

Homeless Court



Alternative Sentencing & Beyond

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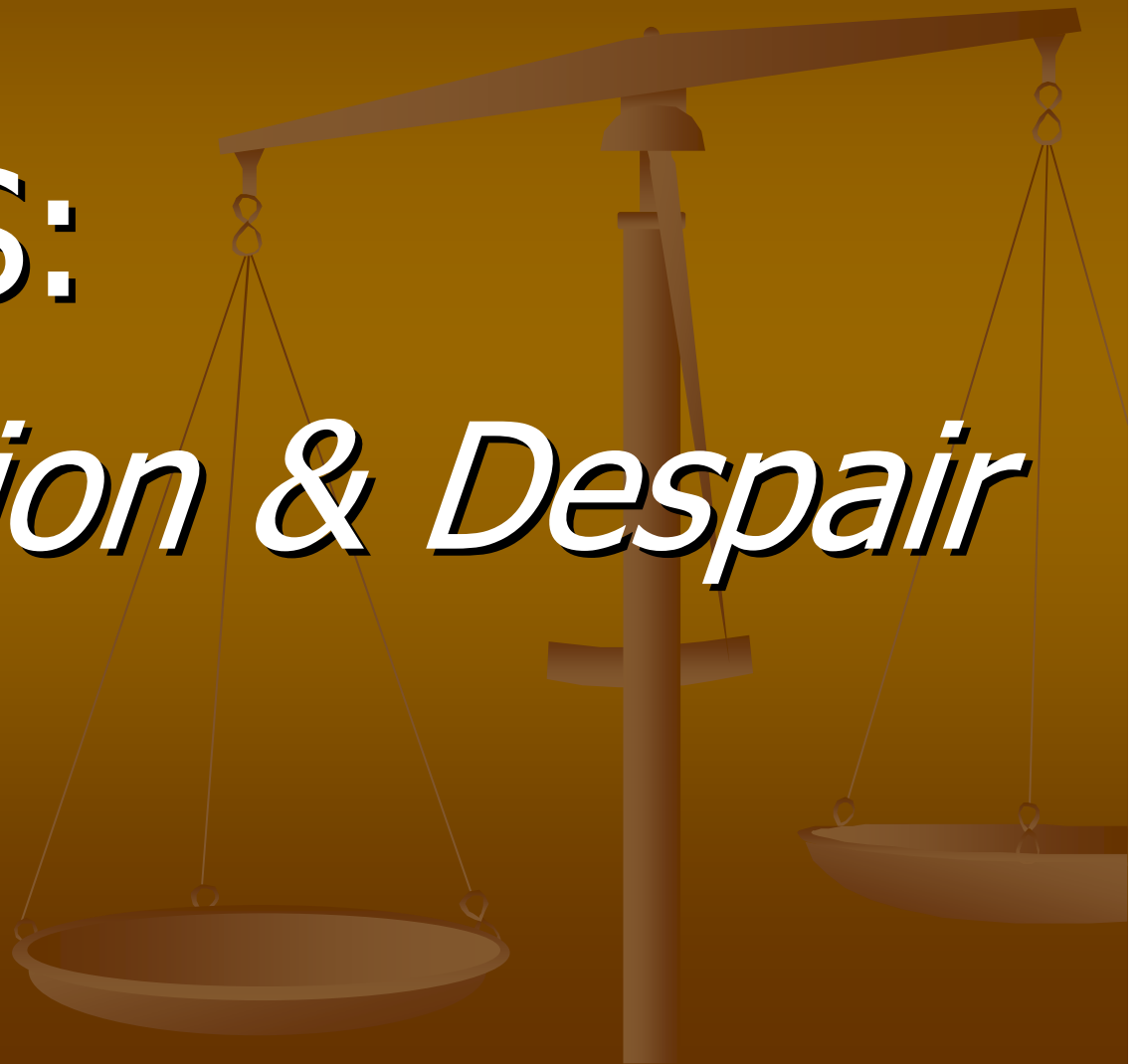
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ORIGINS:

