



# USING LEGAL SERVICES AS A PARTICIPATION AND RETENTION STRATEGY

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# WHAT'S BREWING

## LEGAL SERVICES

- DIVERSION
  - RECORD SEALING
  - EXPUNGEMENT
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- RETENTION STRATEGY TIPS
    - RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
    - TACTICS AND TIPS
    - ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES
  
  - MEASURABLE SUCCESS
    - INCREASED PARTICIPATION
    - INCREASED RETENTION
    - REDUCED RECIDIVISM



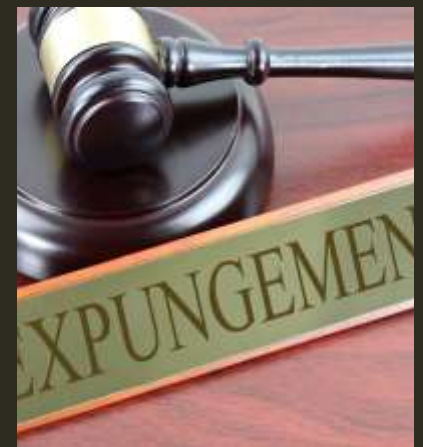
# LEGAL SERVICES



Diversion



Record Sealing



Expungement

# RULES OF ENGAGEMENT



# TIPS AND TACTICS

- Engage participant in the research of their criminal records
- Establish a legal clinic with your legal services partner
- Introduce participant to their legal “mentor”
- Get buy-in from the participant on which legal service is appropriate/realistic for their crimes
- Identify current advocacy and state/local advancements in criminal justice reform
- Celebrate small milestones and successful legal decisions

# ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES



# MEASURABLE SUCCESSES

- INCREASED PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
  - Value added benefit of your program
  - WIIFM – Life changing
- INCREASED PROGRAM RETENTION
  - Consistent programming until legal objective is accomplished
  - Benefits family
- REDUCED RECIDIVISM
  - Evidence-based practices

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS





# RESOURCES

- [www.ojjdp.gov](http://www.ojjdp.gov)
- [www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov)
- [www.csg.org](http://www.csg.org)
- <https://cleanslateclearinghouse.org>
- Collateral Consequences Resources Center, [www.ccresourcecenter.org](http://www.ccresourcecenter.org)
- National Expungement Week, [www.offtherecord.us/toolkit](http://www.offtherecord.us/toolkit)
- NACDL Restoration of Rights Resource Project, October 2013
- CSG Clearance of Criminal History, 2015
- Juvenile Diversion Guidebook, Models for Change, OJJDP

# THANK YOU



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