

CENTRAL LIBRARY OF ROCHESTER & MONROE COUNTY
OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

Center for Community Alternatives, Judicial Process Commission, and Legal Assistance of Western NY present:

How to Reduce Barriers from a Criminal Record

Offered at each workshop:

**Learn why you must know what is on your RAP sheet.
Income eligible attendees get their RAP sheet for free.
(Bring your NYS Benefit ID)**

May 4, 2023, 1-2pm

Know Your Rights: Applying for a Job

An arrest and conviction record can create barriers or unexpected challenges for people looking for employment. It's important to know your rights so you're not unfairly discriminated against. Attendees will learn:

- What types of conviction records NYS keeps and how you can access them
- What employers can legally ask about and see regarding your convictions
- What kind of help/legal relief may be available to you and how to apply, such as record sealing and certificates of rehabilitation
- How and when to request a conviction record for personal review
- How to obtain professional assistance to correct errors

June 1, 2023, 1-2pm

Know Your Rights: Fair Housing Protections

An arrest and conviction record can create barriers or unexpected challenges for people looking for safe, affordable housing. It's important to know your rights so you're not unfairly discriminated against when filling out rental applications. Attendees will learn about:

- The protected classes of people covered by state and federal law
- Specific protections that exist for people with an arrest or conviction record as they relate to applying to a NYS funded affordable housing program
- What to do when the condition of your apartment fails to meet basic safety standards
- The rights of boarding/rooming house tenants and shelter residents

July 6, 2023, 1-2pm

Certificates of Rehabilitation

Did you know that Certificates of Rehabilitation remove some automatic disqualifications for certain jobs and may restore some rights lost due to a conviction? Attendees will:

- Learn the basics of eligibility for Certificates of Relief from Disabilities and Certificates of Good Conduct
- Receive legal information to help determine if you are eligible to apply for Certificate relief
- Receive assistance with filling out a pro se application (pro se = on behalf of yourself); attendees with complex legal issues will be referred for attorney representation, where possible

August 3, 2023, 1-2pm

Sealing Conviction Records

Did you know that after 10 years, some conviction records can be sealed in NYS and that most employers are NOT allowed to ask about or consider any records that have been sealed? Attendees will learn:

- What convictions are eligible for sealing under NYS law
- Who can see a conviction after it has been sealed
- Whether or not your conviction record may be eligible for sealing. People with eligible convictions will receive information that will help them to complete a pro-se sealing application on their own. Attendees presenting with complex conviction issues will be referred for attorney representation, where possible

All workshops held in the **KATE GLEASON AUDITORIUM**

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All workshops are free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit the Events Calendar at www.RocCityLibrary.org to register or call the **Outreach Department** at **585-428-8313** for more information.

The Central Library is accessible to people with disabilities. To request specific accommodations, call 585-428-8304 ten days prior to the program.