



CHARLESTON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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**Are you a survivor of crime?
Were you charged with a crime?
We want to learn from you.**

Charleston County's CJCC is continuing their 'dialogue to change' efforts to help advance safety, justice and equity in the local criminal justice system. This next round of dialogues is seeking community members with lived experiences in Charleston County's criminal justice system to participate in confidential community dialogue sessions to discuss their experiences and help us all improve our local criminal justice system. Findings will be compiled and presented to local leadership.

**REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2022DIALOGUES](https://bit.ly/2022dialogues)
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Questions?

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Lived Experience Dialogue Series – “Living Everyday Life”

Introduction

“Living Everyday Life” dialogue series is for those with lived experience involving the legal system. Participants will engage each other in candid conversations about their experiences in the legal system and the impact it has had on their daily lives. Through this shared opportunity, participants will develop recommendations and actionable ideas to share with decision-makers, organizational and community leadership and others.

Overview

The dialogues will consist of a series of conversations for those with lived experience. One group will focus on formerly incarcerated community members, and the other for survivors of crime. Trained facilitators will use a discussion guide with a small group of 8-10 individuals to have conversations about their experiences; they will also discuss changes, successes, and challenges they have had to overcome. The dialogue groups are organized by their experience with the Charleston County legal system (survivors of crime or having been charged with a crime) as well as gender (identify as female or identify as male). Therefore, there will be four independent dialogue groups:

- Survivor of crime (male), survivor of crime (female)
- Experience within the system (male), experience within the system (female)

Through these dialogue sessions, participants will:

- Build trust and relationships among each other
- Explore and further understand significant decision points within the legal system.
- Create a set of recommendations and actionable ideas for local legal reform

2 sessions, 8-10 participants, 3 hours each: 10:00am – 1:00pm or 1:45pm – 4:45pm

First dialogue session objectives (Saturday, July 23):

- 1. Develop relationships and trust building** - In this section, we will talk about how lived experiences affect daily lives. We will also learn more about how we are connected to one another and how these experiences impact us as a group.
- 2. Discuss challenges unique to those with lived experience** – in this section, we will explore specific and unique challenges within the legal system and how the participants' experiences impact their viewpoints.

Second dialogue session objective (Saturday, July 30):

- 1. Explore and further understand significant justice system decision points** – In this section, we will focus the discussion on important decision points. Participants will discuss and explore the impact and outcomes of experiencing pivotal points within the legal system. Finally ending with a vision for what could be done.
- 2. Develop actionable ideas and recommendations** – In this section, we build on the previous discussions and transition towards what can be done within the community to move towards addressing identified challenges.