Charlottesville-Albemarle Criminal Justice System

The One Less Initiative

One less offender. One less crime. One less victim. One less dollar spent. One less damaged life. One less harmed citizen. One less frustrated community member. One less…

This Initiative puts forward the belief that risk and harm reduction are fundamental goals of the justice system, and that these can be achieved without sacrificing offender accountability, public safety or other important justice system outcomes.

**Principles of One Less**

1. The professional judgment of criminal justice decision makers is enhanced when informed by evidence-based decision making (EBDM).
2. Every interaction within the Criminal Justice System offers an opportunity to contribute to harm reduction.
3. Systems achieve better outcomes when they operate collaboratively.
4. The Criminal Justice System will continually learn and improve when professionals make decisions based on the collection, analysis and use of data reflecting the impact of implemented policies.

Charlottesville and Albemarle County were selected as ONE of SEVEN seed sites in the nation for the One Less Initiative EBDM project. Sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections.

Sixteen members representing the POLICY TEAM are:

The Honorable Robert Downer  
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