



Working to raise awareness of Utah's Clean Slate law and help low-income people clear their records and access opportunity.

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# The Problem

- ▶ There are **800,000 Utahns** living with some type of criminal record.
- ▶ Having a criminal record makes it difficult to obtain housing, jobs, loans, and other opportunities.
- ▶ Criminal records are **digital and permanent** unless someone goes through the legal expungement process.



This is Destiny and her daughter Brooklyn. Destiny is one of over 800,000 Utahns living with a criminal record.

# Utah's Clean Slate Law



- ▶ In March 2019, Utah became the **second state in the nation** to automate the criminal record expungement process for most misdemeanor offenses.
- ▶ Implementation began on **February 10, 2022**. Utah government agencies are using technology to provide relief to hundreds of thousands of individuals with criminal records.
  - Shifts the process burden from the individual to the government
  - **Automatically clears** misdemeanor A drug possession, most misdemeanor B and C offenses, and all infractions.
  - Individuals must meet petition-based numerical limits and be conviction free for at least 5 years.
  - **Estimated impact:** more than **450,000 people**

# More Work to Do

- ▶ Utah's Clean Slate law is a huge step forward, but there are two outstanding issues to address: (1) **notification**; and (2) **records that do not qualify for automatic clearance**.
- ▶ Utah's Clean Slate law has **no direct notification requirement**, so we must work together to spread the word about the new legislation. If no one knows about the law, we will have no impact.
- ▶ Utah's Clean Slate law **applies only to certain misdemeanor offenses**, so individuals with felony records or misdemeanors that don't qualify for automatic record clearance must go through the petition-based expungement process to obtain full-record clearance.
- ▶ Clean Slate Utah was formed to help address these issues.



# Clean Slate Utah

# Goals of Clean Slate Utah

- ▶ Utah's Clean Slate law is **fully implemented** and all eligible records are automatically cleared;
- ▶ Individuals with records **are aware of the law** and its impact on their lives
- ▶ Eligible individuals **take advantage of the law** to access greater opportunities;
- ▶ The **voices of directly impacted people are elevated** to put a human face on the importance of this issue.

# What Clean Slate Utah is Doing

- ▶ Meeting regularly as a **diverse coalition of community-based organizations and directly impacted people** to shape our campaign together.
- ▶ **Provide free screening and Raise money** to cover the cost of non-waivable government fees for individuals who are below 300% of the FPL
- ▶ Providing **peer navigation support** to self-represented people and serving as a **resource hub** for community partners.
- ▶ **Pardon Support**
- ▶ **Telling the stories** of people with records.

# How do I know if my record was automatically cleared?

- ▶ Clean Slate Utah will **post information** on our [website](#) and share regular updates on social media, .
- ▶ **Rasa**, a public benefit software company, has developed **mobile app** that will help people determine what is on their record, what is eligible for expungement, what may be eligible for expungement in the future, and whether any records were automatically cleared under Utah's Clean Slate law.
- ▶ The app will be **free to use** for everyone who are **Clean Slate Utah applicants**.
- ▶ The app will cost **\$15 for everyone else**.
- ▶ The mobile app is available NOW and will be the easiest way for individuals to determine their legal expungement rights.



# 2022 Legislation

# SB 35

- ▶ **SB 35 (Weiler).** Increases the numerical limits on offenses under the Expungement Act if a person has remained crime free for 10 years. Makes a number of process changes that reduce the cost and complexity of the petition-based expungement process.

# Questions?

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**Clean Slate Campaign Video:** <https://vimeo.com/390023868>

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# MEDIA LINKS



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[Clean Slate Laws Could Soften the Labor Crisis \(NPR's Marketplace, 2021\)](#)

[How Some States are Working to Make Your Rap Sheet Disappear \(Deseret News, 2021\)](#)

[Utah Can Help Lead the Nation in Helping Average People Navigate the Legal System \(Salt Lake Tribune, 2020\)](#)

[Utah Lawmaker Proposes Clean Slate to Automatically Wipe Away Non-Violent Records \(Deseret News, March 2019\)](#)

[Salt Lake County's First Expungement Day Helps Dozens Clear Their Criminal Records \(Deseret News, 2018\)](#)