# CONSPIRING BETTER TOGETHER

The Incredible Value Of Expanded Public Defense

## **ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF**



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### WHAT WE'LL COVER TODAY

Our Value As Defenders How To Expand Defense And Increase Value Messaging, Resource-Driving, and Planning for Change A Vision For The Future

## **BUT FIRST**

What do you think your clients value most about your representation?



# CRIMINAL COURT TOUCHES **EVERYTHING**

No, really, what do your clients want to talk about?

## WHY DOES LAW ENFORCEMENT OWN SAFETY?





## **OUR VALUE IS HUGE**

• None of the good outcomes claimed by other system actors are possible without us

• The things we do—and can do—have been affirmatively linked to safety

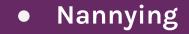
• The work we can do has other far-reaching benefits

#### WHAT WE'RE *NOT* DOING HERE

CIVIL COURTS

#### • Dump trucking

#### • Lone wolfing



## **A VIRTUOUS CYCLE**



Housing, employment, education, healthcare - linked to safety, economic mobility, wellbeing by data



More resources can be routed to PD for collaborative work

PD is better positioned to do these things, and actually begins doing them



PD can make a stronger value proposition

## HOW TO EXPAND THAT VALUE?

Client-led representation where office services are defined by client priorities

Outstanding client experience, phenomenal defense, and wraparound support

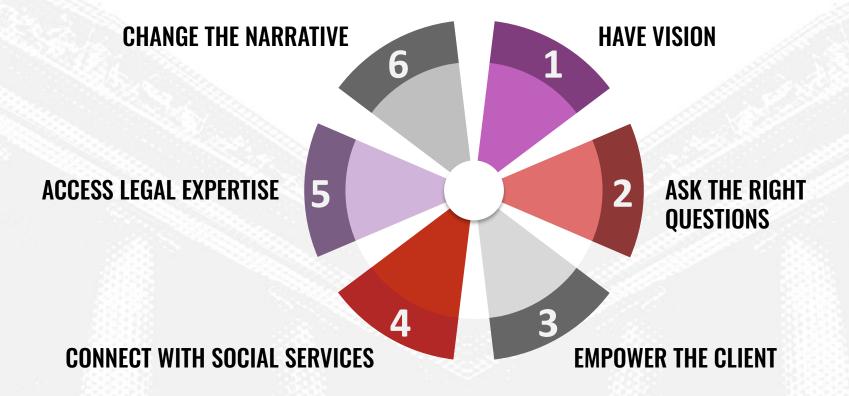
## **STOP IMAGINING YOUR PERFECT OFFICE**

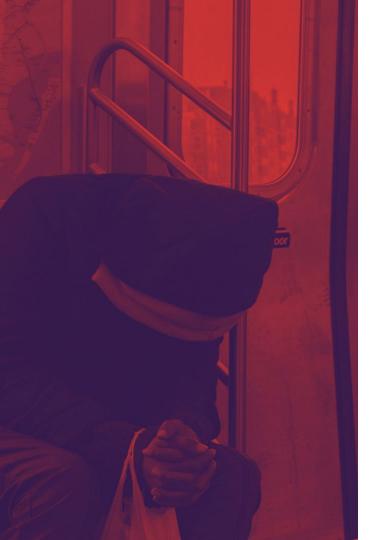


Turn to your clients.

## LISTENING—AND SAYING YES—IS AWESOME

## **SIX ELEMENTS OF COLLABORATIVE DEFENSE**





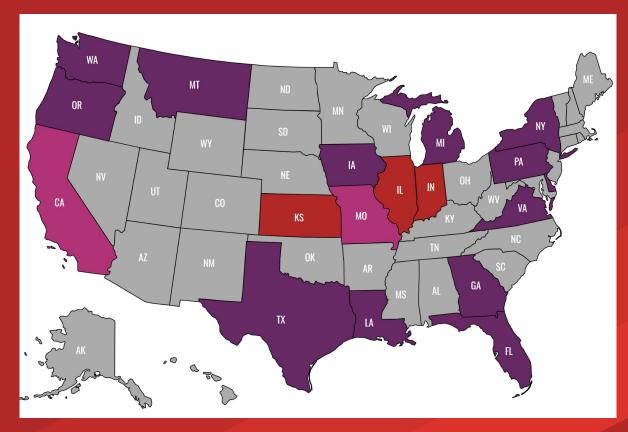
## WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

- The scale of need is substantial
  - 75-90% of defender clients have a need we can meet
- Almost no one has just one need
  - 2-7 services on average per client
  - $\circ$  65-70% success rate
  - Pairing services with mitigation works better

### RESULTS

- Mass Decarceration in Delaware
- Stabilization gains in Oakland
- Increased utility of treatment courts in Pennsylvania
- Attorney and client reactions around the country

## **ARE YOU FROM AROUND HERE?**



## **GOOD THINGS COME IN TEAMS**



## HOW CAN COLLABORATIVE DEFENSE HELP WITH OUR BURNOUT CRISIS?

- Opportunities for agency
- Getting more wins
- Living our values





## **CAN WE START SMALL?**

- Finding collaborators (and inviting them in)
  - CBOs
  - Regional defender collaboration
- Think expansively about mitigation
- Adapt your intake (and your data tracking)
- Incentivize staff
- Show up (and ask questions)

## TRACK THESE THINGS

COURTS

#### Wins You Can Tout

- Jail days eliminated (savings!)
- Dismissals
- Releases ROR/bail reduction
- Services per client
- Service provision rates
- Client feedback (satisfaction!)
- Attorney retention & engagement

### **DRIVING RESOURCES**



Use safety messaging to compete for public dollars Consider opportunities outside your "zone" It's okay to start small Show the world what you're capable of

## **JUST MAKING THE ARGUMENT IS GOOD**

More people using this messaging changes thinking over time

This is an environment of abundance among defenders

Stakeholders need to be educated

## LET'S SPARK Some ideas

#### WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

#### WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NEXT?

# THANK YOU!

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