

City of East Chicago Housing Authority East Chicago, IN

Indiana Legal Services Inc. (partner)

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Contributed Match: \$172,000

Approximately 60,000 youth up to the age of 24 are incarcerated on a daily basis in a juvenile detention center. The ramifications of incarceration are far-reaching. It may affect their prospects for long-term success in adulthood, as well as the transitioning process back into society. These youth need a second chance, but more than that, they need a guiding hand to show them what to do and how to get started. The Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program will provide East Chicago Housing Authority the means to help target youth regain their dreams.

The program aims to provide target youth with a second chance at success, as originally intended by the establishment of the juvenile court system. With the assistance of Indiana Legal Services, Inc., the organization will provide resources to juveniles in need of legal assistance to expunge/seal/correct the criminal records for youth ages 16-24. Through this program, target youth will have increased opportunities to pursue education, find work, and secure affordable housing.

The Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program (JRAP) seeks to **alleviate collateral consequences** associated with a juvenile or criminal record by assisting youth up to age 24 residing in public housing, or who would be residing in public housing but for their record, with—

- **Expunging, Sealing, and/or Correcting** Juvenile or Adult Records as permitted by State law (required services), and
- **Coordinating Supportive Services** to Assist Target Youth in Mitigating or Preventing Collateral Consequences (optional services), for example,
 - Reinstating revoked or suspended drivers' licenses,
 - Counseling regarding legal rights and obligations in searching for employment,
 - Providing guidance for readmission to school,
 - Creating or modifying child support orders and other family law services, and more.

Funding for this program was made available from the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. HUD awarded approx. **\$1.75M** to 18 Public Housing Agencies and nonprofit legal partners in April 2016.

Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program

a collaboration between the
U.S. Department of Housing
& Urban Development

&

the U.S. Office of Juvenile
Justice & Delinquency
Prevention



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