

LEGAL ACTION CENTER

The Legal Action Center in New York City “is the only non-profit law and policy organization in the United States whose sole mission is to fight discrimination against people with histories of addiction, HIV/AIDS, or criminal records and to advocate for sound public policies in these areas.”

Their website (www.lac.org) provides access to various publications and videos that contain valuable information on how to deal with criminal records when seeking employment.

Here is a selected list of their publications that you might find helpful:

- *Criminal Records and Employment: Protecting Yourself From Discrimination*
- *Know Your Rights: Understanding Juvenile and Criminal Records and Their Impact On Employment In New York State*
- *Your New York State Rap Sheet: A Guide To Getting, Understanding and Correcting Your Criminal Record*
- *Lowering Criminal Record Barriers: Certificates Of Relief / Good Conduct and Record Sealing*
- *How To Obtain Important Documents*
- *Occupational Licensing Survey (New York State issued occupational licenses)*
- *Know Your Rights: Are You In Recovery From Alcohol Or Drug Problems?*
- *Are You Somebody With HIV / AIDS? An Alcohol or Drug History? A Criminal Record?*
- *How To Gather Evidence Of Rehabilitation*
- *Changes To the Rockefeller Drug Laws and What They Mean For You*

If you wish to have copies of these publications, you can download them to a flash drive or print them out from the Legal Action Center website. (See directions below.)

There is also an online video titled *Your Rights, Your Future: Preparing For Reentry* that provides useful information.

DIRECTIONS FOR LOCATING THE LEGAL ACTION CENTER PUBLICATIONS ON THE INTERNET

1. On the Internet, go to the Legal Action Center website (www.lac.org)
2. Scroll down and click on **Resources**, then click on **Criminal Justice**.
3. A series of boxes will appear; for example **Employment & Education**, **Certificates of Relief**, etc. Click on a box that interests you, then click on **Publications**.
4. Click on the title of a publication that you wish to view.
5. When the document appears on the screen, if you wish to save the document, click on the **Save a Copy** icon at the bottom of the screen and complete the process to save it on your flash drive.
6. If you wish to print the document, click on the **Print File** icon and complete the process to print.

