

UNCHAINING CIVIL RIGHTS: OVERCOMING CRIMINALIZED INEQUALITY

Mission Statement

Unchaining Civil Rights is a collaborative project of the Center for Community Alternatives/Justice Strategies and the Legal Action Center/National H.I.R.E. Network. The project documents, describes, and educates the public and policymakers about the racially disparate effect of institutional and structural exclusions of the four “Es” – employment, education, enfranchisement, and equality – and the ways that these exclusions result in de facto discrimination of racial minorities. We hope to begin a new dialogue concerning collateral consequences of a criminal conviction and their impact on civil rights, and spur alliances among advocates for criminal justice reform, the civil rights community, and others to reform federal and state laws and policies and eliminate the barriers to full reintegration of people with criminal records.

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