



TRAINER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

All public defenders, public defense leaders, supervising attorneys, public defense clinicians and instructors are invited to participate in the two-track program

Track 1

Ten-Week Virtual Learning Modules and Debrief Workshops beginning October 6, 2025.

OPEN TO ALL REGISTRANTS

Track 2

Live, in-person training conference held February 5-8, 2026 in Atlanta, GA.

REGISTRANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED TRACK 1



REGISTER NOW

- Registration Deadline for Track 1: October 3, 2025
- Registration will close early if all slots are filled
- Track 1 Registration Fee: \$515 for general attendees and \$415 for Gideon's Promise Community Members.

TRAINER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TRACK 1: PROGRAM INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

- After completing registration, participants will receive an email with an unique invitation link to Gideon's Promise Learning Management System to access the TDP Modules. This link is user-specific and cannot be shared or forwarded.
- Participants must attend a virtual debrief session for each module. The module debriefs will be held on the following dates and times:

Module 1 10/23/25	Module 2 11/13/25	Module 3 12/11/25
12:00 PM EST	12:00 PM EST	12:00 PM EST
5:00 PM EST	5:00 PM EST	5:00 PM EST
9:00 PM EST	9:00 PM EST	9:00 PM EST

- Participants will be granted access to three training modules staggered over the duration of the program. Participants must complete each training module and respond to each module questionnaire prior to participating in the debrief.
- All materials, videos, and recordings for the TDP program are intended for participant use only. Please do not download, print, or share with non-participants.

TRAINER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TRACK 1: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

We will offer the Track 1 content in a video series that will consist of three modules. Each module will offer a selection of video sessions that participants will review over a two-week period. There will be readings that go along with these sessions and discussion questions to complete. Participants will then join Gideon's Promise faculty for a virtual Zoom debrief of the materials for that module. The three-module program will run from October 6th through December 10th with a final Track 1 virtual debrief wrap-up on December 11th.

The Track 1 virtual program is designed to provide participants with a deep understanding of the philosophy guiding our curriculum and how we structure our two-week Core 101 Summer Institute training. Participants will learn the types of sessions we teach at Summer Institute, why we teach them, and how we run the sessions.

Participants who complete Track 1 will be eligible to register for Track 2, an in-person program through which participants will be coached in interactive small group workshops to learn how to teach select Summer Institute sessions described in Track 1. Track 2 will be offered in Atlanta, GA on February 5-8, 2026.

TRAINER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TRACK 1: AGENDA

Module 1 Video Series:

Available: Oct.6-22, 2025

Debrief: October 23, 2025

- Introduction to Gideon's Promise: The 21st Century Public Defender
- Organizational Culture Part 1 – What is it?
- Organizational Culture Part 2 – The Relationship Between Culture and Values
- Organizational Culture part 3 – Apply Culture Change to Public Defense
- Introduction to Summer Institute
- Role of the Public Defender
- Ethics and Client Centered Representation
- Client Relations Hurdles

Module 2 Video Series:

Available: Oct.27-Nov.12, 2025

Debrief: November 13, 2025

- Storytelling
- The Brick Method Part 1 – Introduction to the Model
- The Brick Method Part 2 – Evidence Blocking
- The Brick Method Part 3 – Investigation & Witness Statements
- The Brick Method Part 4 – Discovery Cross and Preliminary Hearings
- The Brick method Part 5 – Framing Discovery Advocacy (Evidence Gathering vs Blocking)
- The Brick Method Part 6 – Teaching Through Workshops
- The Brick Method Part 7 – Motions Practice
- Issue Preservation & Making a Record in Court

Module 3 Video Series:

Available: Nov.17-Dec.10, 2025

Debrief: December 11, 2025

- Understanding Theory as a Function of The Brick Method and Storytelling
- Trial Advocacy – The Brick Method Meets Storytelling
- Negotiations
- Client Centered Advocacy in Challenging Environments
- Behind the Scenes: All the “Little” Things that Go Into a Successful Training Session
- Online & Hybrid Teaching
- A Unique Perspective: Gideon's Promise Graduate Faculty
- Close the Gap
- Wrap-Up