

2014 St. Louis Area Amnesty Program

October 30, 2014

To: St. Louis County Municipalities, particularly your Court and or City Administrator, Mayor, Police Chief, Judge, Prosecutor, and City Attorney

From: St. Louis County Municipal Court Improvement Committee and Better Family Life

We are contacting you because we would like to add your city to the list of municipalities participating in the St. Louis County 2014 Holiday Amnesty Project. The St. Louis County Municipal Court Improvement Committee (MCIC) and Better Family Life (BFL) are organizing the amnesty project as part of its outreach activities to benefit citizens in the area.

MCIC is a group of judges, prosecutors, court administrators, public defenders, private attorneys and community leaders whose mission is to improve the municipal courts in St. Louis County. BFL is a 501, c, (3) community development corporation dedicated to the prosperity and growth of the American family, to the promotion of stability and self-sufficiency of persons within the metropolitan St. Louis Community, and to providing quality and life enhancing services to all people, in particular low to moderate wealth individuals and families. (See www.betterfamilylife.org for more information.) MCIC and BFL have joined forces to sponsor the St. Louis County 2014 Holiday Amnesty Project.

Many of you have heard of and participated in BFL's St. Louis Area Amnesty Projects in the past. The 2014 Holiday Amnesty Project is based on those past projects but designed to meet some of the immediate needs of our community. BFL will continue to sponsor its usual amnesty projects, the next ones slated to occur in March and August of 2015.

Our community is undergoing difficult times and there is a pressing need for the St. Louis County area municipal courts to pull together quickly and offer some strong relief and community service for the people in our region. To that end, MCIC and BFL believe that an amnesty event right now will be a big first step in showing goodwill to our community at this trying time.

We are asking that all municipal courts in St. Louis County participate in order to make the 2014 Holiday Amnesty Project a resounding success. It will run from December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Persons with warrants from any of the participating municipal courts in St. Louis County can go to each such respective court between these dates, post \$100.00 bond, have their warrants lifted in that court and get new court dates on which to appear and resolve their cases. Of course, if the person is able to pay their fines and costs when appearing at the window, cases could be closed out then. The goal for all involved: MCIC, BFL, the court system and the defendants, is to clear up the cases on which people have outstanding warrants.

Please let us know by November 14, 2014, if your municipal court will participate. Fill out the attached participation form and email it to _____.

If you have questions please don't hesitate to call _____.

St. Louis County 2014 Participation Agreement

_____ will participate with the St. Louis County Municipal
(Court name)

Improvement Committee and Better Family Life in the St. Louis County 2014 Holiday Amnesty
Project. Our city's contact person/persons: _____,
phone number _____, email address _____.

(Print Name and Title)
Municipal and or Court Official

(Signature)

Please email this completed form to _____. If you have any
questions please contact Joyce Kelley, 314-615-7042, Renee Hines-Tyce, 314-615-8761, or
_____.