Frustration & Despair



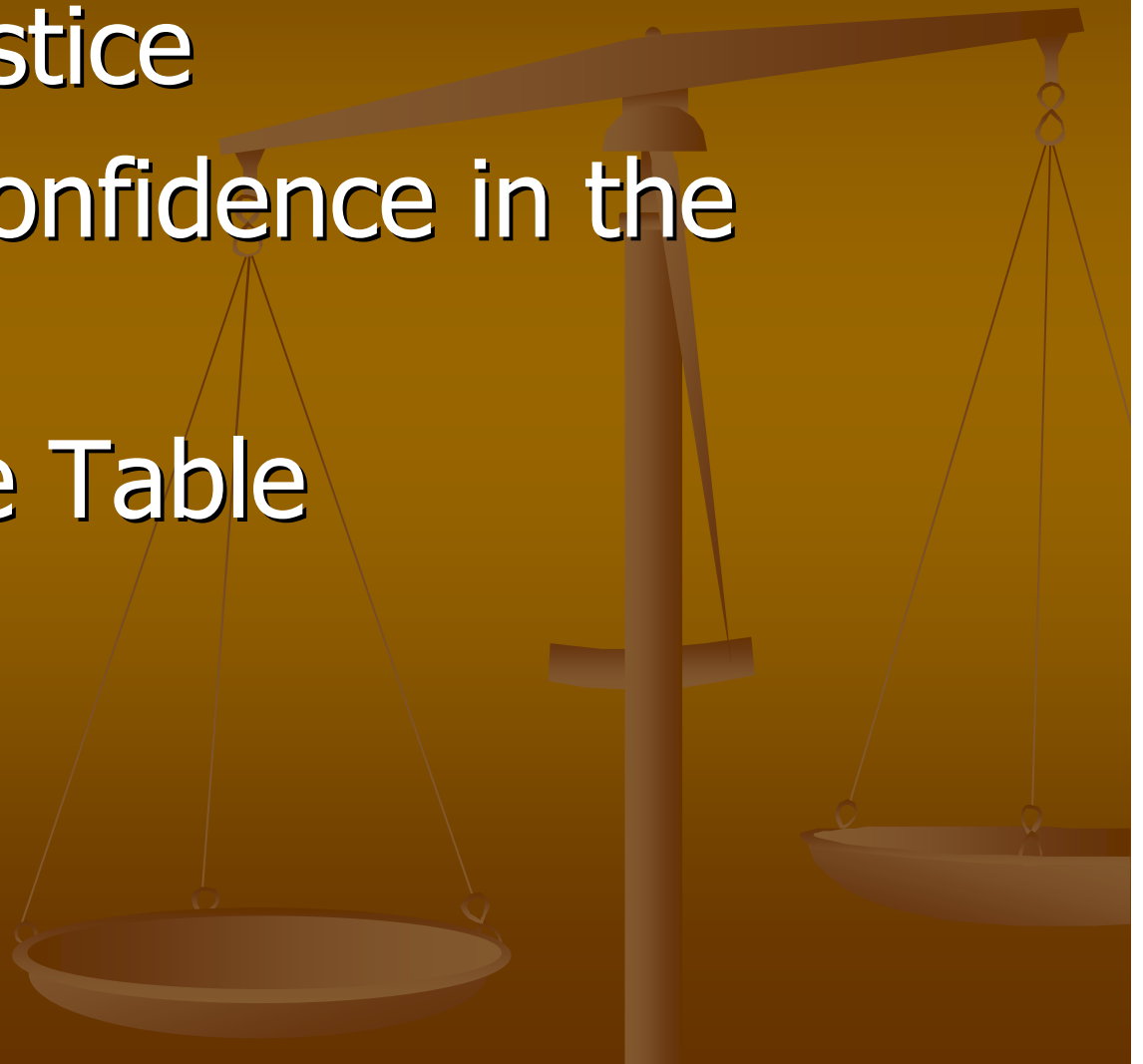
SURVEY SAYS....

