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## **Funnels and Freedoms,**

### **Board Layout,**

- Think of a classic *Chutes and Ladders* grid. Instead of chutes, you have **“Funnels”** that slide you down into legal or bureaucratic entanglements.,
- In place of ladders, you have **“Freedoms”** (or “Paths to Solutions”)—representing resources and opportunities that help you climb upward.,

### **Spaces (Squares),**

**Everyday Setbacks:** Land on a square describing common scenarios like minor infractions or confusing paperwork. You might get forced onto a **Funnel** that propels you downwards.,

**Helpful Interventions:** Some squares lead you to a **Freedom** that lifts you to a higher space—like accessible legal aid, policy protections, or community support.,

**Policy Shifts:** Special squares depict big changes (e.g., a new law reducing over-criminalization), which can instantly transport you upward a few steps.,

### **Funnel (“Chute”) Cards,**

When you hit a Funnel space, you draw a card that outlines how systemic factors escalate a simple issue into a major legal ordeal—e.g., “Overly complex legal jargon adds 10 steps to your journey down the funnel.”,

## **Freedom (“Ladder”) Cards,**

Landing on a Freedom space grants a card highlighting an empowering resource—e.g., “Community-based support program shortens your path to resolution; climb 10 spaces.”,

## **Objective,**

Reach the finish line representing “**Fair Resolution**” or “**Just Outcome,**” having navigated around pitfalls (Funnels) and taken advantage of any Freedoms along the way.,

## **Why This Matters,**

**Visualization:** Turning abstract ideas—like systemic funneling—into a board game helps us grasp how easily people can slip into legal snares and how much effort it takes to get out.,

**Education:** By playing and discussing the scenarios, community members, educators, and policymakers can better understand how certain “devices” (policies, regulations, or social norms) can lead individuals into legal entanglements.,

**Innovation:** Highlighting the “Freedoms” (resources, policy reforms, and community supports) inspires creativity in devising real-world solutions that prevent or remedy funneling.,

This playful adaptation underscores the concept of systemic funneling while reminding us that building more **paths to freedom**—rather than more funnels—is key to a fair and transparent system.