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Metrics 2025 YTD

Registered	5,830
Applications Filed	3,609
Convictions Expunged	4,178

WELCOME BACK!

The Project Clean Slate (PCS) mission goes beyond the office walls. We take pride in serving the Detroit community by offering free expungement services, but also by showing up where it counts. From reading to children in local schools to participating in community events, the PCS team is always finding meaningful ways to connect with the people the team serves.

In this issue of The Den, you can read about PCS events and community engagement, a new presence in Detroit at Work facilities, and more!

Read to a Child

From February to June, members of Project Clean Slate dedicated their lunch breaks to volunteering at Detroit Merit Academy, where they participated in a reading program for children. Each volunteer was paired with a student, reading stories to them one-on-one while the child ate lunch.



“The kids really looked forward to our time together, and so did I,” Candice Ware, PCS Administrative Assistant, said.

The volunteers will continue their commitment by reuniting with the same students in the upcoming school year.

Peacenic 2025



Project Clean Slate participated in the fourth annual Peacenic - a community event aimed at fostering unity between residents and law enforcement in the name of peace. At the PCS tent in Skinner Park, the team offered on-the-spot assistance, helping individuals begin the expungement process and providing personalized legal guidance on eligibility.

Mathis Expungement Clinic

On September 20, 2025, Project Clean Slate conducted an expungement clinic at the Mathis Center. Hosted by Judge Greg Mathis, the clinic drew a crowd of over 500 attendees! The event featured several special guests, including Judge Mathis, City Council President Mary Sheffield, City Councilmember Angela Whitfield-Calloway, and recording artists Trick Trick and Icewear Vezzo. Project Clean Slate met with over 300 clients at the event and registered over 100 more.





Focus Hope



In April, in coordination with the Office of Disability Affairs, the PCS team spent the day at Focus: HOPE, a Detroit-based non-profit organization, to pack food boxes. Working side by side on a fast-paced conveyor belt line, the team packed food boxes for homebound seniors in need. Thanks to the collective effort of all 26 volunteers, 1,100 boxes were assembled for distribution throughout the community.

Project Clean Slate at Detroit at Work

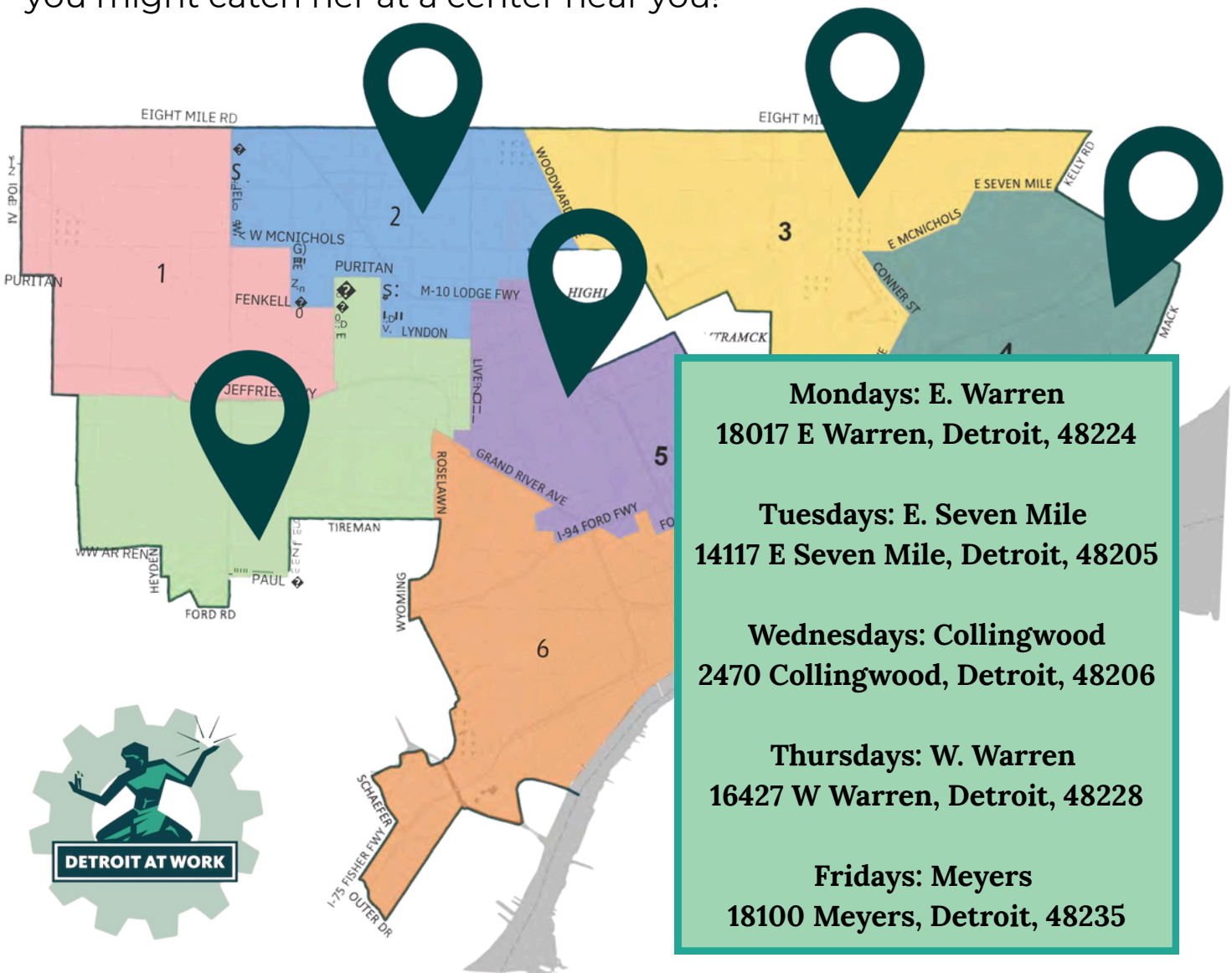
Tenisha serves as the Project Clean Slate Detroit at Work Liaison, a role designed to strengthen support for current and prospective PCS clients. This multi-site role provides access to Detroiters across the City.



