

*The Center for Community Alternatives,
Judicial Process Commission,
Legal Assistance of Western NY,
and Monroe County Library System
Outreach Department present:*

Community Based Legal Education: *A Workshop Series*

1:00pm – 2:00pm

**December 1 • January 5
February 2 • March 2**

*First Thursday of the month;
more details inside*



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December 1, 2022, 1-2pm Know Your Rights: Applying for a Job with an Arrest and Conviction Record

Arrest and conviction records create barriers and unexpected challenges for people looking for employment. That's why 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 to access them
- What employers can legally ask about and see regarding convictions
- What kind of help/legal relief may be available, as well as 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

January 5, 2023, 1-2pm RAP sheet/Fingerprinting

To minimize barriers from your arrest and conviction record, you need to know what's on your RAP sheet – your legal Record of Arrest and Prosecution. To get a copy of your RAP sheet, one must submit authorized fingerprints to NYS.

Income-eligible workshop attendees, including those who receive Medicaid or SNAP, will be fingerprinted for free and helped with obtaining their RAP sheet.

- Photo ID required. Bring a NYS Benefit Card to this workshop or other Photo ID and proof of income
- Attendees who are not income eligible will be instructed how to obtain their own RAP sheet from NYS for a small fee
- All information shared will be kept strictly confidential

All attendees will learn:

- About rights that pertain to disclosure of RAP sheets
- How to apply for a copy of a RAP sheet
- How to maintain confidentiality of conviction records
- Where to get help if assistance is needed in understanding or correcting a RAP sheet

February 2, 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 obtaining Certificates of Relief from Disabilities and Certificates of Good Conduct
- Receive legal information to help determine if they are eligible to apply for a Certificate
- 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.

March 2, 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 are free and open to the public.

For more information and to register, please visit the Events Calendar at **www.RocCityLibrary.org** or call **585-428-8313**.

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