

# Anderson County CJCC Community Survey

In case you are not familiar with us, the Anderson County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) formed in November of 2017 with official meetings beginning in March 2018.

The mission of the CJCC is to assist in making sustainable, data-driven improvements to the local criminal justice system and thereby improve public safety and community well-being. The CJCC strives to achieve a local criminal justice system that is increasingly effective, equitable, and efficient.

## Membership in the CJCC includes positional leadership from:

- 10th Judicial Circuit Court Resident Judge
- 10th Judicial Circuit Chief Solicitor
- 10th Judicial Circuit Chief Public Defender
- Anderson County Clerk of Court
- Anderson-Oconee Behavioral Health Services Executive Director
- Anderson County Coroner
- Anderson County Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services Agent-In-Charge
- Anderson Oconee Pickens Mental Health Center Executive Director
- Anderson County Public Safety Committee Chair
- Anderson County Sheriff
- Anderson County Summary Court Chief Magistrate
- Anderson County Chief Information Officer

## In addition, the CJCC includes Representational Leadership from diverse community representatives:

- Academia
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Non-Profit
- Bar Association
- Faith-Based
- Veterans Affairs
- Community Leader
- Municipal Police Chief
- Victim Advocate
- Community Member
- Municipal Government
- Youth Organization

## Current Committees

- Detention Center Population Review
- Transitioning Populations
- Crisis Stabilization Unit
- Community Connections

The CJCC accomplished several notable milestones within our first year, including:

- Completion of two criminal justice data overviews specific to Anderson County for informed decision-making.
- Validation of the Virginia Pre-Trial Risk Assessment Tool.
- Reduction of incarcerated days for pre-trial detainees for both misdemeanor/violation of probation and felony categories by increasing efficiency in case management/processing.
- Implementation of a universal mental health screening in the Anderson County Detention Center.
- Implementation of a Re-Entry (Second Chances) Program in the Anderson County Detention Center.

## Introduction

The CJCC's 2020 strategic plan will build on progress to-date and identify further areas for improvement. Data findings, regularly published in reports, and related best practices in the field will form the foundation of the plan. The CJCC is also working to raise awareness of its efforts within the Anderson community and better understand community priorities in improving our local justice system. Collectively, data findings and community priorities will inform development of the next strategic plan and sharpen focus in the areas that need the most attention.

Thank you again for participating in the survey and providing your feedback! It will take approximately 3 minutes to complete. Results will be used to set the course for the CJCC's 2020 strategic plan.

**\* Response Required**

### **1. Which of the following statements best describes your knowledge of the Anderson County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)? \***

- This is my first time hearing about the CJCC.
- I have a basic understanding of what the CJCC does in Anderson County.
- Prior to today, I have attended at least one CJCC event or meeting.
- I am a CJCC member/ community representative.

## Personal perspective

Please share to what level you agree or disagree with the following statements:

**2. I understand how my local justice system works. \***

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I'm not sure
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**3. I have been personally impacted by the local justice system here in Anderson County. \***

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I'm not sure
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**4. I believe the local justice system treats people fairly. \***

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I'm not sure
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**5. I believe that improvements to the local justice system are needed in Anderson County. \***

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I'm not sure
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**6. I am concerned about safety in the Anderson County community. \***

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I'm not sure
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**7. I would like to know more about my local criminal justice system. \***

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I'm not sure
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## Priorities

The following list gives four areas of concern in most local criminal justice systems. When thinking about Anderson County, how would you rank these areas of concern (1 needing the most attention, 4 needing the least attention)? \*

8. Bond practices (how bond is set, bond conditions required for release (e.g., money, no contact orders, etc.), if/when defendants stay in jail or get out while waiting for court, and if they violate terms of their release)				
9. How long it takes to bring a case to justice				
10. The overrepresentation of racial & ethnic minorities in the justice system				
11. Recidivism (how repeatedly someone gets arrested and/or convicted)				

12. Is there another area that you are concerned about in Anderson's criminal justice system that was not listed above? If so, please explain here:

Your answer

Does this area rank as a higher or lower priority than those listed above?

Higher      Lower      I'm not sure

## Demographics

### 13. How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 or older
- Prefer not to say

### 14. What is your residential zip code?

### 15. How long have you lived in Anderson County?

- I do not live in Anderson County
- Less than 1 year
- 2-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- More than 15 years
- Prefer not to say

### 16. I identify as:

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say
- Other:

### 17. I identify my ethnicity as:

- Asian
- Black/ African
- Hispanic/ Latin X
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- White/ Caucasian
- Prefer not to say
- Other

Please click submit to finish the survey.

Thank you!

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Your response has been recorded.

Please stay engaged.

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