

# EXPUNCTION SUPPORT



## Other JRC Services

- Case management
- Career and educational navigation
- Diversion services
- Evidence-based classes and education
- Volunteer service coordination
- Public benefits access
- Re-entry services

## Justice Resource Center

60 Court Plaza 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Asheville, NC 28801

Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm

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**By Fax:** (828) 250-6427

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We are a place where people involved with the justice system can access meaningful services to help them on a path to stability and wellness.



A place of opportunity.

## Why It Matters

Involvement in the criminal justice system can carry lifelong impacts on the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighborhoods.

Many individuals with justice involvement are also impacted by poverty, trauma, mental illness and/or substance use disorders. We provide services and seamless linkage to community resources.

## Collateral Consequences

- Immigration Status
- Rental Housing
- Public Housing
- Public Benefits
- Military Service
- Firearm Possession
- Public Office
- Occupational License
- Public Employment
- Financial Aid
- Voting
- Private Employment

## Services Provided

### Expunction

A court order that deletes, or erases, a criminal record. Once an expunction is ordered, any reference to arrests, complaints, referrals, petitions, and orders are removed from a record.

### Certificate of Relief (COR)

Relieves collateral consequences that could impede reentry efforts. COR guidelines are:

- You have 1 misdemeanor or 1 Class G, H, or I felony conviction.
- You have 2 misdemeanors or 2 Class G, H, or I felony convictions in the same session of court.
- 12 months have passed since you completed all terms of your sentence.

### Goal

Our goal is to improve individuals' chance for employment and earn higher wages, eliminate collateral consequences and provide people a path to stability.

## Eligibility

- Your charges were dismissed or there was a finding of not guilty.
- You have a first-time conviction of a non-violent misdemeanor offense occurring more than 5 years ago.
- You have a first-time conviction of a non-violent Felony offense occurring more than 10 years ago.
- You have a first-time non-violent conviction from 15 years ago.
- You have a first-time conviction of certain offenses committed before the ages of 18 or 22.

## Referrals

Many clients are referred through the courts, law enforcement, attorneys, community supervision and area service providers.

## How to Enroll

Expunction Services are available at the Justice Resource Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8 am to 5 pm.

You can call **(828) 250-6401** to schedule an appointment.