*116 of 500 Homeless
Veterans Speak Up*



ACCESS

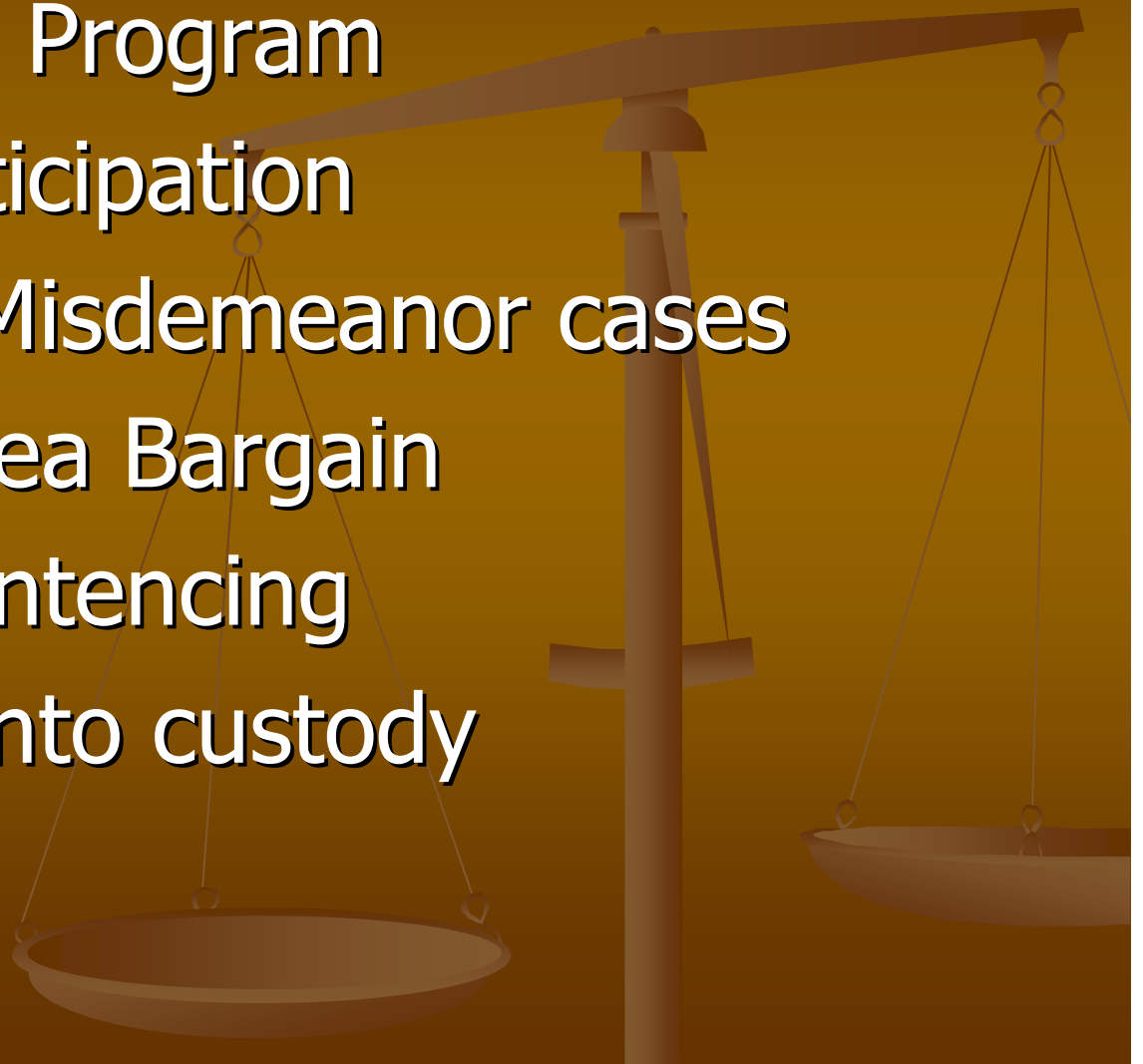
- Access to Justice
- Promoting Confidence in the Court
- A Seat at the Table



