

# Housing Authority of Shreveport & Community Partners Host Event

Helping Youth 16-24 Seal Records of Arrest or Conviction

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SHREVEPORT, La., Sept. 22, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- On Sept. 23, 2017, the Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport (HACS) and community partners will host the first event in a series designed to assist youth with their criminal records. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions and start the process of expunging records of arrest or conviction. The goal of the series is to remove barriers that young people may face in accessing housing and employment due to a criminal record.



The Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana organizes Clean Jacket events across the state to assist individuals with expungements, or sealing a record of arrest or conviction. (PRNewsfoto/Housing Authority of the City o)

HACS is working alongside community organizations through the Juvenile Re-Entry Assistance Program (JRAP) sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Partners include the Justice & Accountability Center of Louisiana, The Norris Law Group, LLC, The Law Offices of Felicia M. Hamilton, LLC, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, and the Louisiana State Bar Association. Partners may be able to provide supplemental assistance to youth and adults who attend the event.

"We are excited to be partnering with the City of Shreveport and the Juvenile and Accountability Center of Louisiana to administer the JRAP program to afford potential residents of public housing the opportunity to clear their record of minor offenses and have a fresh start," Bobby R. Collins, CEO of the Shreveport Housing Authority.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. in the Greenwood Terrace housing community, located at 4619 Luciana Circle, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109. Presentation sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., followed by the opportunity for one on one attorney consultations. Participants are encouraged to bring the court minutes for the case that they seek an expungement. The event is free and open to the public.

**ABOUT JAC:** JAC is a nonprofit located in New Orleans that advocates alongside individuals previously incarcerated. We provide legal services, community and legal education, and policy advocacy. Our goal is to reduce the incarceration rate by helping people recover from contact from the criminal justice system.