**Reentry Resources and Programs for Your Community**

**Webinar Handout**

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**Help finding work:**

* Windows to Work Program: <https://www.eata.org/windows_to_work.html>
* Wisconsin Job Center Reentry Toolkit: <http://wisconsinjobcenter.org/exo/>
* Legal Tune Up: <https://legaltuneup.org/>
	+ Free personalized employment and training help
* Job Center of Wisconsin:
	+ <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/Presentation/JobSeekers/Default.aspx>
		- Hub for creating resumes and searching for jobs, as well as scheduling virtual meetings with a career counselor
	+ Publications created by Wisconsin Job Centers related to employment searching and work readiness
		- <http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/publications/default.htm>

**Job discrimination information:**

* Department of Workforce Development
	+ Arrest and Conviction Record FAQ: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/civilrights/discrimination/arrest.htm>
	+ Civil Rights Laws and Complaints Process: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/civilrights/discrimination/complaintprocess.htm>
	+ Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Filing a complaint: <https://www.eeoc.gov/field-office/milwaukee/location>

**Legal Assistance by County and Statewide Legal Help:**

* Find legal assistance on a variety of topics available by county and available statewide: <https://wilawlibrary.gov/topics/assist.php>

**Record expungement:**

* Criteria and FAQ on when records can be expunged:
	+ <https://wisatj.org/wp-content/uploads/Expungement-brochure.pdf>
	+ Restoration of Rights Project: <https://ccresourcecenter.org/state-restoration-profiles/wisconsin-restoration-rights-pardon-expungement-sealing/>
* Expungement summary from the Wisconsin Legislative Council
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/issue_briefs/2021/courts_and_criminal_law/ib_expungement_ph_2021_01_26>
* WCCA FAQ – “CCAP database”
<https://wcca.wicourts.gov/faq.html>
Helpful summary of how long records are kept on the database and how errors can be removed.
* Pardons & Expungement legal topic page includes links to state and federal pardon resources
<https://wilawlibrary.gov/topics/justice/crimlaw/pardons.php>
* Some books may address questions about collateral consequences – look for books on criminal records, DUI, and other issues. Be aware that a generally published book may not be very helpful for insight into Wisconsin law and procedure.

**Pardons:**

* Pardons legal topic page includes links to state and federal pardon resources
<https://wilawlibrary.gov/topics/justice/crimlaw/pardons.php>

**Criminal records, including arrest records:**

* Some who have had records expunged are surprised to find that records may still show up in a criminal background check through the WI Dept. of Justice. There is a separate procedure for removing arrest information from their database.
* WI DOJ Criminal Background Check Information

<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/background-check-criminal-history-information>

**Restoration of rights:**

* Collateral consequences resource guide for Wisconsin
<https://ccresourcecenter.org/resources-2/state-specific-resources/wisconsin-2/>
* Pardons legal topic page includes a section on restoration of rights. Books and other resources may also use terms like “collateral consequences”
<https://wilawlibrary.gov/topics/justice/crimlaw/pardons.php>

**Eviction Resources:**

* Pre-Judgment: Basic Steps for Handling a Small Claims Case for Eviction (WI Court System)<https://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit/ccform.jsp?FormNumber=SC-6010V>

The official court system guide is geared towards landlords, but it does go over the general process.

* Eviction Timeline(Legal Action of Wisconsin) <https://www.legalaction.org/data/cms/Eviction%20Timeline%202021%20English.pdf>
* [El Proceso de Desalojo - Spanish Eviction Timeline](https://www.legalaction.org/data/cms/Eviction%20Timeline%202021%20Spanish.pdf) https://www.legalaction.org/data/cms/Eviction%20Timeline%202021%20Spanish.pdf

This timeline is especially helpful for how it gives a very brief summary of some post-judgment options or actions. Please note that it has Legal Action contact information on it – and Legal Action does not serve all of your counties.

* Eviction Notice Grid (an easy way to understand required notices for evictions – a pre-suit step) <https://www.milwaukeejusticecenter.org/uploads/1/0/9/0/109072171/summary_of_notices_to_terminate_tenancies_in_wisconsin.pdf>

**Web Resources:**

* Fair Shake – Reentry Resource Center: <https://www.fairshake.net/>

A comprehensive set of resources to help justice-involved people adjust to re-entering non-institutionalized life. It contains information on a variety of topics, including adjusting to life post incarceration, job skills, computer skills, and information for prospective employers.

* Employment Resources: Reentry and Employment Resources for Justice-Involved Individuals – Research Guides at Library of Congress: <https://guides.loc.gov/reentry-resources/employment>

A set of resources available nationally to assist justice-involved job seekers. Visitors can find state, national, and non-profit programs and resources that could help with finding suitable employment.

* Financial Resources for Formerly Incarcerated Persons - FinanceJar: <https://financejar.com/debt/financial-guide-for-formerly-incarcerated/>

This article outline the financial steps people should consider taking to become more financially stable post-release from a correctional institution.

**Programs:**

* Restorative Justice – YWCA Madison: <https://www.ywcamadison.org/what-were-doing/restorative-justice/>

Outlines initiatives by the YWCA Madison for restorative justice. The principle behind [restorative justice](https://law.wisc.edu/fjr/rjp/justice.html) is to shift the focus from punishing someone for a crime to repairing relationships between the offender, the victim, and the community.

* The Federal Bonding Program – Fidelity Bonds for Hard-to-Place Job Seekers: <http://bonds4jobs.com/>

The Federal Bonding Program is free insurance employers can enroll in to feel more secure in making hiring decisions on justice-involved (ex-offenders). It provides monetary coverage in the event of employee misconduct, such as theft of money or property that harms the employer, on-or-off the job.