

I Task Force Chair

The Task Force Chair is a voluntary position that provides supplemental leadership alongside the Coordinator and sits on the State Coordinating Committee (SCC). There may be multiple Chairs on a task force and the Coordinator themselves can hold a Chair position. However, one of the Chairs should be a judge. Their inclusion provides numerous benefits to the task force which are elaborated on below.

Judges typically have busy, rigid schedules, and thus may not have the capacity to attend all meetings. Consequently, the Coordinator should stay in dialogue with judges outside task force meetings and relay all meeting minutes to keep them informed on task force conversations and initiatives. Additionally, Coordinators and Chairs may plan meetings together to ensure all priority topics are covered.

What makes a judge a strong chair?

- Their participation increases task force legitimacy.
- They provide the task force with a direct connection to the justice system.
- They work closely with the Prosecutor's Office.
- They have relationships with local law enforcement.
- They can help advocate for policy changes.

Duties of a chair

- Represent the task force at Statewide Coordinating Committee meetings.
- Work closely with the Coordinator to:
 - Onboard new members.
 - Decide new task force initiatives.
 - Advocate for policy changes.