

**Juvenile
Records
Can Affect
Youth Even
After the
Case is Over**



QUESTION 1

**How would
you describe
your place of
employment?**

- (a) Probation department
- (b) Juvenile court personnel
- (c) Law enforcement
- (d) Community service org
- (e) Civil legal aid attorney
- (f) Prosecutor
- (g) Juvenile defender
- (h) Other

QUESTION 2

Have you attended NJDC trainings, accessed NJDC resources, or contacted NJDC for assistance?

- (a) This is the first time
- (b) Once or twice before
- (c) A couple times a year
- (d) Frequently

QUESTION 3

How long have you been involved with the juvenile court system or youth from the juvenile court system?

- (a) 1-2 years
- (b) 3-5 years
- (c) 5-9 years
- (d) Over 10 years

QUESTION 4

**How many
states keep all
juvenile records
confidential?**

- (a) 3
- (b) 8
- (c) 19
- (d) 24
- (e) 31

My juvenile record
will just disappear
when I turn 18

COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS

I won't have to tell
anyone about my
juvenile record

No one will ever
find out about my
juvenile record

RECORDS

- ◎ **Public v. Confidential Records**
- ◎ **Police Records**
- ◎ **Fingerprint Records**
- ◎ **DNA Records**
- ◎ **DMV Records**

EMPLOYMENT

- ◉ **Denial of employment**
- ◉ **Driver's license suspension**
- ◉ **Professional or occupational license exclusion**



EDUCATION

- ◎ **Reentering local school**
- ◎ **Credit transfer from a juvenile facility to local school**
- ◎ **School discipline**
- ◎ **Missing days at school**

EDUCATION

The Common Application for College:

“Have you ever been **adjudicated guilty** or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? Note that you are not required to answer “yes” to this question, or provide an explanation if the **criminal adjudication** or **conviction** has been expunged, sealed, annulled, pardoned, destroyed, erased, impounded or otherwise **required by law** or ordered by a court **to be kept confidential.**”



