

The Warrant Clinic

Breaking the Cycle of Criminalization in Black Communities

In strategic partnership with Growing Real Alternatives Everywhere (GRAE), Black Voters Matter's *Warrant Clinic* helps disrupt the cycle of hardship caused by warrant-related traffic stops, a cycle that traps Black and marginalized people in debt, legal troubles, and fear. Routine stops for old fines or missed court dates can quickly spiral into suspended licenses, unaffordable fees, jail time, or denial of basic services. The consequences reach far beyond the initial encounter, making it nearly impossible for people to move forward.

What We Do

- **Community-Based Legal Clinics:** Alongside our local and national partners, we host welcoming, accessible clinics where people can resolve misdemeanor or traffic-related warrants, reduce or waive costs and fees, and access resources to gain access to housing and employment.
- **Justice Without Fear:** By working directly with district attorneys and court officials, without law enforcement on site, we create a safe space for community members to address legal issues without intimidation or the threat of arrest.
- **Accessible Justice:** We reimagine the legal process, moving it out of intimidating courtrooms and into trusted community spaces, making help accessible for everyone.
- **Empowering Engagement:** The clinic doesn't just clear legal barriers; it introduces participants to activism and civic engagement, helping people go from surviving to thriving in their communities while also providing free childcare.

Our Impact

- To date, we've lifted over 8,100 warrants and cleared more than \$2.1 million in fines and fees, helping thousands of community members resolve warrants, restore driver's licenses, and regain access to jobs and public services.
- By removing fear and obstacles, our clinics empower people to reclaim daily life, participate fully in their communities, and break free from cycles of legal debt.
- Our partnerships with courts and district attorneys set up a statewide model, showing that justice delivered directly to the community is possible and powerful.

Why It Matters

No one should lose their freedom, their job, or their future over an unpaid ticket. In far too many Black communities, minor legal issues quickly become major, locking people out of opportunities and into poverty. Warrant clinics are about restoring dignity, removing barriers, and ensuring justice is fair and accessible for all, not just the privileged few. True justice is accessible, humane, and rooted in community. Learn more and get involved at <https://blackvotersmatterfund.org/warrant-clinics/>

