

LEGAL & ADVOCACY

LEGAL

Low-cost or free legal assistance for various issues.

AIDS LEGAL REFERRAL PANEL (ALRP)

ALRP works to improve or maintain the health of people living with HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area by addressing their legal issues. It provides free and low-cost legal services in areas including housing, employment, insurance, confidentiality matters, family law, credit, government benefits or public accommodations, among others. www.alrp.org

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 701-1100 **Fax:** (415) 701-1400

Email: info@alrp.org

Specific Intake Days and Times: M-F, 9-5pm

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm.

Location: 1663 Mission Street, Suite 500
San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referral needed. Please call or write to make an appointment.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Japanese. Other languages can be accommodated.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees, if any: All ALRP services provided by ALRP staff attorneys are free. Depending on the outcome and the nature of the case, if the client is referred to an ALRP Panel Attorney, a fee may be charged according to ALRP's Fee Protocol.

Eligible Population Served: All individuals and family members who have HIV/AIDS and live in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sonoma or Solano Counties.

Primary Community Served: Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: ALRP assists clients with HIV/AIDS with legal issues related to their housing, including eviction defense. Also provides assistance with employment and family law. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

ASIAN LAW CAUCUS

The mission of the Asian Law Caucus is to promote, advance, and represent the legal and civil rights of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities. Recognizing that social, economic, political and racial inequalities continue to exist in the United States, the Asian Law Caucus is committed to the pursuit of equality and justice for all sectors of our society, with a specific focus directed toward addressing the needs of low-income, immigrant and underserved APIs.

Since the vast majority of Asians and Pacific Islanders in America are immigrants and refugees, the Caucus strives to create informed and educated communities empowered to assert their rights and to participate actively in American society. This perspective is reflected in our broad strategy which integrates the provision of legal services, educational programs, community organizing initiatives and advocacy. www.asianlawcaucus.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Phil Van, Intake Coordinator

Phone: (415) 896-1701 **Fax:** (415) 896-1702

Email: philipv@asianlawcaucus.org

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. Some evening and weekend clinics.

Location: 55 Columbus Ave , San Francisco, CA 94111

Notes: No referral needed. Please call or write for an appointment.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: Cantonese, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Gujarati, Thai

What to bring: Proof of income.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population Served:

All individuals and family members.

Primary Community Served: Asian/Pacific Islander, Immigrant, Cantonese, low-income, limited English, or involved in criminal justice system.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Community Education & Mediation; Know Your Rights Trainings; Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues, mainly juvenile and deportation cases; employment law and employment discrimination; Housing & Eviction Defense; Restraining/Stay Away Orders; Voting Outreach & Education; Census and Redistricting advocacy. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

BAY AREA LEGAL AID (BAYLEGAL)

BayLegal's clients are low- and very low-income members of our communities. BayLegal's clients are spread across our seven county service area, from San Francisco to Livermore, Gilroy to Napa. They include the working poor, our elderly neighbors, military veterans, people with disabilities, and single mothers. www.baylegal.org

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 354-6360 **Fax:** (415) 982-4243

Email: (none)

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm.

Location:

Main Office: 1035 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

SFDHS Offices: 170 Otis Street, San Francisco, CA 94103; 1800 Oakdale Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94124

276 Golden Gate, San Francisco, CA 94102

Notes: No referrals needed. It is recommended that clients call first for advice or appointment. If you cannot call, please write to main office.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog, French. BayLegal will serve clients in any other languages through use of Language Line or other assistance.

What to Bring: Identification and documentation of U.S. citizenship or non-citizen status. BayLegal may assist in securing these documents.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Will provide whatever ADA accommodation is necessary for any disability.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All individuals and families who are out of custody and fall within case acceptable guidelines.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Clean Slate/Conviction Expungement Services; Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues; Employment Law; Family Law; Housing & Eviction Defense; Restraining/Stay Away Orders; Access to public benefits; Law for Domestic Violence survivors; any civil legal issue that makes it harder to get or keep a job, such as driver's license suspension, child support orders, or credit issues. Will not provide assistance with contesting a Temporary Restraining Order for people with prior criminal convictions for violence. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

COOPERATIVE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC

Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic provides information on and assistance in applying for Domestic Violence restraining orders.

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Tara Berta, Supervising Attorney

Phone: (415) 864-1790 **Fax:** (415) 241-9491

Email: tara@roclinic.org

Hours: By Appointment Only. Call Intake Phone, (415) 255-0165.

Location: 3543 – 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110

Notes: No referrals needed. Please call Intake Phone for appointment.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, other languages as needed.

