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ABOUT IT
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Remember:

- If you are 12 to 17 years old, you go to Juvenile Court.
- Once you turn 18, you go to Adult Court.

The impact of a court record could include:

- Your family getting evicted or losing public housing.
- Being suspended or expelled from school.
- Getting rejected by the military.
- Not getting or delaying when you can get a driver's license.
- Getting rejected for a job at a daycare or summer camp.
- Getting rejected for a job with the federal government.
- Putting your immigration status at risk.

If you have a record:

- If you are found delinquent, you are at most “adjudicated” so **don’t say** you’ve been “convicted” on job application forms.

To seal/expunge your record:

- Your record is **never** automatically sealed.
- You must submit a form to ask the court to seal (hide) your record.
- In some cases, you may be able to **expunge** (permanently erase) your record.

For more information:

- If you have a lawyer, call your lawyer.
- You can also visit gbls.org/self-help/cori or scan the QR code below.



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