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**INCLINE VILLAGE –  
CRYSTAL BAY  
JUSTICE COURT**

**JUDGE MANGIARACINA**



## LOCATION:

855 Alder Ave.

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[www.washoecounty.gov/ijc/](http://www.washoecounty.gov/ijc/)

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## HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday: 9-4

Tuesday: 8-4

Wednesday: 8-4

Thursday: 9-4 (except 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: 8-4)



## SMALL BUT MIGHTY

### Court staff: (TOTAL 4 FULL TIME)

Justice of the Peace

Court Administrator

Criminal Clerk (part-time)

Civil Clerk (part-time)

Deputy Clerk (part-time)

Support Specialist (intermittent)

### Non-court staff:

Bailiff: Deputy Sheriff

Security guard: Allied Security



## COURT OF LIMITED JURISDICTION (COMMUNITY COURT)

- Civil and criminal matters
- Incline Village and Crystal Bay, Nevada

## CIVIL MATTERS

1. Civil infractions (minor traffic violations, parking tickets)
2. Small claims (max \$10,000)
3. Civil cases (max \$15,000)
4. Protection order for stalking and harassment
5. Evictions & landlord/tenant matters

## **CRIMINAL MATTERS**

1. Search/arrest warrants in Incline Village and Crystal Bay
2. Criminal traffic violations (DUI, reckless driving, etc.)
3. 48-hour bail hearings, 72-hour hearings, and arraignments (all criminal cases)
4. Misdemeanors: trials, plea & sentencing, and case compliance hearings
5. Gross misdemeanors/felonies: preliminary hearings
6. Drug/alcohol testing and case management for defendants living in the Tahoe basin



# **MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT INCLINE VILLAGE AND CRYSTAL BAY**

## Common myths & misconceptions

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1. Everyone in Incline Village and Crystal Bay is rich

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2. There is little to no crime in Incline & Crystal Bay

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3. Life in Lake Tahoe is easier than it is elsewhere

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4. Incline Village and Crystal Bay aren't rural areas

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5. People could just go to Reno for court & services

# THE REALITY

## 1. Not everyone in Incline Village and Crystal Bay is rich

- Large service population – serving the “rich”
- 65% of Incline Elementary school students on free or reduced fee lunch
- Majority of criminal defendants qualify for public defender
- High percentage of residents facing housing insecurity (significantly worse since COVID)

# THE REALITY

## 2. Incline Village and Crystal Bay see their share of legal issues

- Fiscal year 2025: 2,110 cases handled by IVCBJC
- From minor traffic violations to murder
- Most common misdemeanors in 2025: DUI, domestic battery, battery not constituting DV, and possession of controlled substances
- Most common gross misdemeanors/felonies in 2025: murder, armed robbery, burglary, drug trafficking

## REALITY

### 3. Life in “paradise” is often quite difficult

Multiple studies of mountain ski towns across the county found increased rates of suicidal ideation, substance use and mental illness (high rates depression and anxiety)

- Mountain living is hard living
- High cost of living (housing, groceries, etc.)
- Limited/seasonal job opportunities
- Tourism related stresses
- Constantly fluctuating population

