New York City Housing Authority
Youth Represent, Inc. (partner)
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The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) in partnership with Youth Represent is pleased to announce the Youth Re-Entry Project serving youth and young adults, aged 24 and under, who live in underserved NYCHA public housing communities who are suffering the collateral consequences of involvement in the criminal justice system.

Youth Represent will provide legal representation in sealing, expunging, and correcting criminal records, and will offer additional legal services to minimize the effects that a criminal history can have on a young person’s ability to secure employment, an education, a safe place to live, and a stable family life. Youth Represent will develop and disseminate a collateral consequences checklist and also will deliver Know Your Rights workshops on-site at selected NYCHA community centers to educate youth, their families, NYCHA staff, and community members on their rights and responsibilities as they relate to the criminal justice system and re-entry.

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.