

Improving communications to increase court appearance rates

A Smarter Way to Get People to Court

Every missed court date comes at a high cost—for courts, law enforcement, and individuals. On average, **each missed appearance costs the system \$1,500** (that's \$150K lost every month in a court with just 100 missed appearances). The impact is not just financial: missed court dates create more strain on already stretched court staff by dragging out cases, adding to backlogs, and compounding existing heavy workloads. After years of absorbing these costs, jurisdictions are now taking action.



\$1,500
per missed court date
conservative estimate of costs

➔ **At (Un)warranted, we know there is a better way—one proven to increase appearances and reduce costs: 1) sending *effective reminders* and 2) providing *clear court date notices*.**

What We Do

We partner with courts, law enforcement, and others to **increase appearance rates**, reduce warrants, and save significant time and money through **two low-cost, high-impact, feasible interventions**:

1 Effective, research-backed reminders

Every other sector—like healthcare and service industries—relies on reminders to increase attendance. Just like a text before a doctor's appointment or even a dinner reservation, people respond to well-timed, helpful reminders.

Ours are grounded in behavioral science and can reduce no-shows by up to 26%.

2 Clear, thoughtfully designed court notices

(release/bond forms, citations, mailed notices)

The court date should stand out, not get lost in a wall of legal text. We help redesign court date forms so that the most important information is clear and understood at a glance.

A behaviorally designed form can reduce nonappearances by up to 13%.

Why This Works



Incredible ROI: Each reminder costs *mere cents* and can prevent a \$1,500 missed appearance.



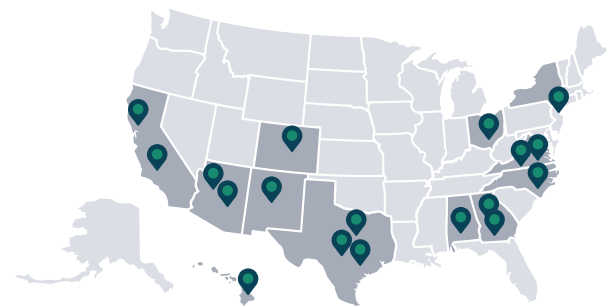
Fewer warrants and jail time: Save staff time and jail space while keeping cases on track.



Grounded in evidence: Our strategies are grounded in behavioral science and proven in the field.



Free to courts: We do this work pro bono. We want to help you make improvements quickly and easily. We work with courts **ready to implement best practices** and improve their systems.



Our partnerships with states and local jurisdictions

Let's solve this together.

Reach out to us at unwarranted@ideas42.org. Let's talk about how we can work together to **reduce warrants, boost court efficiency, and get people back to court and cases on track.**