

## Post-Expungement Steps:

What happens after I leave the clinic?

- 1) If you agreed to file your expungement motions and your fee waiver application or petition fees, you should do this at the court where you were charged/convicted. If you asked Vermont Legal Aid to file your petitions, it will take them **1-2 weeks** to get them into the court.
- 2) The judge decides if they believe your record should be expunged.
  - **3 weeks after clinic**
  - After the State's Attorney reviews the expungement petition, Legal Aid will send it to your county's judge.
  - The judge will decide whether or not to grant your expungement.
- 3) The Court mails you the decision: Granted or Denied
  - **5-6 weeks after clinic**
  - The court will mail you the outcome of your expungement petition. It will either be granted or denied.
  - If your expungement is granted, you will also receive a Certificate of Expungement.
  - If your expungement is NOT granted, you must wait **2 years** to apply again unless the court allows for a shorter wait time.
- 4) If expunged: The Vermont Crime Information Center clears your record.
  - **3.5 months after clinic**
  - The court tells the Vermont Crime Information Center to destroy all expunged records. It may take up to 60 days from when you receive your decision until your record is cleared.
  - For all expunged records, you can legally deny having that arrest, charge, and/or conviction on job applications, housing applications, benefits applications etc.