

COMMUNITY COURT LIASION ACADEMY SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Session One: Welcome and Introductions

- Tour of the Courthouse
- Overview of the California Judicial System – Organization, Structure, Relationship to Leg/Exec

Session Two: Clerk of the Superior Court

- Overview
- Explanation of role
- Explanation of Divisions
- Tour of file room

Session Three: Trial Court Administrator

- Case Management
- Community Outreach
- Self-Help Services

Session Four: Public Defender's Office

- Overview
- Know your rights
- Community Involvement
- Tour of Office

Session Five: District Attorney's Office

- Overview
- Life of a case when it reaches the DA
- Criminal Case Overview
- Difference between various crimes

Session Six: Sheriff's Office

- Overview
- Court Security
- Tour of jail/holding cells

Session Seven: Collaborative Court Programs - Drug Court, Mental Health Court

- Overview
- Services and Resources of Each Court

Session Eight: Juvenile Court, Delinquency and Dependency, Family Court and Family Services

- Overview
- Services and Resources for Juveniles
- Services and Resources for Families

Session Nine: Civil Court Overview – Small Claims, Unlawful Detainers

- Overview
- Services and Resources

Session Ten: Observation of a Trial

- Observe a criminal or civil trial – dependent on court proceedings
- Debrief

Session Eleven: Jury Service, Court Interpreters, and Court Funding Overview

- Overview of Jury Duty and Services
- Overview of Court Interpreters and Interpreter Demonstration
- Overview of Court Funding and Budget

Session Twelve: Foundation and Community Resources and Graduation

- Foundation for Democracy and Justice Resources and Initiatives
- Court Community Resources
- Graduation – Certificates and Photos