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PRETRIAL SUPPORT TEAM

Supporting Our Neighbors Through the Pretrial Journey

With funding from the Sue McKimm Fund for Advancement of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cleveland (UUC), and in partnership with Cuyahoga County's Public Defender's Office, UUC offers voluntary support to people navigating the pretrial phase of their court case. Our team connects participants with essential resources, like transportation, temporary housing, groceries, and clothing, while providing court reminders, assistance with resolving warrants, and links to other community services to help them meet their obligations and stay on track. Managed by a dedicated team of UUC members, the program pairs participants with volunteer Navigators—community members from diverse backgrounds, including those with lived experience in the justice system, retired professionals, and students—who provide consistent, one-on-one support throughout the pretrial period.

"My Navigator did an absolutely amazing job, and I don't think my case would've been successful without that guidance." —Anonymous participant

Tracking Success: 378 Volunteer Hours Driving Real Results*

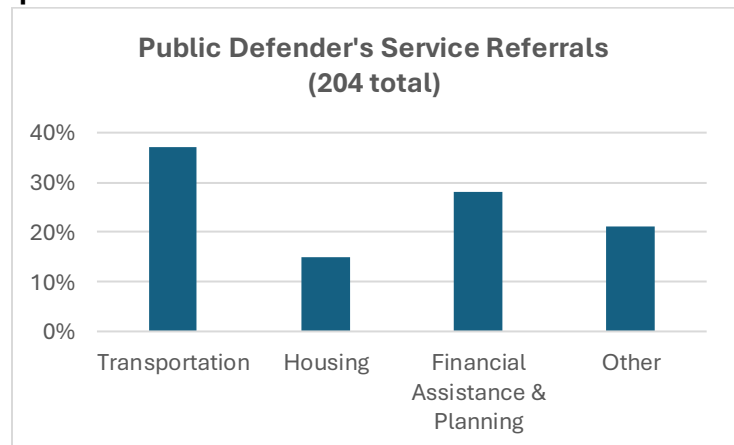
Participants & Referrals



25 people referred by the
Public Defender's Office

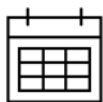


21% misdemeanor
79% felony



After a drug charge, Logan was couch surfing and struggling to stay sober. With help from his Navigator, he found an inpatient program where he completed detox and 30 days of treatment. He showed up to court ready, and his case was dismissed on the first day of trial.

Participant Engagement



49 days average
length in program



96% returned to court
for **66** total hearings



133 court reminders
received



100% stayed arrest-free
during the pretrial period

*Data reflects activity from 10/01/24 – 05/15/25. This document was created by the Center for Effective Public Policy in collaboration with UUC.