

## Community Safety Agenda to Action

### Why It Matters

- Domestic violence is a leading cause of family homelessness.
- Criminal activity jeopardizes community safety. Some of our most violent offenders have domestic violence in their criminal histories. In 2015 there were 6 domestic violence homicides in Dane County.
- Crime in particular neighborhoods is greater than in other neighborhoods in Dane County. Our goal is that every neighborhood is a safe place for individuals and families to live.
- Less crime means safer communities, less toxic stress for individuals and families and safer communities that will attract more businesses and people to Dane County.

### Goals:

- Continue to work with partner agencies to ensure alignment with goal of moving people on pathways out of poverty
- Increase individuals' personal safety

### Promising/Best Practices and Research

- Trauma is a recognized trigger to violence-both victims and perpetrators behaviors' need to be addressed to prevent violence and decrease behavioral health issues.
- Eliminating the barriers that people face on a daily basis helps keep people from becoming discouraged and keeps them on track to success or reaching their goals.
- 2-generation strategies, those that support the parents/adults in the child's lives as well as the child's development, have substantial impacts for improving children's educational outcomes, increasing the earnings of adult workers, and providing resources that enable low-income families to overcome barriers to educational and economic success.

### 2018 Community Impact Investment - \$546,569

- This area will align with to support the recommendations coming out of the Delegation to Create Economic Stability for Young Families and our Collective Impact work with our partner agencies to move people out of poverty.
- We will also need to review all programs to align with our new focus of "moving more people out of poverty".
- Continue to support programming that helps our most vulnerable populations in Dane County, young adults and victims of domestic abuse.

### 2017 Progress

- Conducted site visits with our partner agencies to understand the work that are doing to move more people on pathways out of poverty.
- Continuing to work with agencies to refine and align their outcomes with our Agenda for Change work.

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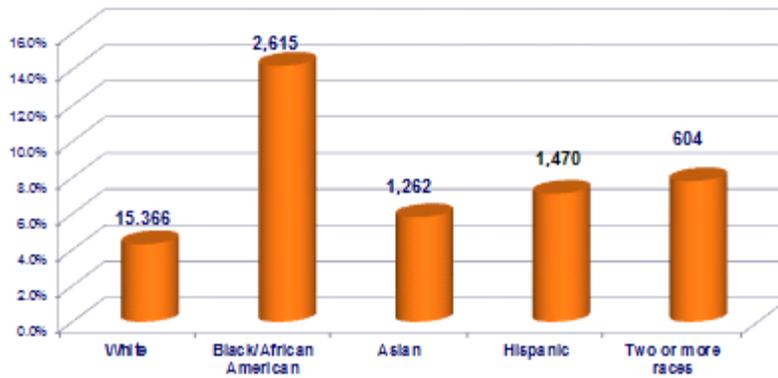
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**Measures:**

The Building Economic Stability CST is working to reduce the racial disparities in employment

**Unemployment Rates for Dane County**



Total populations:  
White=357,352 , African American= 18,412. Asian= 21,753,  
Hispanic= 20,701, Two or More Races= 7,748