What to Bring: Identification and documentation of U.S. citizenship or non-citizen status. BayLegal may assist in securing these documents.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members.

Primary Community Served: Female victims of domestic violence: Women, Transgendered Women, Women with Children, Pregnant Women

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Legal Assistance/Advocacy. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

EVICTIION DEFENSE COLLABORATIVE *LEGAL (EDC) AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE (RADCo)*

The Eviction Defense Collaborative is the principal organization in San Francisco helping low-income tenants to respond to eviction lawsuits. Each year we provide emergency legal services, through EDC, and rental assistance, through RADCo, to more than 5,000 tenants in San Francisco. www.evictiondefense.org

To Get Connected

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:30am-11:30am; 1:00pm-3:00pm

Location: 995 Market, #1200, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-In only.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Russian

What to Bring: Proof of San Francisco Residency

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees, if any: Certain services have sliding-scale fees. Nobody turned away for lack of funds.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: EDC’s legal services include counseling and legal help to tenants during the eviction process: programs include preparing a response to the lawsuit, limited representation at the settlement conference, and preparation of requests for delays of the sheriff’s eviction. RADCo’s provides rental assistance to more than 600 families each year, in the form of interest-free loans and grants. Please note: The Eviction Defense Collaborative does not provide the services of a lawyer – clients act as their own lawyer. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW *WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS CLINIC*

The Clinic provides free or low-cost legal services to people with employment-related legal problems, with an emphasis on problems affecting women and low-wage immigrant workers. Law students provide legal services. www.ggu.edu/law/werc

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Law Student Hotline
Phone: (415) 442-6647 **Fax:** (415) 896-2450
Email: werc@ggu.edu
Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm, January-April and September-November, only.
Location: 40 Jessie Street, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105
Notes: No referrals needed. Please call the hotline for an appointment first. No drop-ins.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English. Other languages can be accommodated.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.
Client fees, if any: No fees for legal services. Possible costs for photocopying, etc.
Eligible Population: All individuals and family members.
Primary Community Served: Women and immigrants.
Faith Based: No.

Services: Legal Assistance/Advocacy. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

HOUSING RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF SAN FRANCISCO

We provide “self-help” tenants’ rights counseling. Clients are provided with information on laws affecting their rights as tenants, as well as resources and referrals. For public housing and Section 8 renters, we offer case management and advocacy. We provide referrals to attorneys as necessary. We will help with applications for Section 8 and Public Housing, as well as rent board petitions. www.hrcsf.org

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Counselor

Phone: (415) 703-8644 **Fax:** (415) 703-8639

Email: info@hrcsf.org

Counseling Hours: Monday – Thursday from 1:00pm-5:00pm

Location: 427 South Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referrals needed. Please call or drop in during counseling hours.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin. Russian by special arrangement.

What to Bring: Please bring any relevant papers, including evicton notices or other landlord/property manager notices.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All renters of public and private housing.

Primary Community Served: All renters who need of counseling on their rights as tenants.

Faith Based: No.

Services: Counseling/Advocacy—Housing Applications to Public Housing & Section 8. Please note: no direct legal services. Program does not provide housing or rental assistance. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

LA RAZA CENTRO LEGAL

La Raza Centro Legal is community-based legal organization dedicated to empowering Latino, immigrant and low-income communities of SF to advocate for their civil and human rights. We combine legal services, organizing, advocacy and social services to build grassroots power and alliances toward creating a movement for a just society. www.lrccl.org

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 575-3500 **Fax:** (415) 255-7593

Intake Hours: Monday –Thursday from 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm; Fridays from 10am-12pm.

Location: 474 Valencia Street, Suite 295
San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referrals needed. Please call for appointment. Drop-ins are allowed, but appointments are preferred.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members.

Primary Community Served:
Hispanic/Latino, Immigrant, Spanish speakers.

Faith Based: No.

Services: Employment Law, solely regarding SF-specific labor laws; Immigration and Senior Law (Immigration in San Francisco and San Mateo County, senior law in San Francisco only). Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS *TUESDAY NIGHT LEGAL SERVICES*
CLINIC

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights conducts a free, weekly legal services clinic that offers assistance and possible representation in the following matters: debt collection, eviction defense, school expulsions, non-profit formation, illegal tows for the homeless, overpayment of public benefits, tort defense, and uninsured motorist accidents. Clients must be low-income and must call first to set up an intake appointment. www.lccr.com
www.lccr.com/poverty_direct_services_tuesday_nights.shtml

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Clinic Paralegal/ Jesuit Volunteer
Phone: (415) 814-7635 **Fax:** (415) 543-0296
Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:30am - 5:30pm
Location: 131 Steuart Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94105
Notes: No referrals needed. Please call to schedule an appointment. No drop-ins.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: Spanish and English
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.
Client fees, if any: None.
Eligible Population: All individuals and family members.
Primary Community Served: African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, Spanish, involved in criminal justice system.
Faith Based: No.

