

Improving Legal Health: How to Build a Justice & Health Partnership

The Five “W’s” (and some extra)

Why are you doing this – what’s your goal with this project?

How will you model it? (i.e., staff on-site, streamlining a referral path? Note: part of your decision may depend on how much staff time you can realistically allot to this).

Who would you want to partner with?

- set yourself up for success – think about:
 - their capacity to support health/justice work
 - their attitude – open to new things? supportive?
 - your existing relationships and what access you already have
 - their needs/clients – do they match up with yours?

How would you reach out to them? Do you already know someone in the organization? Who specifically would you contact? If you aren’t sure, how are you going to find out?

How would you convince them to partner with you? Write down a few key words you would use in a pitch.

What do you think you will need from your partners? (in terms of: space, resources, time, information, participation...)

What would you want to measure and how will you do it? (that is, how would you know if this project was successful?)

What issues do you think might arise that you would want to address early (think about confidentiality, reporting back on referrals, feedback loops)
