

2021 Community Conversations Questions

1. In the last year as bias incidents and hate crimes have spiked, targeting specific communities paralleling COVID-19, the murder of George Floyd and national recognition of the Black Lives Matter movement, the election and inauguration, dominant culture has finally begun to acknowledge problematic response from LE and/or community members. What are your thoughts reporting crime to LE and engaging with the justice system and accessing victim service providers?
2. What would a justice system that is dedicated to the safety, security, and protection of your community look like to you?
3. What do you want or need from your victim service providers?
4. What values do you want victim service providers to have and maintain?
5. The Oregon Department of Justice is committed improving services for all of our communities and in the last year we have updated our CVCP applications to remove social security number questions in our application, begun mandatory DEI training for our funded victim services programs, and issued a Law Enforcement Bias Response Toolkit for police responding to reports of hate and bias, but what could we do that we are not doing? How can we serve victims in your community better?
6. If you could speak directly to lawmakers about a reform—this can be in victim services, resources, equity, or something else—what would you say or recommend?
7. What do you think absolute liberation for your community would look like to you?