

## Reimagining Public Safety: Listening-and-Learning Sessions

2/23/22

### Community Work Group Goals for Listening-and-Learning Sessions:

- Include a diverse and inclusive spectrum of community member perspectives and experiences.
- Hear the perspectives and experiences of marginalized community members.
- Listen and learn from the experience of individuals who have experienced being in the system.
- Create a safe space for honest sharing and dialogue amongst participants.
- Hear individuals' and groups' experiences the resulting outcomes.

### Session Hosts & Roles:

- **Facilitators** – Meeting design and facilitation
- **Community Partner** – Help recruit participants and reduce barriers to participation, potentially provide a space to meet (if in-person), and/or co-facilitate (as needed or appropriate)
- **Community Work Group Members**—Welcome participants, listen, note-taking, and possibly co-facilitate
- **City of Olympia Poet Laureate** – Engage participants in hands-on art activities to help collect and/or reflect input
- **Councilmembers (limited to 3 and as appropriate)** – Listen, possibly reflect what they are hearing
- **City staff (very limited and as appropriate)** – Listen

### What we will be seeking to hear and learn about from participants:

- What is 'public safety'?
- Individuals' experiences with the City's public safety system
- Parts of the system that need attention
- What does success feel and look like? How do we know when we've accomplished it?

All sessions will have similar questions to collect a variety of experiences and perspectives. The focus groups will have less participants, with more time for discussion amongst participants and may be in-person as Covid-19 safety guidance allows.

**Listening-and-Learning Sessions:** Participant groups and potential partners for hosting and/or supporting outreach and engagement as identified by the Community Work Group.

	Participant Group	Potential Partners	Anticipated Size
			<b>Focus Groups</b>
1	Individuals experiencing barriers to reentry and stabilization	Catholic Community Services, Civil Survival	10
2	Individuals experiencing mental and/or behavioral health challenges	Behavioral Health Resources, Capitol Recovery Center	10
3	Houseless community members	Interfaith Works	10-15
4	Youth and families impacted by the public safety system	Community Youth Services, ESD 113 (Gravity Learning Center)	15
			<b>Topical Conversations</b>
5	Non-profit organizations*	Community Youth Services, Enterprise for Equity, Family Support Center, GRuB, Homes First, Interfaith Works, Pizza Klatch, Power, Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy Center, Olympia Film Society, Sidewalk, Thurston Asset Building Coalition, Together, and YWCA	21 (virtual)
6	People of Color	Community leaders, BLAST, business owner groups, YWCA, SPSCC, Black Student Unions	40 (virtual)
7	Faith communities	Interfaith Works, diversity of faith communities (ex. Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, LatinX, Asian-Pacific Islander, Black, etc.)	40 (virtual)

	<b>Participant Group</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Anticipated Size</b>
8	LGBTQ+ community members	PFLAG, Stonewall Youth, Pizza Klatch, Pierce County AIDS Program, Partners in Prevention (PiPE), The New Boyz Club	40 (virtual)
9	Organizers/advocates (service providers and non-profits) engaged in diversion, treatment, stabilization	Behavioral Health Resources, Capitol Recovery Center (and Olympia Bupe Clinic), Catholic Community Services, Civil Survival	50 (virtual)
10	Business and property owners	Olympia Downtown Alliance, Parking Business Improvement Area (PBIA), Thurston County Chamber, business owners, People of Color business owner groups, Thurston Asset Building Coalition, Economic Development Council	100+ (virtual)
11	Olympia School District youth and families	Olympia School District	100+ (virtual)
12	Neighborhood residents	Coalition of Neighborhood Associations	100+ (virtual)
			<b>Community Conversations</b>
13	Olympia Community Members	Open to all community members	150+ (virtual)
14	Engage Olympia	Open to all community members	250+ (survey)

**\*City Council Work Session with representatives of the 14 local non-profit organizations** that sent a letter to City Council on *Thurston County Nonprofit Community Racial Justice Priorities for Elected Leaders* (March 2021). This meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022.