



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #218

**Relating to the Re-Creation of the
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

WHEREAS, fostering safe communities and an equitable criminal justice system is paramount;

WHEREAS, improving the criminal justice system requires data-driven and evidence-based practices to focus resources on programs proven to be effective at reducing recidivism, fostering rehabilitation, and improving community and public safety; and

WHEREAS, improving Wisconsin's criminal justice system must be done in a holistic and trauma-informed manner by connecting the dots among siloed entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, including Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby re-create the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, attached to the Department of Justice, for the purpose of advising the Governor on matters related to the administration and reform of Wisconsin's criminal justice system, and order the following:

1. The Department of Justice shall provide support staff and pay the expenses of the members of the Council.
2. Members of the Council shall include the following:
 - a. The Attorney General;
 - b. The Secretary of the Department of Corrections;
 - c. The Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development or a designee;
 - d. The Secretary of the Department of Children and Families or a designee;
 - e. The Secretary of the Department of Health Services or a designee;
 - f. The Executive Director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority or a designee;
 - g. The State Public Defender;
 - h. The Director of State Courts;
 - i. The Chair of the Committee of Chief Judges;
 - j. A representative or member of a Tribal Nation;
 - k. Other individuals appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor who represent the interests of Wisconsin citizens.
3. Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor. The Council will be composed of a diverse group of individuals who interact with the criminal justice system. The Council shall be co-chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and the Attorney General and shall meet at dates and times determined by the co-chairs.

4. The co-chairs may create subcommittees as they deem necessary and engage other stakeholders and public members to participate in subcommittee activities. The Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Subcommittee shall exist as a standing committee. Each executive branch agency with membership on the Council shall, upon request of the Council, designate agency staff to aid the Council.
5. The Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Subcommittee shall serve as Wisconsin's advisory body to guide the administration of the State Crisis Intervention Program grant initiative under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.
6. All executive branch agencies shall aid the Council to the greatest extent possible, including providing information and data that is needed by the Council to perform its duties under this Executive Order.
7. The Council shall collaborate with the judicial branch. At the request of the Council, the Director of State Courts Office shall provide, to the extent the Director determines practicable, information and data that is needed by the Council to perform its duties under this Executive Order.
8. The Council shall do all of the following:
 - a. Facilitate interagency collaboration in assessing current criminal justice practices and in the development and implementation of criminal justice reforms across the system.
 - b. Identify gaps in data collection and analysis in the criminal justice system and recommend solutions to address these gaps.
 - c. Identify factors that are increasing jail populations, prison populations, and criminal justice costs, and identify strategies to reduce them.
 - d. Consider data, evidence-based practices, and the goal of reducing and ultimately eliminating racial disparities when offering policy recommendations.
 - e. Provide strategic planning and guidance for the management of federal block grant or federal formula grant funds.
 - f. Interact with county or multi-county criminal justice coordinating committees to ensure statewide communication and effectively receive information from local stakeholders.
 - g. Engage in other activities consistent with the responsibilities of the Council.
9. This Executive Order supersedes in part Executive Order #182 signed on January 4, 2023, and supersedes and replaces Executive Order #41 signed on August 22, 2019.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-first day of December in the year of two thousand twenty-three.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Evers', is written over a horizontal line.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Godlewski', is written over a horizontal line.

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State