Services: Housing & Eviction Defense: All eviction cases are initially screened through Eviction Defense Collaborative; Overpayment of Public Benefits; Uninsured Motorist Accidents; Debt Collection; Non-profit formation; Tort Defense; Illegal Tows for the Homeless; School Expulsions. Please note: clinic cannot accept cases that involve bankruptcy, Social Security appeals, family law issues, business disputes, criminal matters, contingent fee plaintiff cases. Referrals to other services provided, as appropriate.

OFFICE OF CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

The mission of the Office of Citizen complaints is to promptly, fairly and impartially investigate complaints of police misconduct. In addition to complaint investigation, the office provides a volunteer mediation program, performs policy analysis for recommendations to the Police Commission, and runs community outreach efforts. occ.311@sfgov.org

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 241-7717 **Fax:** (415) 241-7733

Email: occ.311@sfgov.org

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Location: 25 Van Ness Avenue, #700, San Francisco, CA 94002

Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-ins allowed.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: Spanish, Cantonese, Tagalog, Russian

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members who wish to make a complaint regarding a sworn San Francisco Police Department officer.

Primary Population/Community Served: African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaskan, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender, Immigrant

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Mediation and Investigation of complaints against SF Police Officers. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY *REENTRY UNIT*

The San Francisco District Attorney's Office's Reentry Unit seeks to provide high-quality services as part of citywide strategic efforts to reduce rates of recidivism and assist individuals in reintegrating back to their communities after incarceration. The unit oversees the court-driven "Back on Track" initiative and "Changing the Odds," a paid summer internship program. It also provides informal over-the-phone information and referrals. www.sfdistrictattorney.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Lauren Bell, Community Initiatives Director

Phone: (415) 553-4919 **Fax:** (415) 553-9700

Email: lauren.bell@sfgov.org

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am - 5:00pm

Location: 850 Bryant Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: Referrals are required for programs; call for reentry referrals.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: Spanish and English

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: Young adults in the criminal justice system. There are requirements; please call for more information.

Primary Community Served: Young adults in the criminal justice system, ages 18-30.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Changing the Odds Internships include: soft and life skills training, employment skills training. Reentry Unit also provides referrals to services; referrals to Goodwill/District Attorney's Back on Track Program. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER *CLEAN SLATE PROGRAM*

Clean Slate is a program of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office that can help people "clean up" their criminal records. www.sfpublicdefender.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons:

Clean Slate Phone: (415) 553-9337

Fax: (415) 553-9646

Main Phone: (415) 553-1671

Application: Applicants must complete the "Clean Slate Program Application" and the "Application For A Court Appointed Attorney," which can be obtained by calling the main office or viewing the website. Applicants will also need a copy of their RAP sheet, available from the SFPD Identification Bureau for \$5.00 (or free with a fee waiver).

Send Applications to:

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Attn: Clean Slate Program

555 Seventh Street, 2nd Floor

San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-ins available at walk-in clinic. See below.

Free Walk-in Clinic Hours and Locations:

2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 3pm-5pm: Arriba Juntos, 1850 Mission Street

Every Tuesday, 9am-11am: Office of the Public Defender, 555 Seventh Street

1st Wednesday of the month, 3pm-5pm: Up From Darkness, 1075 Fillmore Street

4th Wednesday of the month, 3pm-5pm: Village Community Center, 1099 Sunnysdale Ave

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 9am-11am: Southeast Community Center, 1800 Oakdale Ave

Services: Expungement of convictions; Seal and destroy arrest records; Certificate of Rehabilitation; End Probation Early; and Reduce felony conviction to misdemeanor. Accompany to Court Dates, Legal Assistance/Advocacy. Referral to other services provided, as appropriate.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Cantonese, and other languages will be accommodated.

What to Bring: Must obtain copy of RAP Sheet from Identification Bureau, Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant Street, Room 475, San Francisco, CA 94103 (can request by mail or in person, Monday – Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm).

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All people with a criminal arrest and/or conviction, or juvenile matter, from the County of San Francisco. Do not need to be a former client of the Public Defender, but must meet financial eligibility criteria.

