

CAPRI's Legal Workgroup

Continuum of Care Pipeline



Serving Justice-Involved Individuals in the Capital Region through Coordinated Legal Services
In partnership with the CAPRI Coalition – Capital Area Prisoner Reentry Initiative

Current Partners: *YWCA, Southeast Legal Services, V.O.T.E., Justice Accountability Center*

Mission: To reduce recidivism and promote long-term reentry success by providing accessible, coordinated legal services at every stage of an individual's justice-involved journey, anchored by recurring monthly engagement through **CAPRI's Second Chance Tuesday's**.

I. Multiple Points of Entry for Legal Services

Justice-involved individuals can connect with the Legal Workgroup through various access points:

A. Monthly Legal Services Hub: Second Chance Tuesday's

- Held monthly in partnership with CAPRI Coalition
- Centralized, consistent location for:
 - Legal consultations (ID recovery, expungement screenings, etc.)
 - Appointment scheduling with partner attorneys and agencies
 - Warm hand-offs to wraparound services (housing, workforce, etc.)
 - Community resource navigation through CAPRI's network
- Promotes regular, accessible engagement and trust-building

B. Additional Entry Points

- **Pre-Release Facilities** (DOC reentry units, transition centers)
- **Post-Release Referrals** (parole/probation, reentry case managers)
- **Partner Organizations** (mental health, workforce, housing providers)
- **Community-Based Events** (Warrant Resolution Clinics, Expungement Fairs)
- **Public Defender Office / Legal Aid Referrals**
- **Self-Referral** (via CAPRI website, or walk-ins)

II. Continuum of Care Legal Services Pipeline

Phase 1: Pre-Release Legal Planning

- Legal screening for pending issues: warrants, fees/fines, child support
- Know-your-rights sessions in correctional settings
- Scheduled follow-up at **Second Chance Tuesday's upon release**

Phase 2: Early ReEntry Legal Stabilization

- **Available at Second Chance Tuesday's:**
 - ID & documentation assistance (state ID, birth certificates)
 - Driver's license reinstatement guidance
 - Traffic ticket and warrant review

- Child support education & referral to modification services

Phase 3: Record-Clearing & Restoration Services

- **Expungement Clinics and Application Support**
 - Monthly eligibility screenings at Second Chance Tuesday's
 - RAP sheet consultations and fee waiver/assistance referrals
- **Pardon, clemency, and restoration of rights guidance**

Phase 4: Legal Empowerment & Long-Term Navigation

- Individual legal coaching and referrals
- Support with employment-related legal issues (background checks, hiring bias)
- Tenant rights education and civil legal aid referrals
- System navigation support and follow-up appointments booked through Second Chance Tuesday's

III. Collaboration, Coordination, and Case Management

- **Legal Workgroup Coordination:** Monthly meeting led by Lindsey Blouin, Josh Newville, and/or Tranice Potier conferencing with CAPRI partners to align on service delivery without duplicating services, events, recruiting new partners if necessary, and ensuring alignment with these goals.
- **Tracking & Evaluation:** Shared data on service outcomes and legal needs
- **Referral Infrastructure:** Direct coordination with legal aid, housing advocates, and public defenders

IV. Accessibility & Equity Principles

- **Second Chance Tuesday's** ensures:
 - Low-barrier, community-centered access to legal services
 - Trauma-informed, culturally responsive service delivery
 - Mobile legal services and virtual access options available

V. Desired Impact

- **Address legal barriers that contribute to recidivism and instability**
- **Foster sustained engagement with legal systems in a supportive environment**
- **Promote justice, equity, and reintegration through consistent, community-based legal access**

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