



SPECIAL EVENT WITH **District Attorney Ben David**

The social determinants of health are the same as the root causes of crime. Though crime is at a historic low, many are still falling through the cracks--the drug addicted, the mentally ill, and those living in crushing poverty. To build the bridge toward a better tomorrow we must focus on the structure of our community.

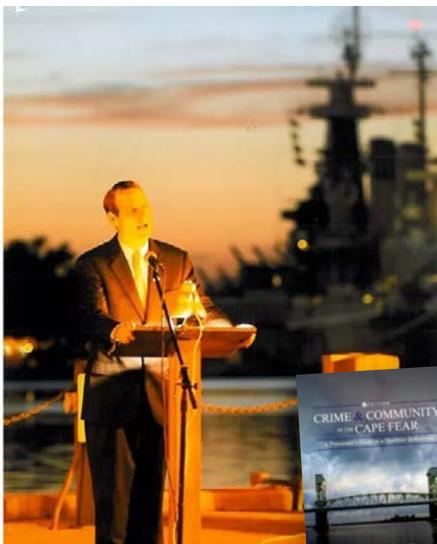
District Attorney Ben David has developed a Starfish model to give structure to the community he represents, which covers both metro and rural areas. The arms of outreach surround a center of health, because a focus on physical, mental, and emotional well-being, as well as healthy relationships, make a community safer. Using the science of resilience and the evolving understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), DA David illustrates how direct service providers and courthouse professionals are working together like never before to prevent crime and reduce recidivism. This talk will explore best practices developed in southeastern North Carolina and provide the tools for you to bring similar resources to your hometown.

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May 18th | 9:00AM — 10:30AM

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ABOUT **District Attorney Ben David**

Ben David was elected as District Attorney for New Hanover and Pender County in 2004. As DA, Ben served on the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, the Governor's Gang Task Force, and is a founding member of Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration. He is a past president of the NC Conference of District Attorneys and has twice served as a delegate for the American Council of Young Political Leaders. Ben is a founding member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Prevention of Youth Violence in Wilmington.

Ben is the author of many articles that have appeared in magazines, newspapers, and journals. His book, ***Crime and Community in the Cape Fear: A Prosecutor's Guide to a Healthier Hometown***, was published in 2020. Ben is an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina – Wilmington, where he teaches a survey class for college students and members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

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