Faith Based: No.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER *REENTRY UNIT*

Children of Incarcerated Parents Social Worker and Adult Social Workers work with current and former clients of the Public Defender. www.sfpublicdefender.org

To Get Connected

Contact Person: Simin Shamji, Manager of Reentry Unit

Phone: (415) 553-1671 **Fax:** (415) 553-9810

Specific Intake Days and Times:

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Location: 555 Seventh Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: Referral required from Public Defender Attorney. By appointment only.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, and other languages accommodated as needed.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Genders/Family Composition/Ages Served: All individuals and family members.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Assistance with access to Benefits (SSI, GA, TANF, et al); Accompany to Court Dates; Counseling; Parenting Support; Help/Vouchers to Get State ID, etc.; Legal Assistance/Advocacy; Referrals to Treatment, Housing, Medical and Other Services.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO *ACCESS* CENTER (LEGAL SELF-HELP)

To provide linguistically and culturally appropriate self-help services to individuals seeking to access and navigate the legal system in the county of San Francisco. Areas of law are limited to: Name and gender changes, civil harassment restraining orders, evictions, guardianships and conservatorships and small claims. www.sfsuperiorcourt.org

To Get Connected

Hours: Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 12:00pm; Monday to Thursday: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Location: 575 Polk Street, Room 001
San Francisco, CA 94102

Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-ins available.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: Cantonese, Mandarin, Toisanese, Spanish, Italian. Volunteers also speak Russian, French, Portuguese, Tagalog, French, and other languages. Materials are multilingual.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. ASL interpreters available. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Populations: All individuals and family members.

Primary Population/Community Served: Criminal Justice involved; currently being evicted, living week-to-week in an SRO, or homeless.

Faith Based: No.

Services: Family law; housing and eviction defense; restraining/stay away orders; small claims; guardianships/conservatorships; name and gender changes.

SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES *LEGAL DEPARTMENT*

War causes wounds and suffering that last beyond the battlefield. Our mission is to heal the wounds, to restore dignity, hope and self-sufficiency to all veterans in need, and to significantly reduce homelessness and poverty among veterans. Many veterans never receive the benefits for which they are eligible. The Legal Department of Swords to Plowshares helps veterans to cut through the extremely arduous VA benefits application process by providing free attorney representation, case management, and advocacy to indigent veterans by seeking benefits. Our attorneys win more than 90% of the cases that come to conclusion. **www.swords-to-plowshares.org**

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 252-4788 **Fax:** (415) 252-4790

Hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00am-11:45am

Location: 1060 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-ins available.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English

What to Bring: TB Clearance; Proof of homelessness and veteran status (Defense Department Form 214). Program will assist clients in obtaining these documents.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities are accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Populations: All veterans of the U.S. military. Must be homeless or veteran of the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Primary Population/Community Served:

Faith Based: No.

Services: Legal Assistance/Advocacy—access to benefits for veterans of the U.S. Military. Referral to other services provided, as appropriate.

ADVOCACY

LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS (CCWP)

CCWP is a grassroots social justice organization, with members inside and outside prison, that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex (PIC). We see the struggle for racial and gender justice as central to dismantling the PIC and we prioritize the leadership of the people, families, and communities most impacted in building this movement. www.womenprisoners.org
www.prisonerswithchildren.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Deirdre Wilson and Hafsah Al-Amin, Program Coordinators

Phone: (415) 255-7036 x4

Fax: (415) 552-3150

Email: deirdre@womenprisoners.org;
hafsah@womenprisoners.org

Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm

Notes: No referrals needed. Not a formal service site, but individuals can make appointments to come for support and referrals to other resources.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English. In addition, Compañeras Program highlights and supports issues of Spanish speakers.

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities may be accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: All individuals and family members, in and out of custody.

Primary Communities Served: Women/transgender prisoners, former prisoners, and family members of prisoners; homeless.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Assistance finding emergency shelter; Assistance finding permanent housing prior to or upon release; Some Access to Internet; Mentorship; Outreach to a wide cross-section of people including students, domestic violence workers, community service providers, and others; Other Post-Incarceration Support; Restorative Justice/ Survivor Impact efforts with violent offenders in San Francisco Jails; Coordinate with All Of Us or None to spread the word about clean slate efforts; Assist with Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues; Coordinate annual event for family members to visit prisoners. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN

We generally do not represent people in court or other legal matters. We are committed to training people to advocate for their own rights. prisonerswithchildren.org

To Get Connected

Phone: (415) 255-7036

Email: info@prisonerswithchildren.org

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Location: 1540 Market Street, Suite 490
San Francisco, CA 94102

Notes: No referrals needed. Drop-ins okay, but it is better to call or write first.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English and Spanish

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities may be accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None. Voluntary donations accepted.

