



## SESSION 1 - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH ● 1:45-2:45 PM

### UNDERSTANDING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CLEAN SLATE IN MISSOURI

*Presented by: Lindsey Baker & Molly Webster, Missouri Budget Project*

Across the country, states have enacted Clean Slate, or automatic criminal record expungement, policies. In 2021, less than 1% of Missourians eligible for record expungement received relief due to the high barriers currently associated with seeking expungement. In this breakout session we will discuss the economic impact of Clean Slate in Missouri: potential implementation costs, employment outcomes and wage gains associated with expungement, and proposed economic gains for the state of Missouri.

### TENANT'S RIGHT TO COUNCIL

*Presented by: Candace Ladd, Heartland Center for Jobs and Freedom*

In December 2021, tenants and workers in Kansas City came together to advocate for Tenant's Right to Counsel, a transformative new law that guarantees an attorney to every tenant in eviction court. With the eviction and housing affordability crisis impacting every city in the United States, the stakes have never been higher. This workshop will cover how tenants fought and won the strongest, most inclusive Right to Counsel in the country, the importance of a just implementation, and why cities and states need to pass Right to Counsel locally.

### FOOD INSECURITY AND OLDER ADULTS: RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

*Presented by: Jay Hardenbrook, AARP, and Cheryl Gibson, Kansas University Medical Center*

KU Medical Center has been conducting statewide research on SNAP access and SNAP usage among older adults who are food insecure. The research project findings will be presented during this workshop. Additionally, policy and advocacy opportunities that directly relate to the findings of the research will be discussed.

## SESSION 2 - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH ● 3:00-4:00 PM

### HOW AUTOMATED EXPUNGEMENT HELPS MISSOURI'S SMALL BUSINESSES

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## THE STATE OF WORKING MISSOURI

*Presented by: Gina Aitch, Missouri Budget Project*

Missouri Budget Project will present findings from their “State of Working Missouri” report that was done in partnership with Missouri Jobs with Justice. The presentation highlights barriers that prevent Missouri workers from obtaining financial and economic security. State policy recommendations that support workers and provide opportunities for working families to thrive will also be presented. Low wages, unemployment, childcare, paid sick and family leave, healthcare, and collective bargaining rights are among the topics that will be discussed.

## POWER ROLE PLAY: A LOW STAKES PRACTICE FOR A HIGH STAKES REALITY!

*Presented by: Cara Pugh, Arleen Vargas, Charlene Mack, and La'Sharral Fields, Innovate Public Schools*

Power waits for no one! Jump right into a power role play to put yourself on a trajectory to win policy campaigns that our region so deeply needs. This one hour session will agitate organizers, leaders, and advocates who are ready for the next level of power building. This training is an opportunity to try new tactics, engage skills learned in previous spaces, and think on your toes as we prepare to secure a hypothetical win via role play. The hypothetical win in this session, leads to an increased probability of a win in the real world for issues that we value. A low stakes practice for a high stakes reality! And this year in Missouri, the stakes are extremely high! Join us, and exponentially expand your impact by providing the space to integrate learnings into action, so that you lead with power and impact the moment you walk in the door.

## MASTERING LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKING AND ADVOCACY USING FASTDEMOCRACY

*Presented by: Anatolij Gelimson, FastDemocracy Corp.*

In this workshop, the creators of FastDemocracy will teach you how you can leverage their technology to stay informed on Missouri legislation and bring your supporters into the legislative process. Staying up to date on Missouri legislation be a confusing and time-consuming process. FastDemocracy is a widely used bill tracker that notifies you of new bill actions and committee hearings on your priority bills, allows you to research legislation and voting records, collaborate on legislation, share your bills and create campaigns. The workshop will discuss both the free bill tracking tools and the professional tools you can leverage for your advocacy work.



## SESSION 3 - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH ● 10:15-11:15 AM

### CLEAN SLATE'S IMPACT ON THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMUNITY

*Presented by: Gregory Smith, Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers*

Participants will receive a brief overview about the sober living / reentry housing options available in Missouri and the services these programs offer. The panel will then discuss how criminal records impact the progress of residents in their recovery from substance use with particular emphasis on obstacles that criminal records pose for employment and securing permanent housing.

### HOW TO PREPARE COMPELLING TESTIMONY

*Presented by: Cheryl Adelstein, Jewish Community Relations Council, and Sharon Geuea Jones*

Feel passionate about a topic or bill, but don't know what to do? Want to provide written or in-person testimony on a legislative proposal, but don't know how? In this workshop we will cover the how to's for preparing and giving great testimony from experienced advocates and legislators and give you an opportunity to practice and receive feedback.

### FARM BILL 2023: WHAT TO EXPECT

*Presented by: Melissa Vatterott, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, and Ellen Teller, Food Research and Action Center*

Melissa Vatterott from the Missouri Coalition for the Environment will talk the attendees through the agriculture and conservation provisions and Ellen Teller from the Food Research and Action Center will talk through the nutrition program provisions. Additionally, there will be a discussion around advocacy opportunities to ensure passage of a strong Farm Bill in 2023.

## SESSION 4 - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH ● 12:00-1:00 PM

### BOLDER ADVOCACY TRAINING

*Presented by: Victor Rivera*

501(c)(3)s play an important role in educating the public about policy issues and actions taken by elected officials, including the President. Elected officials vote on bills, make public statements and executive decisions, and set the course for public policy on a wide range of issues. These actions may be consistent with or conflict with a nonprofit's position on an issue. After this workshop you will have a clear understanding of how to maximize your advocacy, the kinds of advocacy activities 501(c)(3)s can engage in, and when a communication is considered lobbying.

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# BREAKOUT SESSION SCHEDULE

## CLEAN SLATE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

*Presented by: Gwen Smith, Empower Missouri*

In this session, Empower Missouri staff will give an update on the Clean Slate campaign in Missouri. You'll hear an overview of the proposed legislation that will be introduced in the 2023 session, research on the impact that automated expungement will have on our community, and an update on the progress the campaign has made so far.