



Michigan Statewide Violence and Incarceration Prevention Learning Community Resource Guide

Participant Directory & Registration:

[Participant Directory](#) (if you'd like to opt out or make edits please reach out at mail@mi-cemi.org)

[Registration link](#) for those that have not yet registered for the series, please invite others!

Upcoming Full Sessions: (Upcoming session calendar invites (all events start at 12:00 p.m.)

- May 28th, 2025: Police Accountability
- September 24th, 2025: Delving into restorative justice, aligned with the Dispute Resolution Center conference

Upcoming Coffee hour sessions:

- June 25th, 2025
- October 22nd, 2025

Past Session Resources:

June 7th, 2023 - Info Session

- [Info Session slides](#) | [recording](#)

September 27th, 2023: Restorative Justice

- [Presentation slides](#)
- Speaker Highlights:
 - Sirrita Darby

- Organization: [Detroit Heals Detroit](#)
- Book: [Forbidden Tears: Stories, Poems & Essays from The Imprisoned Voices of Unapologetic Black Youth](#)
- Isha Bhatt
 - Organization: [Communities In Schools of Michigan](#) and [Metro Detroit Restorative Justice Network](#)
- Belinda Dulin
 - Organization: [Dispute Resolution Center](#)
 - Book: [Colorizing Restorative Justice: Voicing Our Realities](#)

Nov 15th, 2023 - Panel on Gaining Public Support

- [YouTube Video](#) | [Presentation Slides](#)
- Speaker Highlights:
 - Liz Kennedy & Luna N.H.
 - Organization: [Care Based Safety](#)
 - [Isaac DeGraaf & Willie Patterson](#)
 - Organization: [Community Owns Safety Coalition](#)

January 24th, 2023 - Panel on Community Violence Intervention

- [YouTube video](#) | Session Evaluation Link: <https://bit.ly/januaryeval>
- Speaker Highlights;
 - [Force Detroit](#)
 - Presenter, Zoe Kennedy
 - [Report on CVI](#)
 - [Advance Peace](#)
 - Charles Richardson, JD
- Follow up coffee hour scheduled for [February 28th, 2023](#)
 - Coffee hour evaluation: <http://bit.ly/coffeehour2023>
 - Participate in breakout rooms with;
 - [Dr. Tolulope Sonuyi, DLIVE](#)
 - Charles Richardson, Advance Peace
 - Zoe Kennedy, Force Detroit
 - Force Detroit Community Violence Intervention [Fact Sheet](#)
 - National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform [Detroit Gun Violence Assessment](#)
 - Detroit Michigan: [The Cost of Gun Violence](#)
 - [CVI Ecosystem](#) - Detroit, Michigan

March 20th, 2024 - Panel on Power Building

- [YouTube Video](#) of the session | evaluation link: <https://bit.ly/powerbuildingeval>
- Speaker Highlights:

- Nicholas Buckingham, Co-Executive Director at [Michigan Liberation](#)
 - Michigan Liberation Social Media Links:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/MichiganLiberation/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/miliberation/>
 - Nick's Slides [PowerPoint](#) | [PDF](#)
- [Kamau Jawara](#), Southeast MI Lead Organizer at [We The People Michigan](#)
 - We The People MI Social Media links:
 - https://www.instagram.com/wethepeople_mi/
 - <https://www.facebook.com/wtpmi>
 - [Kamau's Slides](#)
- April 24th, 2024 - Coffee Hour discussion on Power Building break out discussions hosted by;
 - Ash Daniels, Care Not Criminalization Lead Organizer, [Michigan Liberation](#)
 - [Kamau Jawara](#), Southeast MI Lead Organizer, [We The People Michigan](#)

