A golden scale of justice is the central focus, with a figure of Lady Justice in the background. The scale is positioned in the center, with its pans hanging down. The figure of Lady Justice is behind the scale, holding a sword in her right hand and a scale in her left. The background is a light, warm color, possibly a wall or a backdrop.

City of Atlanta Office of the Public Defender

Advocacy • Outreach • Access

Our Mission

Our office provides high quality, client-centered legal representation, courtroom advocacy, and a connection to social services to improve the lives of the individuals we serve.



Q: What is a Holistic Client-Centered Law Practice?

A practice that focuses on the whole person and collateral issues as a way of finding healthier and sustainable solutions to legal problems.



OUTREACH



Atty. Jason Bice &
Atty. Wesley Hollins
helping repair a client's
fence.



OUTREACH

Atty. Suzanda Arcila and Client Mr. Swinson, after obtaining his driver's license through our **Driver's License Restoration Program.**



OUTREACH

The City of Atlanta Public Defender's Office participated in the Fulton County Solicitor's
Record Restriction Summit

Record Expungement

Fulton County Solicitor Keith Gammage,
Supervising Atty. Dondell Patterson,
Samantha Lawson, LCSW,
Director Kenneth Days, III

Atty. Juanita Thurman,
State Rep. Kim Schofield,
Atty. Amanda Johns,
Atty. Dondell Patterson



OUTREACH



**Donation of 63 cases of water
to hurricane victims.**



OUTREACH

Atty. Juanita Thurman with students of Crawford Long Middle School Mock Trial team.



OUTREACH

Our staff with David Gillespie, Executive Director of The River and Pastor Matt Laney,
Virginia Highland Church





OUTREACH

**Atty. Wesley Hollins,
Samantha Lawson, LCSW,
Atty. Jamie Ballard,
painting a client's home.**

OUTREACH

Deputy Director John Tapia, Samantha Lawson, LCSW, Admin. Asst. Rochelle Poage, & Director Kenneth Days, III attending the Mary Hall Freedom House GALA.



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INNOVATION

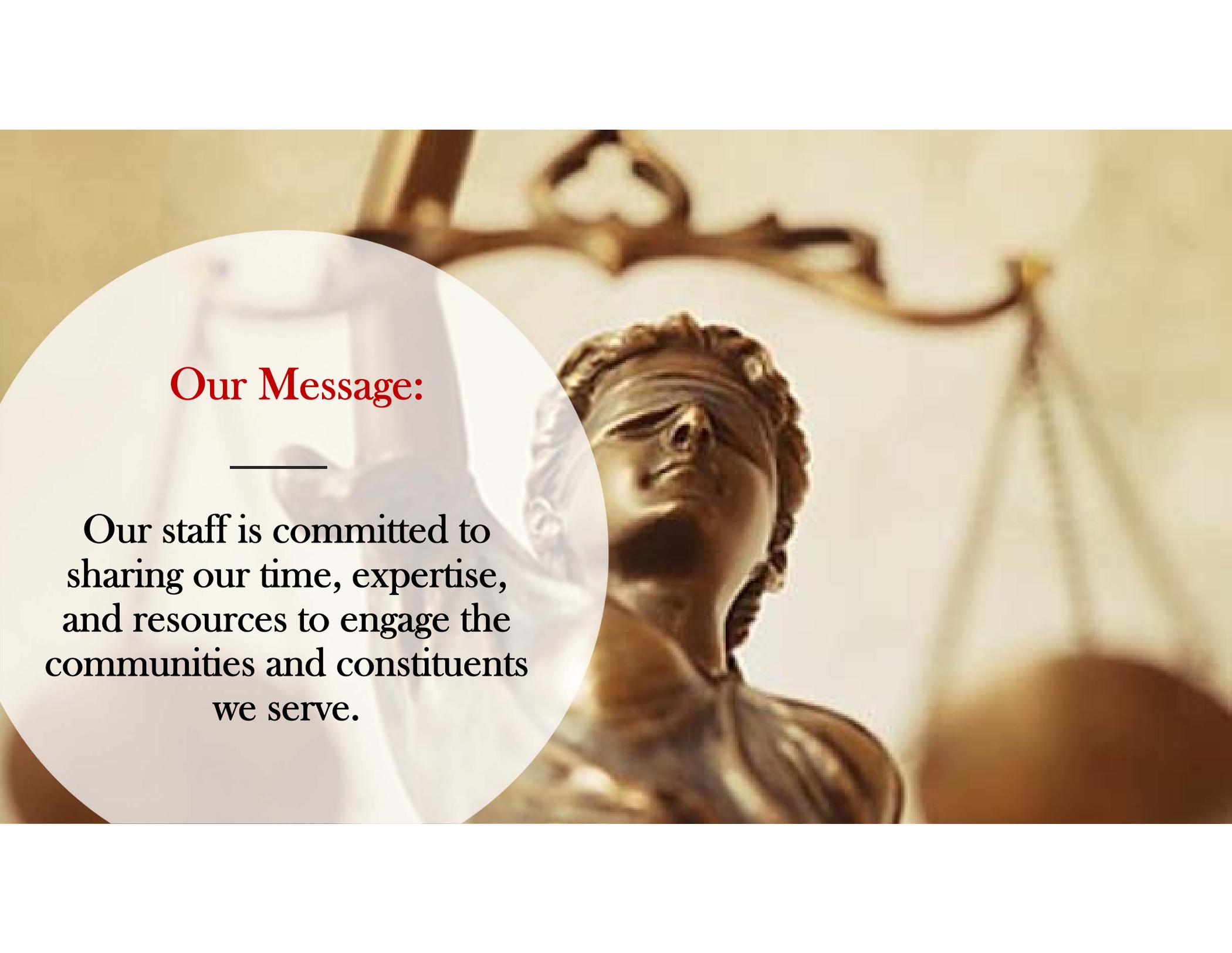
Implement a public defender case management system to track and measure holistic defense outcomes of clients linked to social services with the aim of increasing advocacy for and use productive alternatives to jail.



County Population: 447, 841
Jail Capacity: 2,926

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Convened case management data working group, identified data needs, inputs, and outcome measures.
- Selected case management information system (Defender Data).
- Mapped holistic defense processes and decision points.
- Hired data analyst and trained staff on Defender Data Prime MIS package.



Our Message:

Our staff is committed to sharing our time, expertise, and resources to engage the communities and constituents we serve.