# KEEPING *families* CONNECTED



The need for free communication in and out of the Dane Co. Jail that is accountable to the public

## Find out more

Visit: dsamadison.org/resources/freejailcommunication

## Get more involved

Email us at madsaabolitionists@gmail.com

**Keeping Families Connected** is a Madison Area DSA campaign, working with a coalition of other Dane County organizations.

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Those in the Dane County jail are charged by-the-minute / by-the-message to stay connected with their family!

**▲▬▬▲ WE NEED ▲▲▬▬▲▲**

free and accountable communication in + out of the jail

## ▬▬ Why free? ▬▬

When the financial barrier is removed...

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| Recidivism decreases. | Violence and misconduct in jail goes down. |
| Children of parents in jail are less prone to drug use. | Mental health of those in jail improves. |

## ▬▬ Why accountable? ▬▬

We need a system of communication that is not chosen or run completely behind closed doors. Also, there needs to be data privacy for those in jail and their communication.

## ≒ Some info about the Dane Co. Jail ≒

About 600 people are held in the jail each day.

They would fill 12.5 school buses.

More than half of those in the jail are Black — Yet only 6% of Dane Co. is Black.




Roughly **1/2** of those detained **2** are held pre-trial. Often because they cannot afford bail.

The average cost of communication to someone in the jail is $12.9/ meath. or an additional $18 hours of min. wage pay.

The average stay in the jail is




21 days.

## — Why now? —

The old contract for the jail communication system has expired, so something new can go in its place.

## ~~~~ What can you do? ~~~~

The county board will have the final say of a new contract and can request further negotiations of its terms. This will be happening this fall.

### ·.·.·.· Wait... what's the County Board? ·.·.·.·

They are elected officials representing you on a county level.



Find your county supervisor ↴
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### !!!!!!! Now contact your supervisor ! !!!!!!!

Email or call them and tell them how important free communication is to keep families connected. Demand that they fund free communication with this new contract.