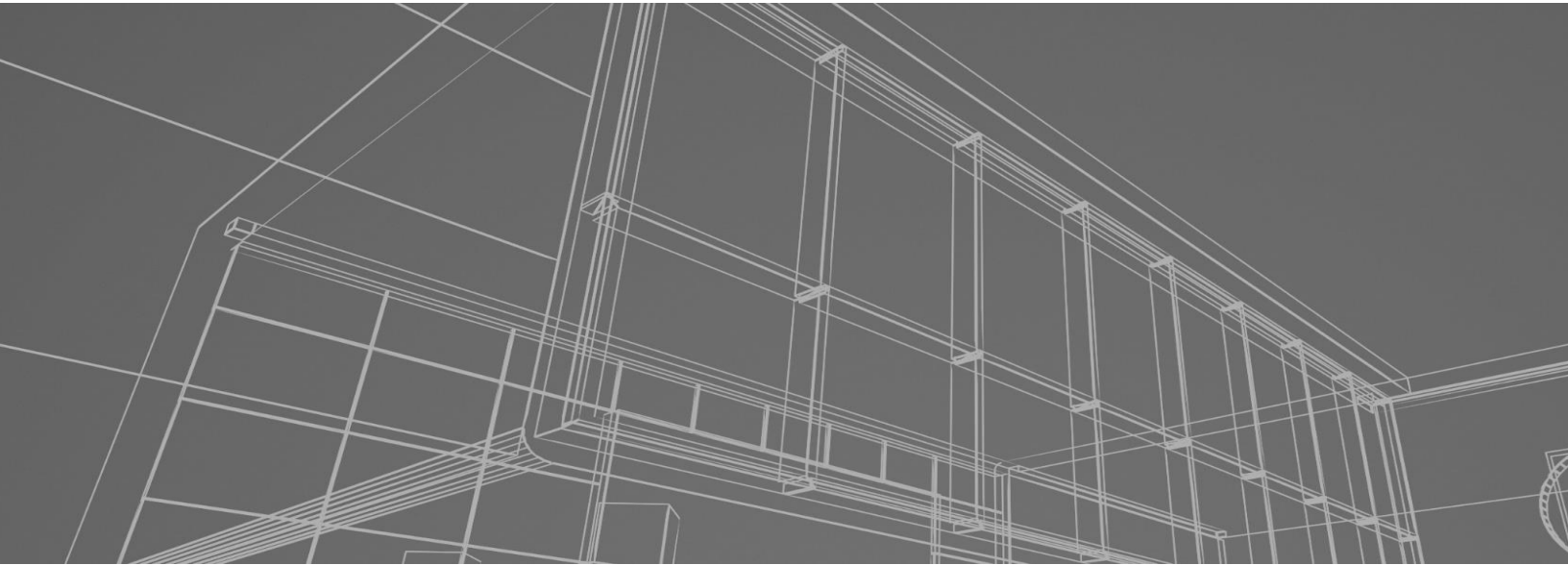


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Archbishop Desmond Tutu tells us that justice demands three things: that the truth be told, that to whatever extent possible the harm be repaired, and that the conditions that gave rise to the injustice be forever altered.

The Blueprint is dedicated to all people whose bodies bear the marks of this injustice and to those who are committed to altering the conditions that give rise to this devastating form of violence.

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We are happy to convey to you the collective work of our victim service providers and justice system agencies that took up the challenge to write a blueprint for our community as we struggle with the destruction caused by violence in our homes. The “Madison County Blueprint for Safety” is proud to be the first in our state to work collaboratively to develop a comprehensive approach for our justice system to address crimes of domestic violence more effectively.

When writing policies and protocols for so many agencies we often heard people say, “Well, this isn’t a policy it’s just what we do” or, “No need to write that down, everybody knows to do that.” Indeed, over ninety percent of what is in the Blueprint is done by at least some practitioners some of the time. The Blueprint is the only document like it in the country, however, for two reasons. First, it is written as one document, with a chapter for each agency and each chapter inextricably linked to the whole. It is not a collection of good policies, but a collective policy. Second, the Blueprint operates on three levels simultaneously: on the level of (1) what victims need to be safe, (2) what practitioners need from each other to do their jobs, and (3) what is required by each worker and agency to hold the offender accountable.

Crafting the Blueprint was no small feat; implementing it will require even more commitment on the part of the agencies, their leaders, and the countless practitioners that make up this massive entity called the criminal justice system. That commitment begins with a reading of the Blueprint that is motivated by a good faith attempt to make it come alive and realize it’s very ambitious goal. The Blueprint envisions a response that holds that every victim is worth fighting for and every abuser must be held accountable. We hope that the Blueprint inspires other Kentucky communities to make a similar commitment to its goals and process of review and change.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have created the Blueprint for Madison County and humbled by the prospects of what now lies ahead to fully implement its promise.

Sincerely



Mayor Jim Barnes



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