FOUNDATIONS

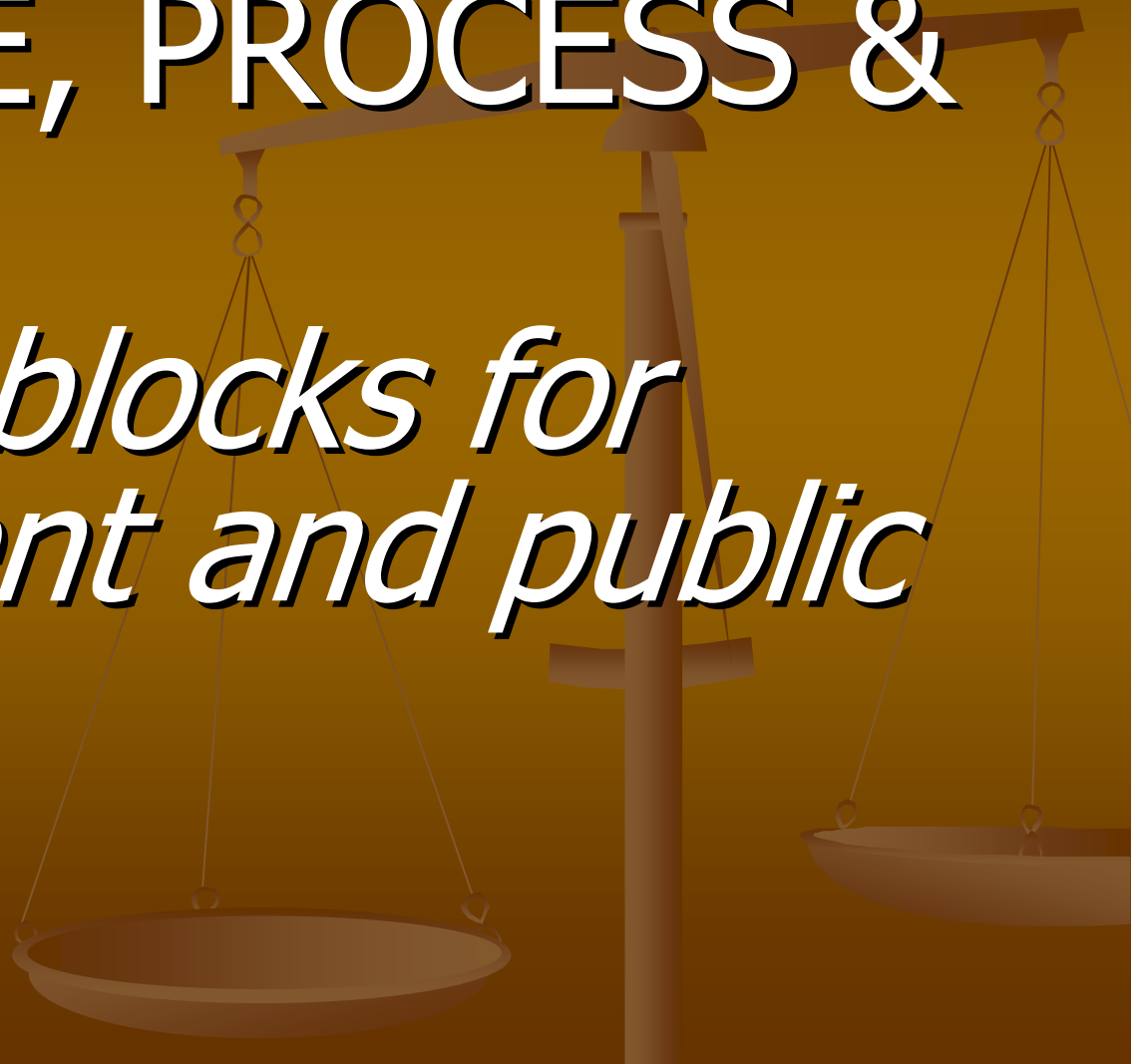
Homeless Court Program

- Voluntary participation
- Full range of Misdemeanor cases
- Progressive Plea Bargain
- Alternative Sentencing
- No one goes into custody



