Using the New National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Conviction (NICCC)

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What are Collateral Consequences?

*Legal restrictions that limit or prohibit people convicted of crimes from accessing employment, housing, and other rights, benefits, and opportunities.*

- Scattered throughout state and federal statutory and regulatory codes
- Frequently unknown even to those responsible for their administration and enforcement.
Collateral consequences have an impact on the individual and their families

1 in 4 survey participants were denied or barred from educational loans because of their conviction.¹

There are nearly 14,000 collateral consequences that limit occupational licensing opportunities for individuals with criminal records.²

79% of participants were ineligible or denied housing due to their own or a loved one’s conviction.¹

¹ Who Pays? The True Cost of Incarceration on Families, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Forward Together, Research Action Design, Sept. 2015
² https://niccc.csgjusticecenter.org/
The majority of consequences affect employment.
Employment is one of several important factors in a person’s successful reentry.

Collateral consequences also affect other rights, benefits & opportunities

- Housing
- Public benefits including food stamps
- Educational opportunities, including financial aid
- Eligibility to operate or participate in businesses
- Civil rights, including voting and jury service
- Family & domestic rights, including child custody
- Eligibility for government contracts
- Immigration status
- Recreational licenses, including hunting and fishing
- Firearms ownership
- and more....
Collateral consequence policies have various attributes

• Discretion: Mandatory or discretionary

• Duration: Time-limited or permanent

• Offense category: Triggered by specific crimes or vaguely defined categories of crimes
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National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Criminal Conviction (NICCC)

- Searchable online database
- Over 40,000 consequences
- Statutes and regulations in all fifty states, the federal system, and the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico
Questions

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