also a direct result of this initiative. This newsletter and the website are only a couple small actions resulting from the focus group initiative. The rest will be an ongoing effort between community members and criminal justice system stakeholders. For now, below is the report we received from the focus group consultants. Rather than try and summarize the recommendations from the focus groups report here, you are encouraged to read it for yourself. Then, if you want, email your thoughts to us at sheriff@lakecountyl.gov with "Focus Groups" as the subject.

BAIL REFORM COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVE REPORT

Submitted by Courtney Combs and
Nikkeia Lee, Consultants/Facilitators





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