



The Coalition of Reentry Advocates (CoRA) is a New York State-based group that advocates for laws and policies to ensure that people who have had contact with the criminal justice system have a fair chance to succeed as full community members. We are excited to announce our current legislative priorities:

- Enacting legislation to allow the sealing of a record of conviction in certain circumstances after an appropriate length of time has passed;
- Passing a law to assure that people whose cases have been adjourned in contemplation of dismissal will not lose their jobs during the adjournment period;
- Redacting information on RAP sheets produced for civil purposes to exclude arrests where the case is more than five years old, no disposition is recorded, and there has been no activity on the case for at least five years;
- Enacting Fair Chance legislation to prevent New York State employers from asking about a job applicant's criminal record until after a conditional offer of employment has been made; and
- Enacting Fair Chance legislation to remove questions about a criminal record in higher education applications.

CoRA also wishes to announce the launch of its new website – [www.cora-ny.org](http://www.cora-ny.org). The website describes CoRA's work, history and mission as well as additional legislative proposals we support and/or have drafted. CoRA is made up of of the following organizations:

- The Bronx Defenders
- Center for Community Alternatives
- College and Community Fellowship
- Community Service Society
- The Fortune Society
- JustLeadershipUSA
- Legal Action Center
- The Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.
- MFY Legal Services
- Open Hands Legal Services
- The Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- The Sex Workers Project at the Urban Justice Center
- Youth Represent

CoRA also works with the following partner organizations:

- The Legal Aid Society
- Legal Services New York City
- Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.

Please visit our website for more information about CoRA and our work.