## REALITY

### 4. Incline Village and Crystal Bay are rural and isolated

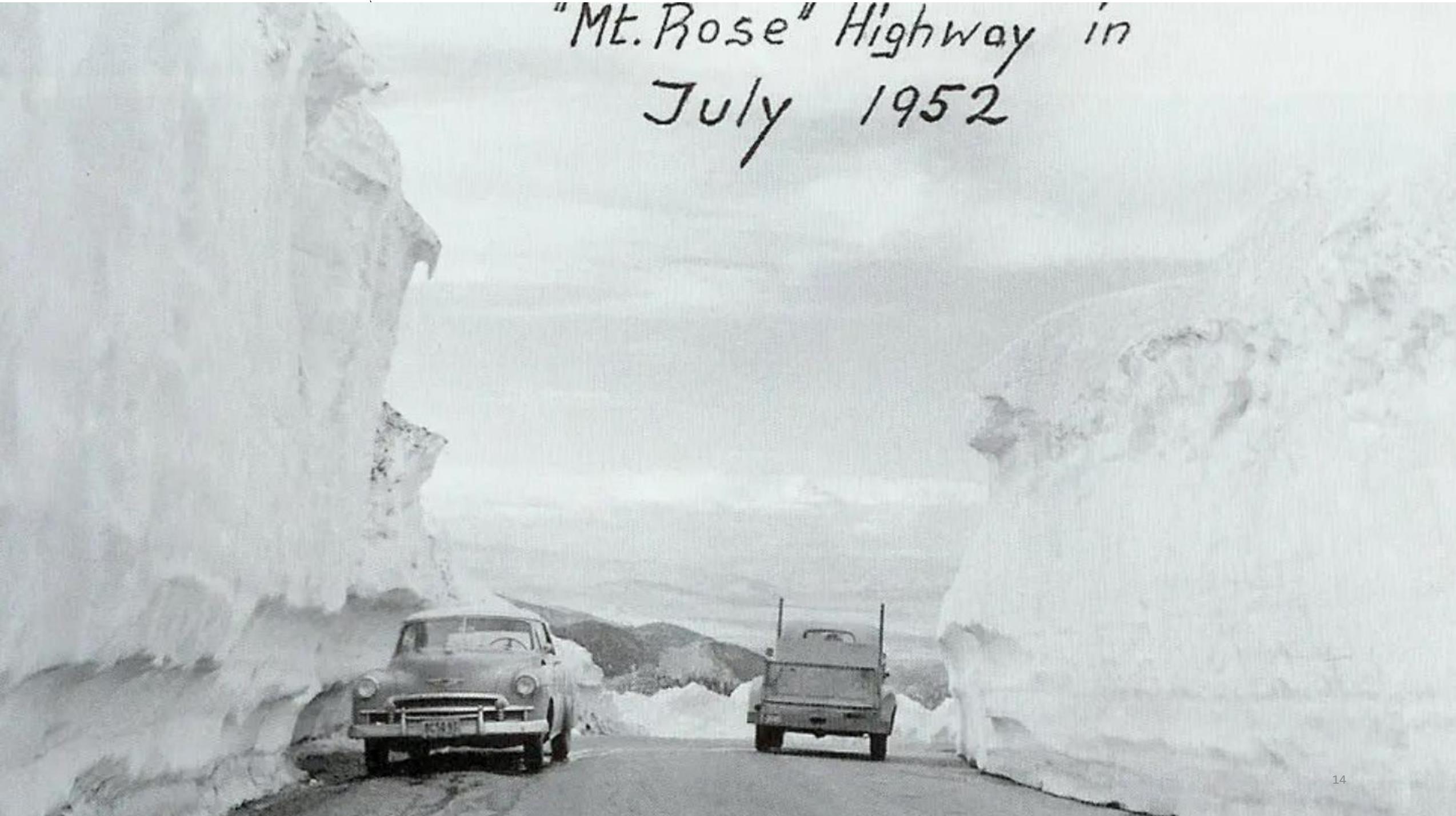
- 4 stop lights between two towns
- No public transportation
- Severely limited local resources
- Isolated geography

## REALITY

### 5. People cannot simply “go to Reno” for court and other services

- Transportation out of the basin requires a reliable vehicle in summer and a 4-wheel drive / chains in winter
- Time consuming to get to Reno – requires missing work
- Unique situations related to high rates of tourism and local considerations make it hard for Reno providers & systems to understand our challenges
- Unrealistic to go to Reno for court appearances and other social services