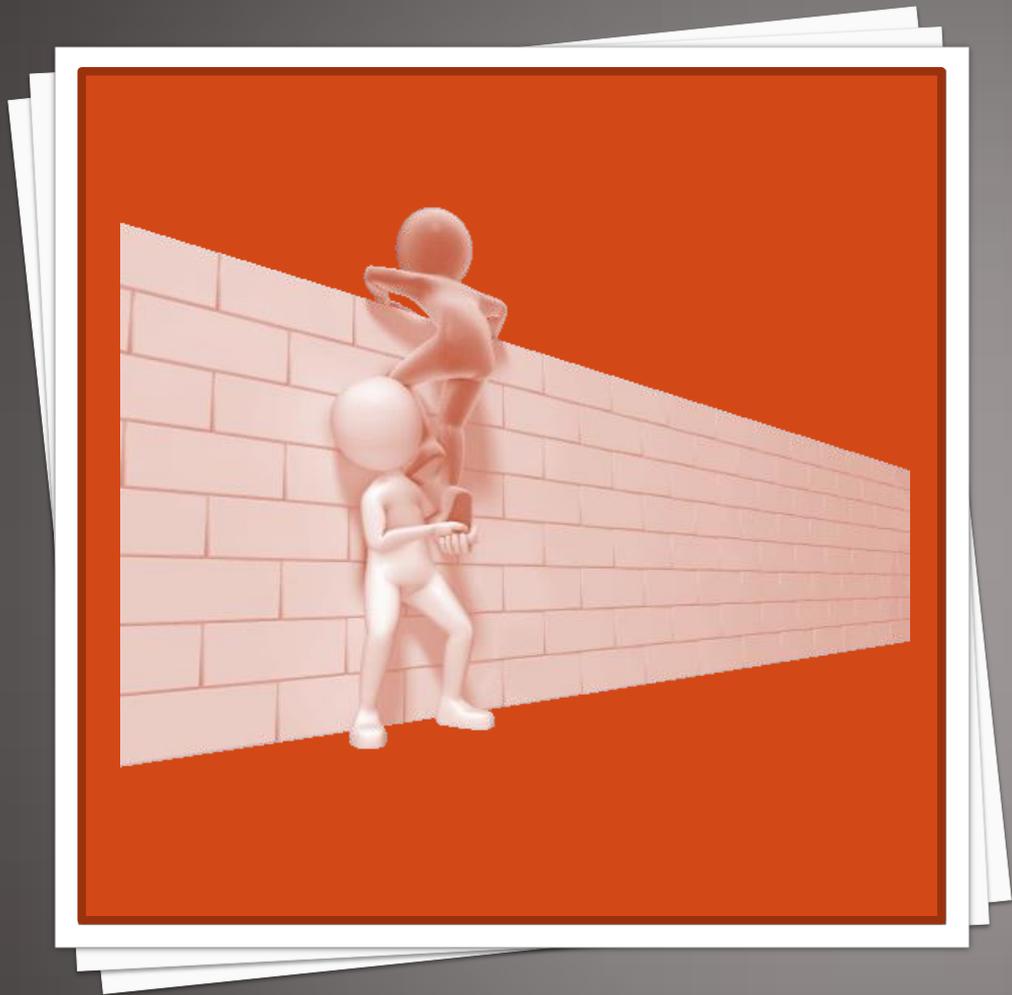
HOUSING

- ◎ **Denial of housing**
 - Federal Regulations
 - Local Regulations
- ◎ **Eviction**
- ◎ **Homelessness**



OTHER

- ◎ **Sentencing enhancements**
- ◎ **Public benefits**
- ◎ **Sex offender registration**
- ◎ **Fees, fines, and restitution**
- ◎ **Immigration**
- ◎ **Military service**



**HOW CAN
YOUTH
OVERCOME
THESE
BARRIERS?**

RECORD CLEARANCE

- **Sealing**
- **Expungement**
- **Expunction**
- **Destruction**
- **Deletion**
- **Vacating**
- **Erasing**



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Record Clearance Overview

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Below is a general overview of when juvenile records can be sealed in Missouri. Please note that the Clean Slate Clearinghouse does not provide legal advice.

Read the [legal policies and statutes](#) for detailed statutory information.

Juvenile Record Clearance Policies Overview

- Most juvenile records can be sealed after you turn 17 or when your case closes, whichever occurs last. You have to submit a request to the court to start the process, and it is up to the judge whether or not to grant your request.

Find a Lawyer

If you think you might be eligible to have your record sealed, [find a lawyer](#) who may be able to help you. Some lawyers might help you for free, although you may still need to pay a fee to file the paperwork in court.

Court Forms and Resources

If you cannot find a lawyer to help you, you may be able to file a petition on your own using these [court forms and resources](#).

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◎ **Eligibility:**

- ◎ **Who can get their juvenile record cleared?**
- ◎ **Are there exceptions to eligibility?**
- ◎ **What is the waiting period?**
- ◎ **Is a fee required?**

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- ◎ **Effect:**
 - ◎ What does record clearance actually mean?
- ◎ **Assistance:**
 - ◎ Legal service providers that can help youth get their records cleared
- ◎ **Comparison Tool:**
 - ◎ Compare state's laws

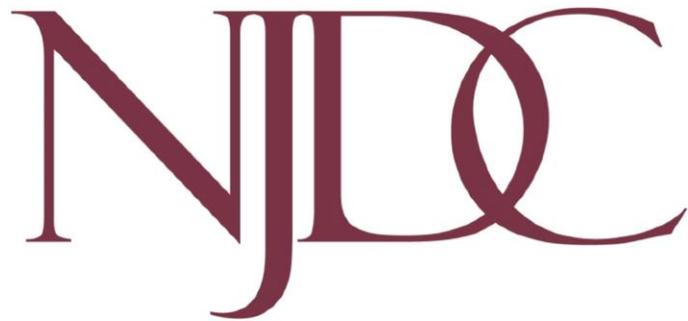
WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

Make sure youth are connected to legal and social services:

- **Employment**
- **Education**
- **Public benefits**
- **Housing**
- **Unpaid fees, fines or restitution**
- **Mentoring**

LEGAL SERVICES

- **Local Public Defender Office**
- **Local Legal Aid/ Legal Services**
- **State Protection & Advocacy**
- **Law School Clinics**
- **Disability Rights**



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