



# Office of the Public Defender

*Chief Public Defender, Kenneth Days, III*

# Immigration Reform

- Vera Institute of Justice Grant \$100,000
- Full-time Immigration Attorney Staffed
- Full Compliance with Padilla Standards

August – October

- 52 Padilla Analysis Performed for Traffic and City Ordinances Violations
- 24 Different Countries Represented
- 5 Continents Represented



# Employment Referral Program

August – October



- 60 Applicants
- 12 Attendees for PD Orientation
- 4 Hired Full-time at Living Wage
  - Employer Partners:
    - ABM Aviation
    - CKS Packaging

Objectives of Employment Program:  
Financial Literacy Training Incorporated by  
Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection

- Setting Goals
- Saving
- Paying Bills
- Managing Debt
- Financial Literacy

# National Legal Aid and Defender Association



## ❖ The American Council of Chief Defenders (ACCD)

### ➤ National Community of Public Defense Leaders:

- National voice for public defenders
- Promote best practices in leadership, management, and administration of justice
- Support development and reform of public defense system

## ❖ Defender Council

- Advises Board of Directors regarding policy and programs related to provision of defender legal services



# Atlanta Pro Bono Roundtable

*Collaboration of pro bono leaders from law firms and corporations to focus on critical legal needs.*



# Code Compliance Academy Training

*Office of the Public  
Defender*

*Presentation at  
Code Enforcement Training  
Academy*

# Community Outreach

## *Operation of 4 Weekly Legal Clinics*



- City of Refuge
- Atlanta Pre-Arrest Diversion
- @Promise Center
- First Presbyterian Church



Partnership with Atlanta Police  
H.O.P.E Team

*Community Outreach*

# Lutheran Church of Redeemer

Community Outreach

Biweekly Legal Assistance to Homeless Population



# Office of the Public Defender Selected as AmeriCorps Vista Site

- Full-time Data Analyst Support Provided
- Collection of quantitative and qualitative data to analyze and track recidivism trends
- Customization of CMS
- Centralized Staff Training on Cohesive Entry Process
- Measures
  - Client Wellness
  - Social Service Provisions
  - Discrepancies in Charging & Sentencings



# Collaboration with Neighborhood Planning Units



- *Direct access to Community*
  - *Proactive Advisement*
  - *Public Society Awareness  
(Police, Fire, Code Enforcement)*



# Direct Impact

## *A Story of Client Reunification*



# *Questions*