

What is the Reentry Clinic?

The Reentry Clinic provides free legal services to low-income men and women with criminal records facing barriers to successful reentry.

What legal issues does the clinic address?

The clinic focuses on legal issues related to legal financial obligations (fees, fines and restitution), Certificates of Restoration of Opportunity (CROP), and access to employment and housing.

How does it work?

Clients call to make an appointment to meet with a volunteer attorney at the clinic.



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Clinic Hours:

Community Clinic

Date: Second Monday of each month

Time: 2:45PM to 4:45PM

Location:

Public Law Library of King County
King County Courthouse
516 3rd Ave. Room W-621 Seattle,
WA 98104

FareStart Clinic

Date: Fourth Tuesday of each month

Time: 2:30PM to 4:30PM

Location:

FareStart

700 Virginia St. Seattle, WA 98101

(FareStart students only)



RE-ENTRY CLINIC

RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE LEGAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL HISTORIES

A joint project of:
Columbia Legal Services and FareStart



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HOUSING

Access to housing is a critical need of people changing their lives after involvement with the criminal justice system. The Reentry Clinic provides legal advice regarding private and subsidized housing requirements, background screening issues and fair housing rights.

EMPLOYMENT

For people with criminal records, asset-building is not within reach because of the multiple barriers they face upon release from prison. Educational deficits, poverty, and lack of a strong social support system are just some of these barriers. The Reentry Clinic provides legal advice regarding CROP, employment background screening, employment law and applicable civil rights laws.

LFOS

Legal Financial Obligations (LFOs) are the fees, fines, costs, and restitution ordered by courts as part of a criminal judgment and sentence. At the Reentry clinic, clients meet with volunteer attorneys to discuss their specific LFO issues, including obtaining relief from LFO interest, addressing expired LFOs, avoiding sanctions for failure to pay, and accessing appropriate payment schedules.

CROP

A Certificate of Restoration of Opportunity (CROP) may help certain job seekers who are qualified for their profession of choice, but cannot get the appropriate license or certificate because of a criminal history. A CROP reestablishes legal eligibility for many professional licenses. It also shows up on a criminal background check so employers and housing providers can see that an applicant has been working hard to make positive changes in his or her life.

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring any paperwork that you have related to your LFOs, housing, or employment issues to ensure that you receive the best possible services.

Examples of what to bring:

- Judgment(s) and Sentence(s) from your conviction(s)
- Your LFO Payment History
- Billing Notices from the County Clerk's Office
- Any notices sent by the court indicating your failure to pay
- Evidence of your monthly income and expenses (paystubs, bills, receipts, etc.)

WHO WE SERVE

We serve all FareStart students and community members through two monthly legal clinics.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Call the Clinic at (206) 287-8625
Monday-Friday: 9:00am–5:00pm.
Clinic available by appointment only. Walk-ins will be re-scheduled.

INTERPRETER AVAILABLE

If you need an interpreter, please let the screener know during your initial call, and one will be provided for you.



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