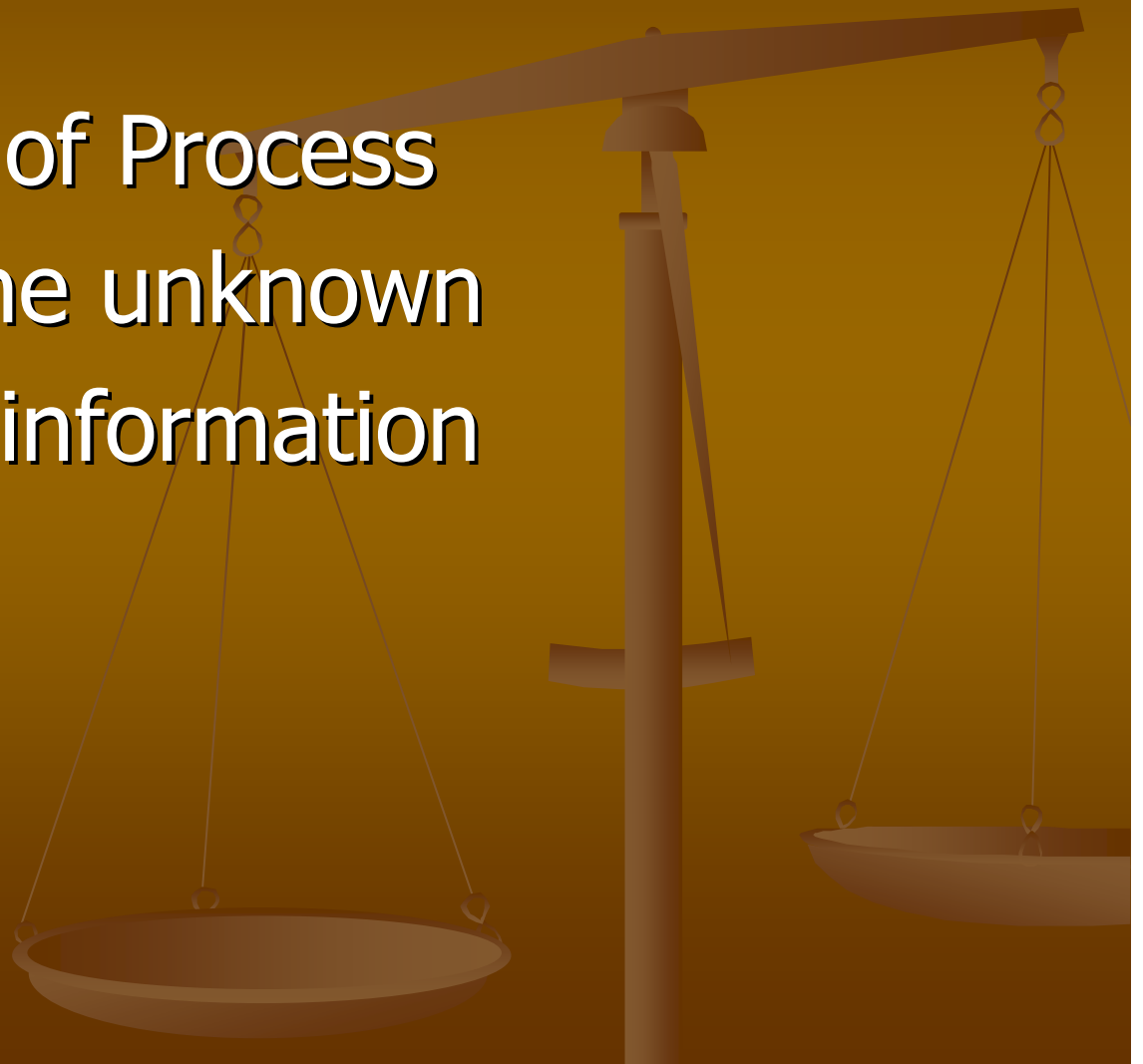
PURPOSE, PROCESS & PROOF:

*Building blocks for
treatment and public
safety*



PROCESS

- Transparency of Process
 - FEAR of the unknown
 - SHARING information



PROCESS & ATTITUDE:

Relationship and Trust



MONTHLY PROCESS

- Providers Refer Clients
- Prosecution Offers
- Defense Counseling
- Court Hearing



COLLABORATION

Providers Deliver:

- Statement of Services
- Entry Criteria
- Advocacy Letter
- Clients to Court
- Trust and Confidence



CUSTOMIZE INTERVENTION:

IDENTIFY:

- ✓ *Client Needs*
- ✓ *Diagnosis*
- ✓ *Treatment & Action Plan*



GOAL & ASPIRATION

DIVERSION AT:

- *Arrest*
- *Disposition*
- *Custody*



PUBLICATION:

*"The San Diego Service
Provider Tool Kit"*



RESOURCES:



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RESOURCES:

American Bar Association Commission on
Homelessness and Poverty

www.abanet.org/homeless

Veterans Village of San Diego

www.vvsd.net

