

Berkshire Courtwatch Program Training
Tyler Street Lab, 730 Tyler Street in Pittsfield, MA
May 9th, 2019 (6pm-8pm)



What? Court watching is a way to hold district attorneys (DAs), judges and others accountable for the decisions they make in the courtroom every day.

Why? By attending court hearings in Berkshire County and documenting what happens, you will gain a better understanding of how courtroom decisions impact members of our communities. It helps us push for changes in the policies and practices that lead to major racial and economic disparities, excessive punishments, and over-incarceration. It is also a chance to celebrate reform successes.

How? Attend our training to learn the basics of court watching, including how the Massachusetts criminal courts work and what to look for while you're in the courtroom.



We are hopeful about progressive changes in the form of criminal justice reform legislation and progressive district attorneys. We also recognize that transition takes time and transformation doesn't happen overnight. Our aim is transparency in documenting the pace of change and engaging our community in the transformation process.