May 22nd, 2024 - Panel on Police Surveillance

- [YouTube video](#)
- Speaker Highlights;
 - [Ramis Wadood](#), [ACLU of Michigan](#)
 - [Rae Baker](#), [Urban Praxis](#)
 - [Kat LaTosch](#), Ferndale Inclusion Network
- **Resources from Comments in the Chat:**
 - [Acoustic Gunshot Detection Systems: Community & Policy Considerations](#)
 - [Automated License Plate Readers: Legal and Policy Evaluation](#)
 - [Facial Recognition in Schools | Science, Technology and Public Policy \(STPP\)](#)
 - [Atlas of Surveillance](#)
 - [Online Worker Safety Hazards and Caution](#)
 - [Recent podcast featuring Dr. Joy Buolamwini discusses how many AI tools produce racially disparate outcomes](#)
 - [The 4th Amendment: Search and Seizure : Throughline : NPR](#)
 - **Electronic Frontier Foundation:** [the Atlas of Surveillance](#). This tool highlights the surveillance technology threats faced by sex workers, particularly the use of facial recognition software piloted on adult websites through data scraping of escort ads under the guise of anti-trafficking efforts. This technology has led to people being detained at the border.
 - Josh Hilgart is organizing a privacy and policing conference this fall and is looking for presenters. ***If you have expertise to share or insights to offer***, please reach out to him at JHilgart@KalamazooDefender.org.
 - The [Policing Project](#), provided the following resources;
 - An [Evaluation Framework](#), how they approach regulating police uses of technology

- Policing Project [Resource](#) page for Automated License Readers
- FRT Framework [Facial Recognition Technology](#)

- June 26, 2024 - Coffee Hour discussion on Police Surveillance
 - break out discussions hosted by;
 - [Ramis Wadood](#), [ACLU of Michigan](#)
 - [Rae Baker](#), [Urban Praxis](#)
 - Mara Livesay, Ferndale Inclusion Network

Sept 25th, 2024 - Panel on Youth & Schools

Google Slides: [[Presentation Link](#)] | Feedback Form: [bit.ly/season2youth]

You Tube Video: <https://youtu.be/sHN9GiwG5ds>

Panelists include:

- Bilal Al-Raed and Cole Williams, [The Delta Project](#)
- Elisheva T. Johnson, [Emergent Justice](#)
 - Shared resource: <https://bit.ly/poyresources>
- Cassie Atallah, [EndSaR](#)
 - <https://www.mischooldata.org/districtschool-data-files>
 - <https://www.endsar-mi.org/campaign>
 - Here is an easy way to write your legislators about seclusion and restraint: <https://secure.everyaction.com/2qMrwfPH402MHOiPtaKoxQ2>
 - [Safe Schools Without Seclusion and Restraint](#)

Resources mentioned:

- **MCYJ Sign-On:** [SurveyMonkey](<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5DWPM3>)
- **Justice for Kids and Communities Bill:** Implementation on 10/1
- **Fentanyl Test Strips:** Discussion about legality in Michigan, with a link confirming their legal use [[MSU news](#)].

October 23rd, 2024

Breakout discussions hosted by [The Delta Project](#), [Emergent Justice](#), and [EndSaR](#)

November 20th, 2024 - Panel on Harm Reduction

Too often the standard response to substance use and mental health crises has been carceral: use police and prison to try to stop the behavior. Not only has this approach failed to address the root causes that drive these behaviors, the criminalization and stigma increase the dangers for participants and for the public at large.

Harm reduction takes a radically different approach: rather than criminalizing behavior, this approach supports people engaged in these activities to make safer choices to protect their health and the broader public.

