Building a Strong Court Partnership for Eviction Prevention

Speaking the Court's Language

What do you know about eviction procedure and policy in the courts?

What are the key terms & timeline steps of the court?
Is there a dedicated or unified housing court? Rotating judges? Single clerk/admin for housing court?

Is it still virtual or hybrid? In the court?

Know the Status Quo with Data & Observations

Can you prepare with research on what's actually happening at court?

Can you access data about filing rates, outcomes, length of process, settlement rate, etc?

Can you determine what agreements/ laws would allow more data sharing?
Can you observe court, to see how the hearings and settlement conferences work in practice?

Can you compare the local data & court observations to national standards?

Court Contacts, Workshops, Events

What do you know about court stakeholders?

What do you know about state court leadership and their interest in eviction prevention and A2J? Can you get profiles & contacts?

Who are your local Judges, Administrators, Judicial Clerks, Court Clerks, Self Help Staff, Access to Justice Commissioners, or State Supreme Court Justices? Can you invite them to meetings or run a design workshop w/them?

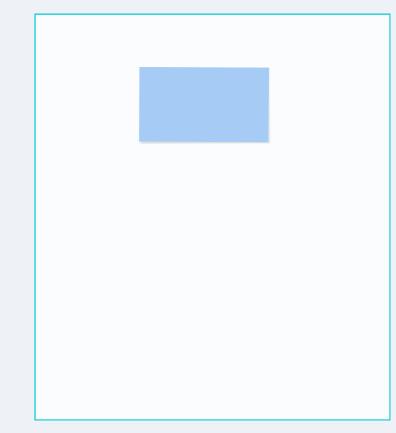
Sending the Right Message

How can you frame Eviction Prevention in court-friendly terms: neutrality, following precedent, efficiency, equal access to justice? Do you have other judges, lawyers, others to show 'there is precedent' Who are community-minded landlords/landlord attorneys that could be part of a coalition to show neutrality?

Who are other local bar or judiciary leaders who can drive this forward? What materials can you share with them?







Next Steps to take to build court partnerships on eviction prevention