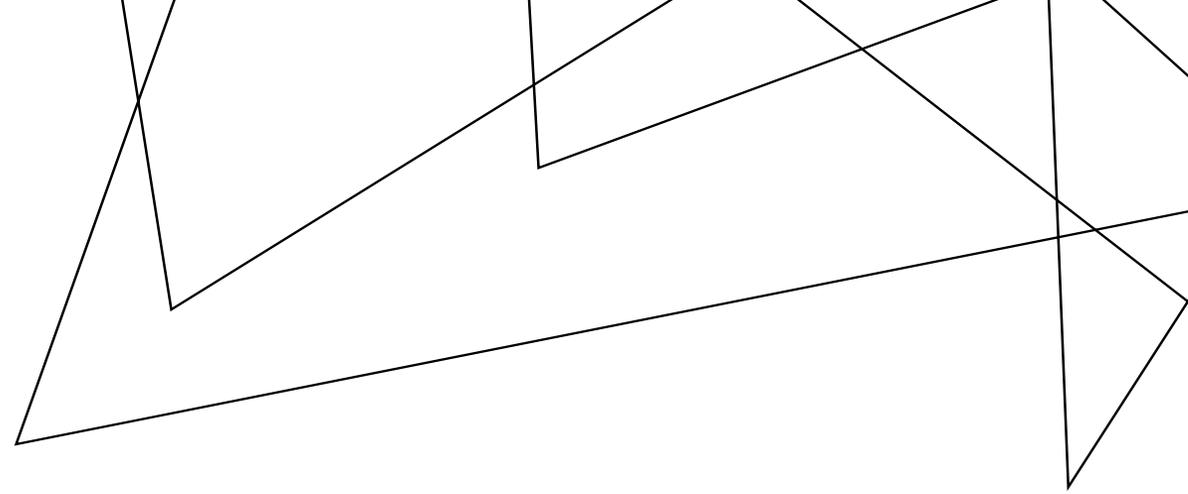
"Mt. Rose" Highway in  
July 1952



# HAVING A LOCAL COMMUNITY COURT IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR COMMUNITY

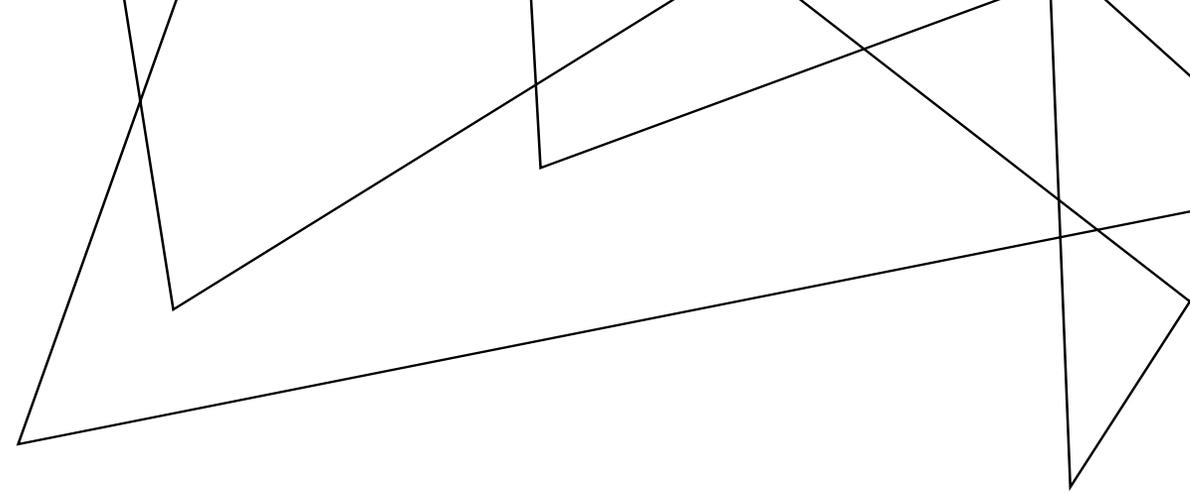
## **Local problems require local solutions!**

- Physical access to local court in isolated rural community
- Rapid resolution of local matters (evictions, small claims, protection orders, drug/alcohol testing)
- Staff and judge that understand local challenges
- Ability to refer parties to and collaborate with local resources
- Personalized case management (including local drug testing, case plan monitoring, and ongoing individualized support)
- Virtual options for tourists and those living out of the area



## ONE RESIDENT'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE INCLINE VILLAGE – CRYSTAL BAY JUSTICE COURT:

“Initially, I was terrified of how this would affect my life, and if I could ever actually recover from this uncharted new journey. . . . Thankfully, with the help of the [court clerk] and Judge’s open-door policy, I was able to not only navigate the process but thrive because of the genuine care they have for their community. I was treated with dignity, respect, and compassion, all things I didn’t expect as I was there for a criminal matter. I live and work in Incline Village, NV, so the ability to test in Incline Village was so crucial to the success of completing the program. During my time in the program, I was required to do things that have bettered my life and gave me tools to combat the challenges that ultimately led to my arrest. I never thought I would be writing a letter about how being put through the court process saved my life and gave me back my power. . . . Today I am proud of who I am, and I have a different outlook of what my future holds and look forward to the next day without hesitation or fear.”



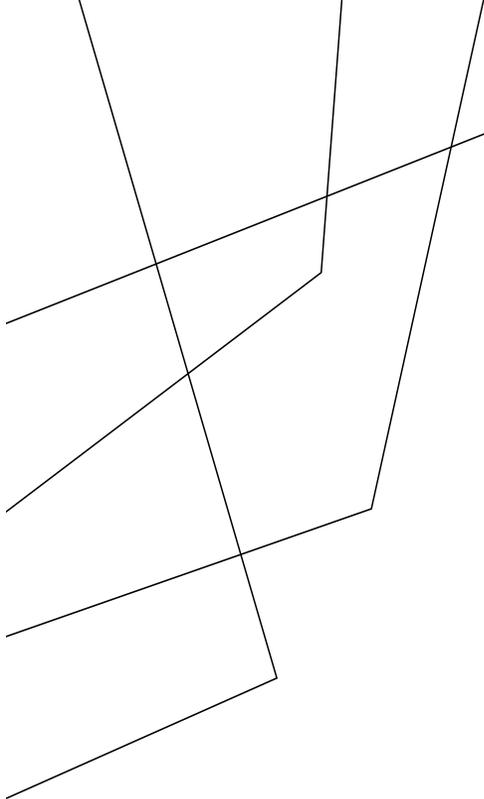
## ANOTHER RESIDENT'S EXPERIENCE WITH OUR LOCAL COURT:

“I just wanted to write you an email saying how grateful I am with everyone at the Incline Justice Court. You have all been so nice throughout the 17ish months I was with you guys. I felt like the fact that you guys were nice and understanding made everything much better in the process of staying sober. The fact that you guys are in town made it better so that way I didn't have to lose so many work hours having to drive all the way to Reno to test. Also, big shout out to [court staff.] The fact that they take the time to ask about your day makes it feel like they really care about you staying sober and that you're not just another criminal coming in for testing. Their attitudes make a big difference. Thanks again for everything!”



