

## **ESSEX COUNTY-SPECIFIC LICENSE RESTORATION RESOURCES**

There are two additional resources available for Essex County residents to aid in the license restoration process.

### **Essex County License Reinstatement Program (LRP)**

**The Program:** The License Reinstatement Program is a project of the Essex Vicinage Superior Court which helps people with suspended licenses for non-payment of traffic violation fines and penalties in multiple Essex County municipal courts. The program allows individuals to consolidate and resolve all Essex County municipal court fines in a single court proceeding and obtain one affordable payment plan based on their ability to pay and income.

**Eligibility:** in order to qualify for LRP assistance you must have (1) a suspended license, due to (2) multiple fines and penalties in (3) Essex County municipal courts, and (4) some ability to comply with an agreed-upon payment plan.

**To Apply:** You can call the court program directly at (973) 693-5765; or complete the intake process by meeting with a license suspension representative at the Newark One Stop Career Center (990 Broad Street, Newark, NJ).

**Download a brochure:** at <http://www.njisj.org/documents/LRPBrochurerevisedApril2008.pdf>.

### **ReLeSe: Newark Reentry Legal Services**

**The Program:** ReLeSe, a legal services program of the Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, is designed to help individuals with criminal records address civil legal matters that are barriers to successful community reintegration. ReLeSe matches clients with volunteer attorneys to handle issues most commonly encountered by recently incarcerated individuals but not handled by existing legal services programs, including representation in license suspension matters. All assistance is provided free of charge.

**Eligibility:** Any low-income Newark (or Essex County) resident who has been incarcerated in jail or prison, or otherwise has a criminal record, is eligible for ReLeSe assistance.

**To Apply:** ReLeSe does not accept self-referrals. If you are in need of assistance, call (973) 645-0022 or email [relese@vljnj.org](mailto:relese@vljnj.org) to be referred to a partner organization which will screen you for eligibility. You can also complete the intake process at the Newark One Stop Career Center (990 Broad Street, Newark, NJ).

**Website:** <http://www.volunteerlawyersnj.org/relese.htm>