

Jail Status and Educational Resources

CARE, NOT CAGES.

What's happening with the jail?

News

The [county board voted 31-5](#) to [spend \\$27.6M of extra borrowing](#) on January 18. [Now they have broken ground](#) to spend more than \$200 million dollars on the tower.

We need to keep pressure on to decarcerate. **Keep talking to your county board supervisors and neighbors.**

The over-\$200 million (\$260+ million after interest?) new tower to "consolidate" the jail has been delayed again and again over the last decade. Consultants and punishment system people are still claiming that the old CCB building is unsafe and inhumane, but any jail is unsafe and inhumane. [See [Jimmie Lee Joshua's story](#). To our knowledge, nobody faced any consequences for the assault on Jimmie.] We agree that we to get people out of the CCB *now*, but building the tower is not the answer.

We need to spend our money and energy on building the community, not cages!

[Here is our linktree.](#) [What can you do?](#)

[For more details, see [Alternatives to Jail](#), and [Learning about Abolition](#)]

Jail and Abolition-Related Events

- [Madison Area DSA has regular abolitionist meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. check the calendar.](#)

Please see our [Relevant Meetings and Research](#) document, although we haven't had capacity to keep it updated. Sorry!

Municipal Meeting Support Group

We have a Signal group for abolitionists + allies to chat in while listening to county board or city council meetings and the like, with reminders when the meetings start.

If you like, you can turn notifications off for this group, and only be notified when someone @'s you because you're on deck to speak.

[To join the group, go here](#) on a device with [Signal installed](#).

Social Media

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Linktree](#)

[Website](#)

Our Events

The Jail Abolition Coalition group meets on an as-needed basis to plan. [Get in touch](#) if you would like to join us.

If you missed our Testimony writing workshop, [check out the slides here](#).

If you missed our roleplaying conversation, check out our [document of common questions and responses](#).

If you're interested in either of those, [let us know](#) - we'd be happy to run them again or chat with you.

News About the Jail

- [**Officials Hold Chaotic Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Dane County Jail**](#)
- [Dane County will spend \\$207 million on its jail, despite criticism](#)

- [Dane County's jail money pit gets deeper, but some want to keep digging](#)
- [Dane County Sheriff continues push for new jail after lone bid comes in over budget](#)
- [Rebid? More funding? Here's where things stand on the future of the Dane County jail project](#)
- [What's next for the Dane County Jail, after lone bid came in well over budget?](#)
- [County board approves additional jail funding](#)
- [Sheriff and Black Caucus come to an agreement](#)
- [The Dane County Jail project heads to a crucial vote](#)
- [Digging into the latest opposition to a smaller Dane County Jail](#)
- [Dane County's jail project barrels down a familiar road, but there are always more off-ramps](#)
- [Jail consultants warn Dane County \\$148 million project cost could be 'substantially higher'](#)
- [Dane County Board approves over \\$700,000 in more fees to jail consultant](#)
- ['Not everyone has to come to jail': COVID-19 changes could lead to sweeping transformation](#)
- [Black people incarcerated twice as much in Dane Co. than nationally, study finds](#)
- [If We Act With Courage and Vision, We Can Stop This Jail](#)
[An interview with Dane County Board Supervisor Heidi Wegleitner by Karla Locher](#)
- [Advocates say pandemic proves lower jail populations possible](#)
- ['Not everyone has to come to jail': COVID-19 changes could lead to sweeping transformation](#)
- [The end of the road for the Doyle Resolution is a new beginning for abolitionists](#)
- [Crime Wave Hysteria vs. Reality](#)
- [Prison System Daily Violates Human Rights](#)

- [Wisconsin Supreme Court buries report on racial disparities in sentencing](#)
- [Dane County Jail Race and Ethnicity Disparity Analysis](#)

Jimmie Lee Joshua

- [Deputies wait 15 hours to take man with broken hip to hospital after altercation with guards](#)
- [Inmate seeks justice after Dane County Jail incident led to broken hip, delayed treatment](#)
- [Protest Sunday will call for release of Jimmie Joshua, man whose hip was broken by deputies](#)
- [Podcast episode about Jimmie](#)

Alternatives to Jail

Housing!

Community Alternative Response for Emergency Services (CARES)

- [Recently expanded to 12 hours a day, 7 days a week!](#)
- [Madison nearing launch of mobile crisis response team](#)
- [Madison seeks feedback on program for handling mental health 911 calls](#)
- [CARES Pilot Program: What You Should Know](#)

Crisis Triage Center

- No news coverage we've seen, but currently held up due to conflicts with state law according to [this county exec letter](#)

Mental Health Crisis Center

- [Dane County announces \\$300,000 for mental health crisis center, an alternative to jail](#)

Community Justice Center

- [Dane County groups optimistic, cautious about community justice center](#)
- [Creating 'a more fair and just system': Dane County explores Community Justice Center](#)
- [Dane County town hall kicks off community justice center planning](#)

Restorative Justice

- [Dane County Restorative Courts](#) (ran by the Dane County Department of Human Services)

Learning about Abolition

General Abolition Resources

- [To End Mass Incarceration, We Need to Bust the Myths That Prop It Up](#)
- [Critical Resistance Abolitionist Toolkit \(useful to work through with friends or small groups\)](#)
- [Building exits off the highway to mass incarceration: Diversion programs explained](#)
- [How Richmond Steered Public Money Away From Police to Human Needs](#)

Abolishing Cash Bail

- [When it comes to cash bail, Dane County has too many blind spots](#)
- [On the Road to Freedom, an abolitionist assessment of pretrial and bail reforms](#)
- [Study: Jailing people on bail does not make communities safer](#)
- [Free The 350 Bail Fund](#) - Dane County's own bail fund

Abolishing Jails

- [Does our county really need a bigger jail? A guide for avoiding unnecessary jail expansion](#)
- [How to stop a jail in your town - A compilation of resources from fights against jail expansion](#)
- [Our roleplaying/1-on-1 conversations guide of example questions people might ask about the jail](#)