

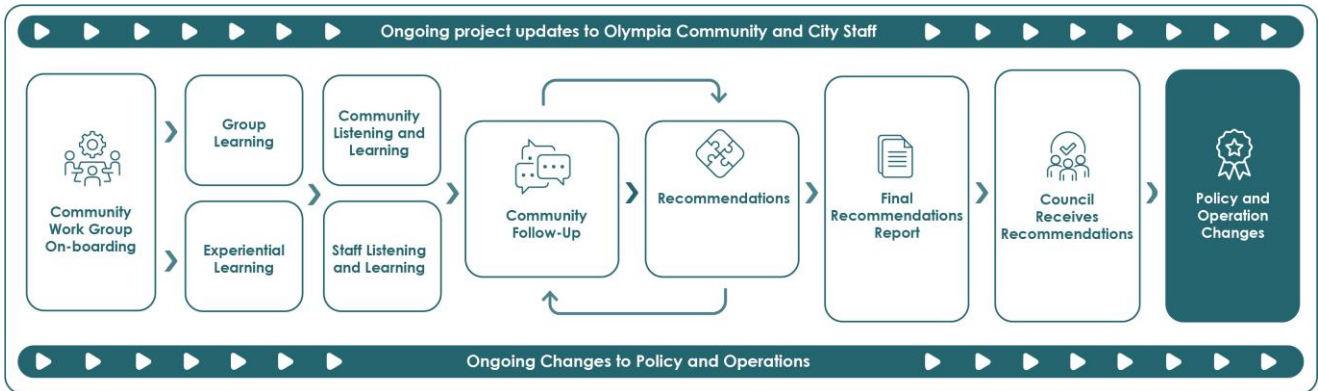


Reimagining Public Safety

Building trust with everyone.

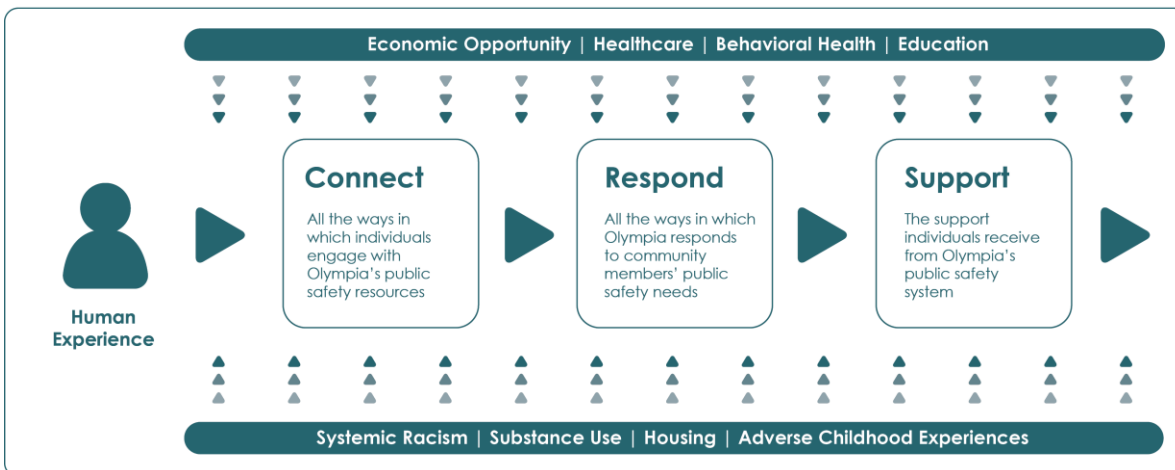
In Spring 2021, the Olympia City Council approved a community-led process to reimagine public safety in the City with a **goal of producing a public safety system that fosters trust and works for everyone.**

The City launched an inclusive, community-led process in July 2021 to **evaluate and make recommendations for enhancing its public safety system.** It is led by a Community Work Group made up of nine community members who represent a cross-section of Olympia’s demographics, expertise, and experiences. They are dedicated to listening carefully to community members and working together to prepare recommendations that represent the needs of our community. The reimagining process will culminate in August 2022 with the Work Group delivering a set of recommendations to City Council.



Learning from each person’s unique perspective.

The City’s approach focuses on the human experience using a three-part framework for reimagining public safety. We look at the system in terms of how people **connect** with the City’s public safety system, how our system **responds** to the needs of community members, and how our system **supports** those who are navigating through it and into the community.



While recognizing that many far-reaching societal factors (education, behavioral health, racism, etc.) can influence public safety in general, this process looks specifically at the City’s public safety system, including areas like policing, corrections, prosecution, defense, courts, and medical and fire response.

How can community members participate?

The Community Work Group will hold a survey and host listening-and-learning sessions to hear individuals’ experiences with the City’s public safety system. The insights they gather will shape the recommendations they bring to City Council.

“I am asking our community to work with us to reimagine the City’s public-safety system. I want everyone in Olympia who engages with us – whether it is a response to a call for service or working through our criminal-justice system – to trust that our public-safety system is just, equitable and without bias.”

- Jay Burney, Olympia City Manager

Get involved.

- Subscribe to City of Olympia “Community Safety, Health & Livability” updates at olympiawa.gov/news for more info on the Listening-and-Learning Sessions.
- Visit engage.olympiawa.gov/publicsafety for more on the Community Work Group Members, including their bios.
- Contact Stacey Ray, Strategic Planning & Performance Manager (sray@ci.olympia.wa.us)