Google Slides: [[Presentation Link](#)] | Feedback Form: [bit.ly/novharmreduction]

Panelists included:

1. **Alexandria Hughes**, is a University of Michigan graduate, who currently works as a project coordinator with the Wayne State Universities Center of Behavioral Health and Justice. Her background is in ABA therapy where she practiced as a behavioral health therapy in k-12 schools. As well as community organizing with groups such as Michigan Liberation, Livonia Equity and Anti-racism network as well as Accountability for Dearborn.
2. **Zee St. James**, collective member and organizer at [ANSWER Detroit](#), building networks of mutual aid and community-based care. Their advocacy work includes providing subject matter expertise on the intersections of sex work and harm reduction at the local, state, and federal levels.
3. **Valerie Kelley-Bonner** is the founder and Executive Director of [Strategies to Overcome Obstacles and Avoid Recidivism \(SOOAR\)](#). She considers herself as a “CPO” -Chief People Officer with over 20 years of leadership experience across multiple industries. She is most fulfilled when she is empowering others and has a global responsibility for the engagement, development, and empowerment of the world’s greatest asset-its people. Her work is informed by her deep understanding of the unique challenges disenfranchised and marginalized individuals face. She is specifically attuned to the challenges of people who use drugs, the African American community- and more importantly, the potential.
4. **Ashley Shukait** (she/her) is a liberatory harm reductionist and public health consultant in southeast Michigan. Her work is dedicated to building power through collective action, centered on health equity, racial justice, and human rights.
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Events & Resources mentioned:

- **#NotYourRescueProject**
- **December 11–12, 2024 - Harm Reduction Convening** - Hosted By: Detroit Justice Center and partners. Info: <https://detroitjustice.org/djcs-mental-health-partner-convening/>
 - Registration for Convening: <https://bit.ly/djcpartnerconvening>
- Mutual Aid Information: <https://bigdoorbrigade.com/what-is-mutual-aid/>
- ACT UP Actions: actupny.com
- DULF: <https://www.dulf.ca/>
- "Saving Our Own Lives" by Shira Hasan:
<https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/1938-saving-our-own-lives>
- Artwork by Andy G (Patreon): <https://www.patreon.com/c/NoPeroxide>

- National Survivor Network: <https://nationalsurvivornetwork.org/>
- ADA and Substance Use Disorder Information: <https://oneill.law.georgetown.edu/projects/the-americans-with-disabilities-act-and-substance-use-disorder/#:~:text=The%20ADA%20prohibits%20discrimination%20against,mediation%20for%20opioid%20use%20disorder>
- Syringe Service Program Sign-On: <https://forms.gle/cLj9946x5kKp76vU8>
- Session Evaluation Link: <https://www.bit.ly/novharmreduction>
- Harm Reduction and Naloxone History (Remedy Alliance): <https://remedyallianceftp.org/>
- Faith in Harm Reduction: <https://faithinharmreduction.org>
- Harm Reduction for Alcohol Group: <https://hams.cc/>
- Michigan House Bills: [House Bill 5178](#) - [House Bill 5179](#)

December 18th, 2024 - Coffee hour discussion on Harm Reduction

This session will feature a **special highlight**: Stephanie Moore will share the *Data Gallery Walk* insights from the recent [Detroit Justice Center](#) and Partners Harm Reduction Convening held on December 11th and 12th, 2024.

February 26th, 2025 - Jail Prevention

Panelists Bios:

- [Matt Larson](#), Director of Implementation at the Center for Behavioral Health
 - Matt is an Associate Professor who completed his Ph.D. at Arizona State University. Prior to his graduate training, he was part of the U.S. Department of Education's McNair Scholars Program, a federal initiative centered on increasing the attainment of Ph.D.s by students from historically underrepresented groups. His research has appeared in journals such as *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, and his work has been funded by the National Institute of Justice, National Science Foundation, and Public Welfare Foundation. Beyond research, Matt led Wayne State's adoption of the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program in 2016 (at Detroit Reentry Center) and has supported the development of the university's first BA-granting prison education program. He is also co-founder of JUST POETRY, an annual event that brings together individuals from diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds (e.g. officers of the Detroit Police Department, children with incarcerated parents, victims of violence, former juvenile lifers, etc.) to explore "justice" through poetry/spoken word. Matt has received the CLAS Excellence in Teaching Award, the Learning Community Coordinator of the Year Award, and, while at Saint Louis University, the Award for Excellence in Diversity & Social

Justice. In 2022, he received the Early Career Excellence Award from the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Arizona State University.

