

What Does Legal Navigation Look Like in your Community?

Consider the questions below within the community and legal jurisdiction where you practice. You can use the Summary space at the bottom of each section to synthesize your answer to the bolded question.

Who is being left out of the court process?	
Who requires the most support?	
Who is most at risk of non-appearance or bench warrants?	
Whose contact information is changing?	
Who did you worry about first when the courts closed?	
If you're not sure, how might court or community partners help you gather this information? Who should you reach out to?	
What other needs does this community have?	

Summary

Where does this community gather or live?	
Are their particular neighborhoods, parks, or locations where this community is concentrated?	
Are there social service agencies or public institutions (like shelters, hospitals, libraries, schools, or soup kitchens) where this community frequents?	
Summary	

What do you need to engage this community where they are?
<i>Think: Laptops? Tablets? Clipboards? Pens/paper? Portable internet or Hotspots? Cell phones? Ecourts access? Partnerships?</i>

<p>What do you have that can help you reach people?</p>	
<p>What do you need to start reaching out to people?</p>	
<p>What could you get to support your outreach? When?</p>	
<p>Who can support you to complete this outreach?</p>	<p><i>Think: Community providers, court admin, libraries, drop-in centers?</i></p>
<p>Summary</p>	

<p>Who should be doing the outreach?</p>	
<p>Are there agencies already engaging this population? What is your relationship with them?</p>	

<p>How can the courts be present (physically or virtually) in the outreach? Should they be present physically?</p>	
<p>Who would be asking the questions about open legal needs? You or your agency? Alternatives to incarceration and Community Justice programs? The courts? Other partners? Community members?</p>	
<p>Are there community members, advocations, and/or service consumers who are active in your community and doing this work?</p>	
<p>What is your existing relationship with these entities? How might you improve or strengthen them? Are there stakeholders' groups you're a part of? Are there ones you should join?</p>	
Summary	

What services could you offer through legal navigation?	
Which courts do you have relationships with?	<i>Think: Criminal (Municipal or Superior)? Civil (Landlord/Tenant, Family Court, Expungements)? Community Corrections?</i>
What information or resources can they offer?	<i>Think: Information, lifting warrants, scheduling court dates, special calendars, diversion/disposition, etc.</i>
What information or resources can community partners offer?	<i>Think: Screening, Letters of Enrollment, Information for Sentencing Mitigation</i>
What other assistance does this community need beyond legal assistance? How can you bring these services with you as well? Who could join you in these efforts?	
Which of these services are you doing or can access right now ? What could you build or create ?	

Summary

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If you were to conduct a legal navigation outreach effort tomorrow, what might it look like?

Who would you outreach to?	
Where would you go?	
Who would you bring with you?	
What navigation services would you offer?	

<p>What is the very first step you need to take to make this happen?</p>	
<p>Summary</p>	

<p>If you were to build out a legal navigation outreach program in your community, how would you envision it?</p>	
<p>Who are you outreaching?</p>	
<p>Where would these services take place?</p>	
<p>What services would be available? Legal and other</p>	

<p>What agencies, institutions, or people would be involved?</p>	
<p>What would the impact be? For the community? For the courts? For other institutions?</p>	
<p>How can your community reach you for a legal navigation request?</p>	
<p>What is the very first step you need to take to make this happen?</p>	
<p>Identify the tools and resources already available to you:</p>	

Identify the people who would be able to help beyond providing information on-site:	
Summary and Additional Notes	

Please let us know how you're doing with your next steps.
Reach out to Colleen (smithc@courtinnovation.org) or Lise (blacknalll@courtinnovation.org)
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