Tenisha is available to:

- Help residents register for PCS
- Answer questions about the program
- Collect certified records and scan IDs
- Offer in-person support for those needing help with technology

We are excited to make PCS more accessible to Detroiters. Check out her weekly schedule below to find out where she'll be and when - you might catch her at a center near you!



Mondays: E. Warren
18017 E Warren, Detroit, 48224

Tuesdays: E. Seven Mile
14117 E Seven Mile, Detroit, 48205

Wednesdays: Collingwood
2470 Collingwood, Detroit, 48206

Thursdays: W. Warren
16427 W Warren, Detroit, 48228

Fridays: Meyers
18100 Meyers, Detroit, 48235

DETROIT AT WORK

SHARE YOUR STORY

David Reese learned about Project Clean Slate while visiting the Secretary of State. Motivated by a desire to advance his career, he registered for the program in hopes of opening new doors.

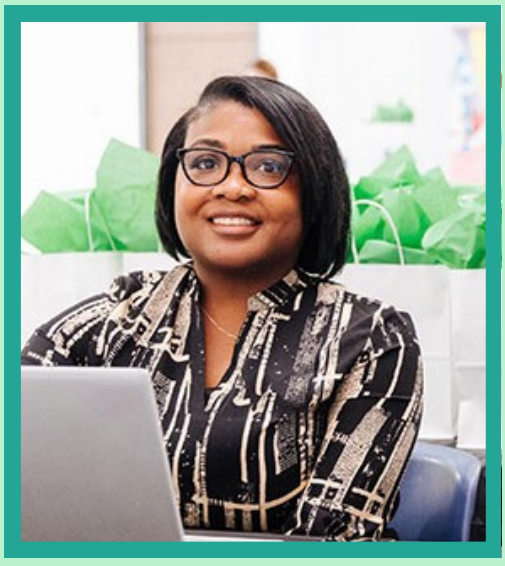


“I’m working gainfully now; I got a promotion just recently,” Reese said. “I can do private security.”

Receiving an expungement not only helped boost Reese’s professional life, but it also brought him a sense of emotional relief. “(Clearing my record) took about 200 pounds off me,” Reese said. “I feel much lighter. I feel accomplished.”

According to Reese, the entire process - from registration to expungement - took eight months. He said that, compared to the 37 years he lived with a criminal record, the time felt remarkably fast.

Reese shares his story with others in hopes of encouraging them to take the same step toward a better future. “Everything was easy – it’s just a sit back and wait type thing,” Reese said. “It’s a tremendous program to get into if you want to get your life back.”



Staff Spotlight
Legal Assistant – Kai Boyd

Kai has been a dedicated legal assistant with Project Clean Slate for more than 1-1/2 year. With six years of prior experience at the 3rd Circuit Court, Kai brings a strong legal background and a deep commitment to justice to the program. Her passion for helping others is what drew her to Project Clean Slate, and she values being part of its close-knit, mission-driven team.