- [Brittney Davis](#), CBHJ Project Coordinator
 - Brittney joined the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice in 2024 with a wealth of knowledge in several areas in the criminal legal system. During her undergraduate studies at Michigan State University, she interned with juvenile probation in Ingham County. She started her career as a youth worker in Eaton County Juvenile Center and Turning Point Youth Center. Brittney continued her career at Macomb County Community Corrections as their Resource Coordinator Diversion Clinician, assisting individuals with release to substance use treatment from jail and communicating with courts across the state to monitor treatment compliance. She assessed and helped in the release of individuals who were not appropriate for incarceration.
- Charles Hobbs of [Street Democracy](#)
 - Charles leads our direct services program and our education reform, largely around school discipline reform. If he isn't repping his client in court, you can find him riding a snowboard or trying to prove Jayesh wrong.
 - BS, Utah Valley, '10; JD, Cooley, L'14
 - ACLU of Michigan, Local Unit - Lansing, chair
 - Gerald Beckwith Constitutional Liberties Fund, secretary
 - Student Advocacy Center, supervising attorney
 - Charles@streetdemocracy.org

Slides/Eval:

- Wayne State University Center for Behavioral Health [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- MI-CEMI [Slides](#)
- Post session evaluation: <https://bit.ly/feb26eval>

Resources:

- <https://behaviorhealthjustice.wayne.edu/research>
- <https://behaviorhealthjustice.wayne.edu/news/cbhj-report-assesses-changes-in-jail-policy-and-youth-justice-reform-61884>
- **A Call to Michigan Legislators: Pass Legislation to Create Overdose Prevention Centers--**<https://stpp.fordschool.umich.edu/research/policy-brief/call-michigan-legislators-pass-legislation-create-overdose-prevention-centers>
- [The Counties - Step Up Together](#)

March 26th, 2025 - Problem Solving Courts

Panelists:

- Corn Williams – LEAF Harm Reduction
- Kate Hude, [Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals](#)

- **P** MATCP PowerPoint Presentation_MI-CEMI Webinar_032625.pptx
- David Lucas, Vital Strategies
 - <https://www.innovatingjustice.org/publications/harm-reduction-drug-courts>
 - Vital Strategies Resource [Bridging the Gap Guide](#)

Resources from the session:

- Washtenaw County Drug Checking Policy [Policy Directive PDF](#)
- Michigan House Bills: [HB 4523](#) - [HB 4524](#) - [HB 4525](#)
- Wayne County Drug Court Cost Savings PDF [National Drug Court Facts PDF](#)
- MI-CEMI Events Page <https://michigancollaborative.org/events>

April 30th, 2025 - In Person - Detroit

From 3:00–5:00 PM, we held our first-ever in-person gathering of the Statewide Learning Community in Detroit. This special event brought together participants from across Michigan to connect, share insights, and strengthen our collective work.

View the [slides](#)

May 28th, 2025 - Learning Community: Has Anything Changed? Police Accountability Five Years After George Floyd

MICHIGAN STATEWIDE VIOLENCE AND INCARCERATION PREVENTION LEARNING COMMUNITY

HAS ANYTHING CHANGED?

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY FIVE YEARS AFTER GEORGE FLOYD

CALLING ALL ADVOCATES!

MAY, 28TH
12.00 - 1.30

SPEAKER:
SENATOR STEPHANIE CHANG

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY:
It's been five years since George Floyd's murder sparked a national reckoning. What's changed—and what hasn't—in Michigan?

Join grassroots organizers, community leaders, and policy experts to explore what's working, what still needs to change, and how we can build safer, more just communities.

