



COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIRS FOR RETURNING CITIZENS



BPL Workforce Development & HLS Legal Services Center

Wednesday, July 12th from 10 am – 12 pm: Roxbury/Nubian Square Branch

Agenda (In-Person & on Zoom)

10-10:30am: Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Services

**10:30-11am Massachusetts Criminal Record (CORI) Sealing and
Expungement Information Session**

The Safety Net Project of Harvard Law School's Legal Services
Center Free private consultations available after presentation

11am-12 pm Community Connections

Meet with community partner organizations:

Education Partners

Roxbury Community College

Bunker Hill Community College

Harvard Small Claims Advisory Service

Training and Workforce Development Partners

Casa Esperanza

New England Culinary Arts

Mayor's Office of Returning Citizens

YMCA of Greater Boston

Financial Planning Partners

HLS TaxHelp

Mayor's Center for Working Families

*** Virtual attendees will be able to
meet with organizations and seek free
private consultation regarding CORIs
via Zoom breakout rooms**



Light Refreshments Available

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Questions? Email jobhelp@bpl.org

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Organization Overviews

Education Partners:

Roxbury Community College:

- RCC offers 24 associate degree programs, 6 credit-based certificate programs, 13 non-credit professional certification programs, 30+ lifelong learning and fitness classes, and customized incumbent worker training programs.
- Contact: Abigail Saint-Cyr, asaintcyr@rcc.mass.edu

Bunker Hill Community College:

- Offers numerous programs of study that lead to Associate in Arts (A.A.) degrees, Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees and certificates.
- Contact: Kathleen O'Neill, kboneill@bhcc.edu

Harvard Small Claims Advisory Service:

- The Small Claims Advisory Service is the only organization in Massachusetts that focuses primarily on helping individuals navigate the Small Claims Court system in the Commonwealth.
- Contact: Small Claims Advisory Service, masmallclaims@gmail.com

Training and Workforce Development Partners:

Casa Esperanza:

- Casa Esperanza has five primary programs that support and meet the unique long term needs of people in recovery, all utilizing a client-centered integrated care approach to treatment and service delivery. Services are offered in both Spanish and English.
- Contact: Elsa Guzman, eguzman@casaesperanza.org

New England Culinary Arts:

- NECAT empowers adults facing barriers to employment through training in culinary skills, social-emotional development and career-readiness for success and long-term financial stability.
- Contact: Elise Brandwein, ebrandwein@ne-cat.org

Mayor's Office of Returning Citizens:

- The office supports those who return to Boston after being released from state, federal, and county facilities each year.
- Contact: Robert Turner, robert.turner@boston.gov

YMCA of Greater Boston Education and Training Branch:

- The Y's Education and Training Branch has provided support to underserved populations in Greater Boston since 1975. Their programs including English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) adult education and workforce development help those living in poverty to move into economic stability and self-sufficiency.
- Contact: Robert Lowell, rlowell@ymcaboston.org

Debt and Financial Planning Partners:

HLS TaxHelp:

- HLS TaxHelp provides low-income individuals and families with free, confidential tax assistance in preparing state and federal tax returns. Volunteer students are all IRS certified tax preparers.
- Contact: Jon-Yin Mills Chong, jchong.jd25@law.harvard.edu

Mayor's Center for Working Families:

- CWFs works to link those seeking financial security and wealth generation with access to capital, financial education, and financial services.
- Contact: Alan Gentle, alan.gentle@boston.gov

