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Project Clean Slate's Detroit Expungement Newsletter



welcome back!

Did you know that October is Youth Justice Action Month? The initiative underscores the country's commitment to youth justice reform, including opening up opportunities for system-involved youth. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention works to prevent and respond to youth delinquency and protect children, envisioning a nation where all children are free from crime and violence.

Did you also know that many adjudications (a conviction in juvenile court) are eligible for expungement? If you know of someone with a juvenile adjudication on their record, encourage them to register for Project Clean Slate!

Newsletter Highlights

STATS

MEET THE TEAM

CLIENT CORNER

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2023

Detroiters Registered	3,803
Applications Filed	2,283
Expungements Granted	3,048



MEET THE PCS TEAM

Lillian graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in Criminal Justice and minors in Sociology and Earth Science. The daughter of public servants, Lilly always knew she wanted a career in public service.

In the summer of 2021, Lilly interned for the Detroit Police Department. The following summer, she interned for PCS as a Mayoral Fellow. Lilly joined the team full time upon graduation, and has been a huge asset to the team!



LEGAL ASSISTANT



CLIENT CORNER

Having my conviction expunged will open opportunities that have been snatched away from me...like taking all the necessary courses but not getting into the nursing program, being selected for section 8 housing but not being eligible because of the background check, and countless time wasted during the job interview process only to come to halt during the background check. I have missed so many opportunities because of my record and now I feel like I have so much more in store for my life and for my future.

I appreciate being a law-abiding citizen because I have seen the other side--its jail, probation, court, fines, freedom taken away, time wasted, opportunities gone, life changing for the worst. And I could blame it on my traumatic childhood, lack of community growing up, having no father and a young mother, my appearance, racial discrimination, my peers, or my ignorance of the law--but I can't blame anyone but myself and my lack of guidance. Thank God for programs like PCS that help give people like me a second chance. Someone who wants to be better in life. Who wants more out of life. And who's opportunity was stripped from them in the past but who now doesn't take any moment for granted.

L.W., PCS Client