

## WHO ARE WE?

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services (NNJLS) is a non-profit corporation supported with public and private funds.

We provide free legal services to financially eligible residents of Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic Counties in a variety of civil legal matters, including public benefits, housing, family, and consumer.

Our attorneys, paralegals, and support staff are dedicated to providing the highest quality legal services. We seek to assure that access to the civil justice system is not denied to individuals simply because they cannot afford a private attorney.

## ELIGIBILITY

You may be eligible for free legal assistance if you live in Bergen, Hudson or Passaic Counties. There are income and asset eligibility guidelines for free legal aid, as well as regulations and priorities which may limit the types of cases that NNJLS accepts.

If you are not eligible for our services, our staff will try to make an appropriate referral.

Contact us through  
one of our local offices:



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# NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROJECT

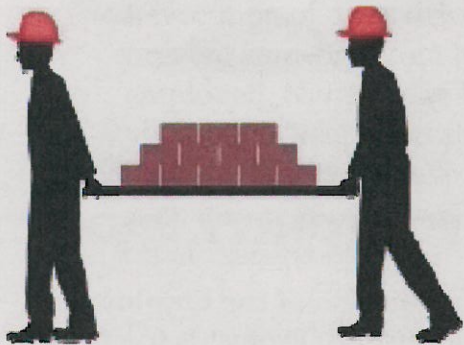
The mission of the Employment Opportunity Project is to provide legal representation and assistance to individuals seeking to remove barriers to employment. Services are available to low-income residents of Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties.



## WHAT IS THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROJECT?

The Employment Opportunity Project helps individuals overcome barriers that prevent them from becoming employed. These barriers can include:

- Criminal records
- Loss of a driver's license
- Revocation of an occupational license
- Unrepaired credit reports



## SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

We provide advice and representation in the following areas:

### Expungements:

Criminal records are a significant obstacle to obtaining employment. Whether the offense was as a juvenile or adult, felony or misdemeanor, or if the sentence was a fine or time in prison, New Jersey offers ways to put the past behind you. Possible options may include expunging a criminal conviction, sealing a record of arrest, or correcting errors in criminal records.

### Driver's Licenses:

Revocation of one's driver's license can prevent someone from being employed. NNJLS may be able to help you obtain, keep, or restore your driver's license if you are facing suspension due to fines, violations, or other reasons.

### Occupational Licenses:

Many jobs require an occupational or professional license or certificate. It may be harder to obtain these licenses with a criminal history. NNJLS can provide guidance and representation on how to obtain, keep, or reinstate a professional license.

### Credit Reports:

Many employers view credit reports as part of the hiring process. If there are errors in your credit report, the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) governs consumer rights as they pertain to credit reports. Under the FCRA, you have the right to access your credit report and file a dispute with the credit bureau if the report contains false or inaccurate information.

**IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE A  
LEGAL ISSUE LISTED IN THIS  
BROCHURE, PLEASE CALL US TO  
FIND OUT HOW WE CAN HELP.**

