

**A Comprehensive Look at Criminal Justice in Monroe County**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

***Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Hope for Prisoners Task Force***

6:30	Opening statement by moderator Joelene Bergonzi, Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM)
	Panelist statements (speaking order will be different than the order listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Penny Githens - Commissioner, Monroe County Board of Commissioners</li><li>• Mary Goetze - Member of UU Hope for Prisoners Task Force and Founder of Kids with Absent Parents (KAP)</li><li>• Lee Jones - Vice President, Monroe County Board of Commissioners</li><li>• Erika Oliphant - Prosecuting Attorney, Monroe County</li><li>• Kathleen Sideli - Chair of the Monroe County Human Rights Commission</li><li>• Julie Thomas - President, Monroe County Board of Commissioners</li></ul>
7:15	Questions from the audience to the panel Please use the 3x5 cards provided to write down your questions for the panel. The cards will be collected by volunteers and sorted by CJAM Executive Director Liz Grenat and CJAM interns to ensure a variety of topics. The moderator will read the questions to the panel so that they can be heard by those attending via live-streaming.
7:50	Take this opportunity to talk with representatives from the non-profits listed on the back of this sheet and have some refreshments in Fellowship Hall.
8:30	Reception wraps up. Be aware that the basketball game will end between 8:45 and 9:00 and traffic will be congested after that.

**Follow-up and Additional Resources - Stay Informed!**

- Follow-up questions and comments can be emailed to: [mccjadvocate0@gmail.com](mailto:mccjadvocate0@gmail.com)
- County Commissioners updates: From [www.co.monroe.in.us/commissioners](http://www.co.monroe.in.us/commissioners), under "Topics of Interest" select "Criminal Justice Assessment". From there, you can subscribe to receive notification of updates.
- Task Force updates: <http://uubloomington.org/monroe-county-criminal-justice>

The UU Hope for Prisoners Task Force would like to thank the panelists, participating non-profits, Community Justice and Mediation Center, CATS (catstv.net), county employees who assisted with logistics, and UU staff and volunteers who made the event possible.

***Thank you for attending. Together we have opportunities to make a difference.***

## Participating Non-Profits and Programs

**Amethyst House** provides residential and outpatient services for people with drug and alcohol addiction and problem gambling issues. [www.amethysthouse.org](http://www.amethysthouse.org)

**Centerstone Bloomington** provides mental health and addiction recovery services. <https://centerstone.org/?s=Bloomington+In>

**Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM)** promotes a civil and just community through mediation, education, and restorative justice. <https://ciamcenter.org>

**Courage to Change** offers structured sober living. <https://couragetochangehouse.org>

**Goodwill New Beginnings** provides ex-offenders with an opportunity to get back on track through paid internships and case-management services. <https://www.goodwillindy.org/employment-services/#newbeginnings>

**Indiana Legal Service** uses the law to fight poverty, empower clients, and improve access to justice. Bloomington office handles civil cases only. <https://www.indianalegalservices.org>

**Justice Unlocked** serves as Indiana's only sliding-scale legal aid clinic, working to bridge the gap between pro-bono legal services and traditional attorneys in civil and criminal matters. <https://justiceunlocked.com>

**Kids with Absent Parents (KAP)** is a group of volunteers who offer support to children separated from their parents and to those caring for them. Send message to [kidswithabsentparents@gmail.com](mailto:kidswithabsentparents@gmail.com) or 765-999-1893

**League of Women Voters** encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. <https://www.lwv-bmc.org>

**Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM)** offers sliding-scale child care facilities, a self-sufficiency center, vouchers for Opportunity House, and a financial assistance program. <https://mcum.org>

**Made Up Mind (M.U.M.)** works with ex-offenders who have made up mind to develop the capabilities through transitional life training and hands-on work experience. <https://mummadeupmind.org>

**New Hope for Families** is a family emergency housing recovery agency for whole families that serves primarily Monroe County and operates two life-changing programs in Bloomington. <https://www.newhope4families.org>

**New Leaf New Life** supports individuals during incarceration and in their transition into our community, offering transformative justice services during incarceration and after release. <http://newleafnewlife.org/>

**Oxford House** offers housing and rehabilitative support combining Recovery, Responsibility, and Replication to enable each of our members to live free of disasters of addiction. <https://oxfordhouse.org>

**South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP)** offers a wide range of programs to help low-income individuals and families achieve personal and economic independence. <http://www.insccap.org>

**Wheeler Mission** provides food, clothing, shelter, and programs for men, women, and children. It also offers addiction recovery for men. <https://www.facebook.com/WheelerMissionBloomington/> <https://wheelermission.org>

**Women Writing for (a) Change** provides opportunities for individuals to craft more conscious lives through the art of writing and the practices of community. <https://womenwritingbloomington.org>