

# JRAP Bringing Service to the South End

The WAGE Center, in conjunction with Albany Housing Authority has partnered with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York to bring services to review rap sheets and advise youth and young adults associated with public housing.

The Juvenile Re-entry Assistance Program (JRAP) supports successful transition to the community by reducing barriers to public housing, employment and/or educational opportunities for current public housing resident youth up to 24 years of age who have a criminal record and/or former household members (who are youth up to 24 years old) of current public housing residents, who but for their criminal record, would be living in public housing.



An attorney from Legal Aid will be available on site at the WAGE Center for regular office hours, as well as by appointment. While assessing legal options, participants can also take advantage of the many opportunities for education and employment at the WAGE Center, including employment counseling, resume and professional portfolio development, work experience programs, workshops and counseling services, which are all aimed at helping to achieve self-sufficiency.

The City of Albany joins larger metropolitan areas such as Chicago, Los Angeles and New York to offer JRAP services to remove barriers to public housing, employment and education to participants.

The WAGE Center can assist by providing not only educational and employment resources, but also referrals to community services that may be necessary to address any obstacles to achieving

employment and educational goals on the path to self-sufficiency.

With a holistic approach to the number of issue that may face a JRAP participant, the staff at the WAGE Center endeavor to serve each participant's individual situation with a menu of services.