Genders/Family Composition/Ages Served: All individuals and family members.

Primary Population/Community Served: Individuals and families in and out of prison or jail.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Pregnancy information for incarcerated women who are pregnant; Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues for California prisoners and their families; Support letters for older women in state prison; Family law manuals and individual advice; Workshops on family law issues; Prison advocacy, including support letters for incarcerated people who are experiencing problems in custody, such as lack of or substandard medical care, sexual harrassment or retaliation, problems with visits, etc.; Family Reunification counseling; Support and advice for family members visiting loved ones in jail or prison. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAW PROJECT *SECOND CHANCE LABOR PROJECT*

To restore fairness to the process of criminal background checks and eliminate unfair barriers to employment of people with criminal records. We promote model employment policies and basic protections that allow qualified workers with records to attain and retain quality jobs.

www.nelp.org/site/issues/category/criminal_records_and_employment/ www.nelp.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons:

Madeline Neighly, Staff Attorney

Phone: (510) 409-2427 **Fax:** (510) 663-2027

Email: mneighly@nelp.org

Hours: Clients may call the hot-line number for intake at any time.

Location: Call first for an appointment.

Notes: No referral needed. No drop-ins. Clients must first call the hot-line. An intake will be performed and an appointment set if necessary.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities may be accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population: Anyone with a criminal record.

Primary Community Served: African American, Hispanic/Latino.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Employment Law: We provide information on filing claims of discrimination with the EEOC and, in certain meritorious cases, represent clients filing Title VII claims with the EEOC. We provide legal information to people with criminal records regarding their employment rights. Referrals to other resources available as needed.

PROYECTO COMMON TOUCH

Empowerment by knowledge and mission to distribute and make this relevant information available and accessible in or out of custody. www.proyectocommontouch.org

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Tommy Escarcega,
Director

Phone: (510) 409-1662 **Fax:** (510) 845-4622

Email: tommy@proyectocommontouch.org

Hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00am –
2:00pm and 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Mailing Address: 830 Allston Way,
Berkeley, CA 94710

Notes: No referral needed. Call during
business hours or write for appointment at
other times.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, some
Portuguese.

Accessibility: May be arranged.

Client fees, if any: None. Donations
accepted.

Eligible Population: Women, Transgender

Primary Population/Community Served:
African American, Hispanic/Latino,
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender,
Spanish; in or out of prison or jail; involved
in the criminal justice system.

Faith Based: No.

Services: Phone/Voicemail - We will accept a determined number of messages and allow some
phone use for related business; Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues; Voting Outreach & Education.
Referrals to other resources available as needed.

SAN FRANCISCO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT *PRISONER LEGAL SERVICES*

We help the San Francisco Sheriff's Department in its mission to meet or exceed local, state and federal mandates regarding the housing and treatment of prisoners. We help to insure that San Francisco County Jail inmates have meaningful access to the courts by running law libraries and providing inmates with assistance by persons trained in the law. We promote education by helping prisoners learn about various aspects of the criminal law and process. We provide limited assistance to prisoners with legal issues occasioned by their incarceration and with removal of legal barriers to their successful reentry. We evaluate, monitor and develop SFSD policies and procedures relevant to prisoner rights. www.sfsheriff.com

To Get Connected

Contact Persons: Any PLS Intern/Staff

Phone: (415) 558-2472 **Fax:** (415) 558-2490

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Location: All San Francisco County Jails, 555 7th Street, #201, San Francisco, CA 94103

Notes: No referral needed. Incarcerated clients must submit a request for services; limited drop-in service for recently released prisoners.

Things To Know

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish.

Limited access to translators

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Other disabilities may be accommodated.

Client fees, if any: None.

Eligible Population:

All individuals with a case in San Francisco Superior Court and their family members.

Primary Population/Community Served:

African American, Hispanic/Latino.

Faith Based: No.

Direct Services: Limited assistance in responding to unlawful detainee actions; Assistance Getting Drivers License or Other ID; P.O. Box/Mail Service: All legal or official mail may be posted or received on behalf of an inmate upon request; Inmate & Parolee Legal Issues; Family Law; Housing & Eviction Defense; Restraining/Stay Away Orders; Voting Outreach & Education. Referrals to other resources available as needed.