

EXPUNCTION SUPPORT



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LEGAL SERVICES



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

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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

"A civil penalty that deprives a person of certain rights or privileges and is imposed as the result of a criminal proceeding. Collateral consequences are sometimes denominated as collateral disqualifications—those that may be imposed—or as collateral sanctions—those that must be imposed." -UNC School of Government

Areas impacted by 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 people's chance for employment and opportunity to 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 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.

For more information,

or to schedule an appointment call

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