

Focused Interruption Coalition

- Our Mission:
 - We are focused on being front line interrupters of violence, racial disparities, mass incarceration, and injustices primarily in impoverished communities.
- Our Vision:
 - FIC will serve as the bridge builder with grassroots leaders, communities of faith, businesses, government agencies, and the broader community to implement violence prevention strategies.

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- We are all trained Peer Specialists:
 - Lived experience
 - Trauma-informed care
 - Strength focused
 - Recovery-oriented
 - Formal training



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- We have all received training and certification for Forensic Peer Support
 - Forensic = Criminal Justice Involvement
 - Wisconsin doesn't currently recognize this certification for the purpose of Medicaid reimbursement
- Wisconsin Peer Specialist Certification
 - Hosted and completed our first training in September
 - 4 of the 12 individuals that received the training passed the certification exam
 - FIC currently has 1 Certified Peer Specialist on staff
 - Re-test is November 28

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- Our Partners:
 - Nehemiah Community Development Corporation
 - Public Health Department
 - Madison Police Department
 - UW Hospital and Clinics/UW Health
 - Anesis Therapy
 - Urban League of Greater Madison
 - CSIT (and all of the partners of CSIT)

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- Referral Sources
 - Madison Police Department (Violent Crimes Unit)
 - University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics
 - Wisconsin Court System
 - Public Defender's Office
 - District Attorney's Office
 - Department of Corrections
 - Special Investigations Unit
 - Madison Urban Ministry
 - The Community

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- Our Work:
 - Crisis response at UW Hospital to connect with victims and family members to mitigate the effects of trauma
 - De-escalation
 - Crisis Response Peer Support Program
 - Participation is voluntary
 - Intake is done 24-48 hours after crisis
 - Currently have 24 active participants (14 high risk, 10 medium risk) + 7 still communicating from 2017 incidents
 - Re-entry Peer Support Program
 - Partnership with Special Investigations Unit (SIU)
 - Currently have 17 active participants

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- Our Work in 2018:
 - 2018 Responses (01/01/18 – 09/30/18):
 - FIC provided crisis response to **39** total incidents
 - Homicides: 6 (2 were Fitchburg)
 - Shootings: 16
 - Injury (non-gun): 10
 - De-escalation: 7
 - Perpetrators: 7 incidents
 - » 15 individuals; 8 program participants
 - SIU/Juvenile Justice: 17
 - » All 17 are program participants (for juveniles, this includes their parent/guardian)

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- Active Resource Referrals and Assistance
 - Housing = 15 goal / 6 success
 - Food = 10 goal / 7 success
 - Family Reunification = 8 goal / 5 success (3 still actively assisting)
 - Education/Training = 12 goal, 6 success
 - Childcare/OST = 2 goal, 2 success
 - Employment = 27 goal, 15 success
 - Mental Health = 10 goal, 6 success
 - AODA = 10 goal, 2 success
 - DAIS = 2 goal, 2 success
 - JFF = 2 goal, 2 success
 - MUM = 0 goal, 2 success

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- Our Future
 - Grow Capacity
 - More Peer Specialists
 - Additional Trainings
 - New Partnerships