WHAT ARE WE DOING TO  
CONTINUE TO IMPROVE  
COURT SERVICES IN OUR  
COMMUNITY?

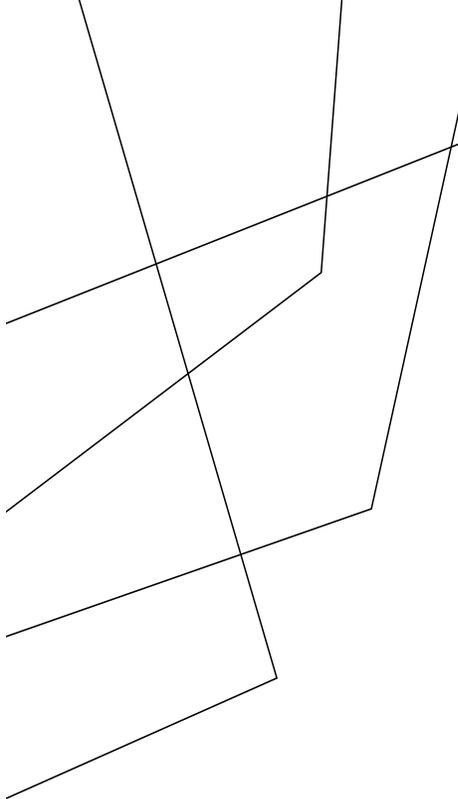
COURT PROJECTS:  
2025 AND BEYOND



## **2025 PROJECTS: INCREASED ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

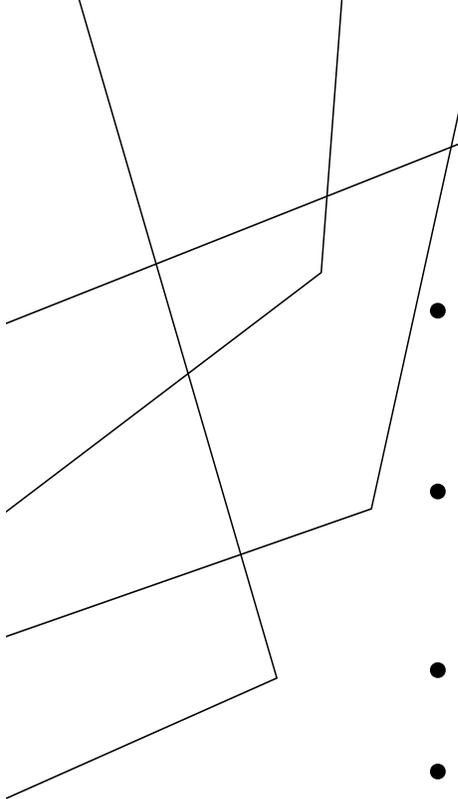
In collaboration with Washoe County:

- Developed new website: [www.washoecounty.gov/ijc/](http://www.washoecounty.gov/ijc/)
- Obtained security officer from Allied
- Installed Wordly in courtroom and on tablets at front window for instantaneous translation and interpretation
- Set up instantaneous interpretation through the Language Line via zoom for both virtual and courtroom hearings
- Updated computer system in courtroom for improved virtual appearances
- Installed air conditioning at the courthouse



## **2025 PROJECTS: INCREASED ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

- Partnered with Neighborhood Mediation Center (NMC) to implement mandatory mediation for small claims cases
- Implemented pre-prosecution diversion program for non-violent first-time offenders
- Created a Resource Center at the courthouse with computer and printer for accessing online resources and written resources provided by local service providers
- Implemented Mandatory Status Conferences (MSCs) for criminal cases to encourage early conversation with DA
- Modified court schedule to increase attorney presence at all stages of criminal cases, including arraignments
- Collaborated with Courtsolutionsonline.com to offer online classes to individuals that cannot make it to Reno for services



## **LOOKING AHEAD: 2026 AND BEYOND**

- Create problem-solving (mental health and substance use) court modeled after specialty courts in Reno and Sparks
- Collaborate with legal services providers to provide resources & community education to individuals living in the Tahoe Basin
- Implement E-filing system at courthouse
- Expand in-house case management services by hiring case-worker
- Organize Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to address high levels of domestic violence, mental health, and substance use challenges within our community
- Collaborate with local schools to create Kids Court program to educate local youth on the judicial system



**QUESTIONS?**