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**NYC**  
Department of  
Probation

## If you are charged as a delinquent in Family Court:

### YOUR FAMILY COURT RECORDS:

- Are **not** open to the public.
- If your case is dismissed by a judge, your arrest and Family Court records will ordinarily be sealed.
- To make sure your arrest and court records are sealed or destroyed as required by law, ask your lawyer or write to **info@youthrepresent.org**

### REMEMBER:

- You can only be **adjudicated delinquent** in Family Court. This means you do not have a criminal record or conviction.
- **You can say “no”** when asked if you have been convicted of a crime; you have only been **adjudicated**.

## WHO CAN SEE YOUR RECORD IF YOU ARE ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT IN FAMILY COURT?

- Most employers **cannot** see your record.
- Law enforcement agencies can see your record.
- The Military can see your record.
- Ask your attorney: there may be immigration consequences.

## CAN I CLEAR MY RECORD?

- Ask to get your arrest and/or Family Court record removed after you turn 16; it is not automatic. Ask your lawyer or write to **info@youthrepresent.org**
- Your arrest-related records **will** be destroyed on or after your 21st birthday *only if you are not convicted of a crime in adult court before you turn 21.*

