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Shelby County Public Defender Office Coordinates One-Day ‘Street Court’ to Help Homeless

Memphis, TN, 7/9/2012 - The Shelby County Public Defender, the District Attorney General, Judge Karen Massey and the General Sessions Criminal Court Clerk have collaborated to create a first of its kind in Memphis “Street Court” to provide legal relief at [Project Homeless Connect Memphis 2](#).

Last year, the legal clinic offered nearly 100 free legal consultations. **With an on-site Street Court, this year we will have the ability to immediately resolve legal issues that often stand in the way of full employment and permanent housing.** Attorneys from the Public Defender’s Office, the District Attorney General’s Office, top Memphis law firms, legal aid groups and University of Memphis law students will identify and address limited legal issues in a working General Sessions court. [See a complete list of our Street Court partners.](#)

Project Homeless Connect Memphis is a massive one-day event which hosts many of the resources and services an individual needs to overcome homelessness. Medical, dental, veterans benefits, housing assistance and other resources are available.

Last year marked Memphis’ first *Project Homeless Connect*. In 2011, [1,000 volunteers helped nearly half of the city’s homeless population](#). Check out the 2012 event on [Facebook](#). This initiative is part of [The Mayors’ 10-year plan to end homelessness in Memphis](#).

- When:** Thursday, July 12, 2012
- Where:** Memphis Cook Convention Center
- Time:** *Street Court* is open from 9-4 p.m.
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