



Community Meeting Agenda

May 11, 2023 | 7 - 8:30 PM

Register and join us:

- **In-person** at Louisville Recovery Community Connection (LRCC), 620 S. 3rd St., Louisville, KY 40202 (food provided by Shy-Bles-son Catering)
- **Virtually** on [Zoom](#)

Agenda:

- Food and fellowship
- Welcome and SJA swag
- Introductions (what brought you to Smart Justice Advocates (SJA), what you feel you can contribute to the group)
- Remarks/recap from April meeting
- Future meeting location vote; discussion of best date/time
 - **OPTION 1:** Women's Healing Place, 1503 S 15th St, 40212
Meeting room and child care room
 - **OPTION 2**
The Prisoner's Hope, 11501 Plantside Drive, Suite 10, 40299
Meeting room and child care room
- Announcement: Child care provided by Play Cousins
- SJA handbook: What should be included?
- Review current mission, vision, values, what we do (see below)
- Upcoming events
 - [Monday, May 15](#), 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Community Convening on Human Trafficking, Louisville Central Community Centers
 - [Friday, May 19](#), 11 AM-12:30 PM, Mobilize Recovery Kentucky, The Healing Place Women's Campus
 - [Wednesday, May 31](#), 1-4 PM ET, Covington, KY, dream.org "Public Health is Public Safety" event

- [June 8-9](#), Clean Slate Initiative’s Second Annual Convening, Oklahoma City
- [Thursday, June 8](#), 7-8:30 PM, SJA meeting (location TBD)
- [Wednesday, June 21](#), 1-4 PM ET, Louisville, KY, dream.org “Public Health is Public Safety” event
- Closing: One-word feeling after tonight’s meeting
- Next meeting: [June 8, 2023](#)

FOR DISCUSSION:

Mission: Our Purpose

We are a unified group of diverse individuals that will work boldly to inspire change, relying on values of hope and integrity to advance the fight for freedom and equality for all those impacted by the justice system.

Vision: Our Hope for the Future

We believe all people deserve dignity and respect. We believe, like Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative, that “Each of us is more than the worst thing we’ve ever done.” We know recovery is real and possible.

Values: How We Work Together and in the Community

- Respect – We listen to understand and appreciate.
- Perseverance – We are not intimidated by obstacles that stand in our way.
- Advocacy – We stand up for ourselves and others.

Who We Are

Smart Justice Advocates are Kentuckians whose lives or loved ones have been directly impacted by the legal system. We focus on a variety of criminal legal reform, including restoration of voting rights, persistent felony offender laws, clean slate and expungement policies, and other issues. We are people who have experienced incarceration. We are the children of parents who experienced incarceration. We are mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, your neighbors, and your friends. We are LGBTQ+, non-binary, Black, white, Brown, in long-term recovery, and just starting our recovery journey. We are Kentuckians.

What We Do

In addition to working on policy solutions to reform Kentucky's unjust criminal legal system and meeting monthly to build leadership skills and analyze Kentucky's political landscape, we:

- Share our stories with state legislators
- Testify in front of state legislative committees
- Present at and attend conferences, panel discussions, film screenings, and more
- Table at community events to share SJAs' work and engage more people