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State-level policy proposals (links to bills from 2024-2025 legislative season):

Michigan Senate Police Reform Bills:

- **[SB 333](#)**: [Mandates all police agencies create use-of-force policies that include a requirement for officers to only use physical force that is “objectively reasonable;” standards for and alternatives to using physical force, including de-escalation techniques; and classifying chokeholds as deadly force.](#) *Introduced by Sen. Stephanie Chang.*
- **[SB 334](#)**: [Requires law enforcement officers in Michigan to complete mandatory training that meets curriculum standards developed by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards \(MCOLES\). MCOLES is directed to research training gaps and develop these curriculum standards by October 1, 2025.](#) *Introduced by Sen. Jeff Irwin.*
- **[SB 335](#)**: [Known as the "Law Enforcement Officer Duty to Intervene Act," requires all law enforcement agencies to adopt a written policy that must mandate that officers act to end or prevent the use of objectively unreasonable force by another officer and report their observations to an immediate supervisor. Agencies must state that violating this policy is grounds for disciplinary action. The act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 341 is enacted into law.](#) *Introduced by Sen. Ruth Johnson.*
- **[SB 336](#)**: [Limits use of no-knock warrants, providing several specific instructions regarding when and how they can be used by an officer who must be in uniform or identifiable as a police officer.](#) *Introduced by Sen. Erika Geiss.*
- **[SBs 337–338](#)**: [Cracks down on body camera tampering, allowing digital images or video/audio recordings from body-worn cameras to be considered tampering with evidence. The bills also prohibit an officer from purposely deactivating a camera while using excessive force.](#) *Introduced by Sen. Sylvia Santana.*
- **[SBs 339–340](#)**: [Require mandatory service records for law enforcement officers detailing service and separation, including recent disciplinary processes and investigations. Officers have the right to review and add their own statements to these records. These bills work together to facilitate the sharing of this information between agencies and with MCOLES, standardizing procedure and improving public trust.](#) *Introduced by Sens. Jeremy Moss and Roger Victory.*
- **[SB 341](#)**: [Requires the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards \(MCOLES\) to ensure consistency in background checks prior to licensure of an individual and revoke a license if the individual is convicted of a misdemeanor involving domestic violence.](#) *Introduced by Sen. Sarah Anthony.*
- **[SB 342](#)**: [Ensures that protection for compulsory statements by police officers during internal investigations of wrongdoing will only protect truthful statements.](#) *Introduced by Sen. Ed McBroom.*
- **[SB 343](#)**: [Prohibits a person from knowingly disclosing information in a misconduct complaint against an officer that personally identifies the individual who filed the complaint unless there is a court order or the person who filed the complaint gives permission to be identified.](#) *Introduced by Sen. Mary Cavanagh.*

Together, these [proposals](#) aim to:

- **Restrict no-knock warrants** by establishing clear guidelines for their authorization and use.
- **Mandate a duty to intervene** when an officer observes another using excessive force, with required reporting and accountability policies.
- **Standardize use-of-force policies** that address verbal warnings, chokeholds, and limitations on deadly force.
- **Prohibit tampering with body-worn camera footage**, including intentional deactivation during incidents involving excessive force.
- **Require comprehensive officer training** in de-escalation, implicit bias, procedural justice, and crisis response—developed in consultation with behavioral health experts.
- **Strengthen licensing oversight through MCOLES**, including revocation powers for officers convicted of domestic violence or found to have used excessive force resulting in serious harm.
- **Improve transparency in officer separation records**, ensuring disciplinary history and investigations follow officers between departments.
- **Limit legal protections for false statements** made by officers during internal investigations of misconduct.
- **Protect the anonymity of misconduct complainants**, ensuring their identity cannot be shared without consent or court order.

Resources from the session:

Contact info for speakers:

- Mike Lynn, Lansing Empowerment Network - mike.lynn@empowerlansing.org | (517) 574-8031
- Senator Stephanie Chang - SenSChang@senate.michigan.gov | 517-373-7346
- Robin Etchinson - etchinson.robin@att.net | 517-242-0998
- MLive article: [Restrictions on chokeholds, no-knock warrants part of Michigan police reform push in Lansing](#)
- [YouTube Video](#)