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Nassau Suffolk Law Services The Re-Entry Project

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#### LAW SERVICES

**Re-Entry Project** 

DOING WHAT'S LEGALLY POSSIBLE TO CREATE A JUST WORLD

#### SERVICES OFFERED

The Re-Entry Project helps people with criminal convictions reintegrate into our community. We represent individuals on civil matters such as:

- public benefits
- food stamps
- Social Security
- housing, and
- employment discrimination.

How we can help:

- Provide legal advice on child support cases
- Work to seal criminal convictions
- Review RAP sheets for potential errors

## **Our Mission**

Nassau Suffolk Law Services is committed to helping people in need assert and secure their rights under the law. We provide free legal services in thousands of civil cases each year, as well as legal support to community advocates to ensure that people with low incomes and disabilities have equal access to the civil justice system on Long Island.

### INTRODUCTION

Did you know that quick employment for formerly incarcerated individuals significantly decreases the risk of committing future crimes? Recidivism (a relapse into criminal behavior) rates on average range from 30%-70%. Recidivism rates for individuals quickly employed range from 3.3%-8%. The Re-Entry Project helps people with criminal convictions reintegrate into the community by addressing criminal history-related civil legal issues.

# **OPPORTUNITY**

# POTENTIAL

## What We Do

Where a criminal record creates a barrier to employment or reintegration into the community, NSLS' Re-Entry Project provides free representation to low income Nassau and Suffolk residents on many civil matters related to previous incarceration, such as:

- Employment discrimination
- Section 8 issues
- Certificates of relief from civil disability/certificates of good conduct
- Denial of a professional license
- Denial of employment due to prior neglect/abuse findings

Assistance is also provided to low income people who have been released from prison within the last year on matters related to:

- Housing
- Public benefits
- Consumer Debt

Remember, our services are free of charge!

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