



# Development of an Expungement Clinic in Dayton – From A Community Engaged Perspective

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## Rationale

- The idea of a potential warrant clinic in Dayton has been in circulation since October 2020.
- I have been working closely with the Montgomery County Jail Coalition, the Public Defender's office, and Judge Logan on developing this clinic.

## My Role

- Submitted a proposal and outline to Judge Logan.
- Conducted research and gave feedback to community stakeholders.
- Reviewed evidence on what works and what does not.

## Stakeholders

### Montgomery County Jail Coalition

- One of the leading and founding stakeholders, the coalition's mission is to reduce the jail population and promote restorative justice.
  - **Public Defender's Office**
- An essential stakeholder for our success, we were able to get into contact with Judge Logan.
- The public defender's office played a major role in helping to design our proposal.
  - **Judge Logan**
- A major advocate for our clinic, Judge Logan has decided to take the process on and work diligently with our team.
- She has been incredibly helpful by explaining this entire process to us.

## Process

- Working on this clinic has been far from easy.
  - We wanted to be sure that a warrant clinic would fit Dayton's needs and who it would specifically target.
- We have been back and forth between the judge, prosecutor and the public defender's office to work out the details.

## Warrant Clinic Proposal

- Will target individuals who have received traffic warrants during COVID-19.
- Will only be a virtual clinic.
- Will be a one full day event.
- Projected number is around 500 cases reviewed.
- Goal is to resolve cases and if not then setting a retrial
- Our hope is to launch the clinic by mid June 2021.

## Personal Reflections

- Motivation to make it happen
  - Rallying with peers
  - Being a team player
- Passionate work involves determination

