

## Starting a No Refusal Initiative

The following have been identified as important components for a successful No Refusal initiative:

### **1. Partners**

- a. Judiciary – if conducting in and out of city limits, may want to involve both city court judges and district court judges.
- b. Medical personnel for blood draw – Ex. EMS, nurse on grant contract, prison medical staff, fire department, etc.
- c. Law Enforcement Agencies – LSP, local police departments, and sheriff's offices – helpful to get any DWI taskforce members involved.
- d. Prosecutors – Helpful to have City Prosecutors and District Attorneys.
- e. Community – Helpful for publicity and support – local media, schools, etc.

### **2. Warrants and Procedure**

- a. For examples, see warrant templates and No Refusal protocol from Jefferson Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, and East Baton Rouge Parish.
- b. Digital Warrants – assess access to digital warrants in jurisdiction. Ex. Cloud Gavel.
- c. If no digital warrants, assess procedures for faxing warrants.
- d. Train officers in No Refusal procedures and blood draw procedures.

### **3. Blood Draw Procedures**

- a. Figure out what works best for your parish. Examples include:
  - i. EMS on call to respond to parish prison when driver booked.
  - ii. EMS on call, blood draw to take place in EMS vehicle.
  - iii. Fire Department on call to perform blood draw.
  - iv. Nurse on contract with highway safety funds to be at parish prison when No Refusal initiatives take place.

### **4. Publicity**

- a. Media blitz (regional coalition may want to take the lead).
- b. Target students, contact all higher education providers.
- c. Social media – Facebook and Twitter.
- d. DOTD message boards.

### **5. Coordinate all Partners**

- a. Meet with all partners in order to discuss warrants, warrant procedures, blood draw procedures, choose dates for initiative, discuss publicity strategies.

### **6. Data**

- a. Create system to collect and maintain data from No Refusal initiatives. Number of refusals, number of warrants, etc. Data collection helps justify funding and sustenance of initiative, as well as promote initiative to other parties and regions. Much easier to collect data from beginning instead of retroactively attempting to collect.