Today, an estimated 60,000 youths under age 24 are confined in juvenile detention and correctional facilities, with hundreds of thousands more on probation. Having a criminal record severely limits a person’s ability to seek higher education, find good employment, qualify for credit and secure affordable housing. These collateral consequences create unnecessary barriers to economic opportunity and productivity.

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, and
- Coordinating Supportive Services to Assist Target Youth in Mitigating/Preventing Collateral Consequences, 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.

With funding made available to HUD from the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, JRAP makes available $1.75M to Public Housing Agencies who have a partnership with a nonprofit legal service organization with experience providing legal services to juveniles.

JRAP requires eligible applicants to have committed cash or in-kind match of at least 25% of the grant request. The maximum grant request is $100,000. The project period is 18 months.

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