

HOMEWARD BOUND

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“DON’T WAIT ON THE BOARD”

by Larry Chandler, Chair
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To the inmate:

HB 463, passed in the last legislative session, dictated the most far reaching changes in my career since the Consent Decree days of the 1980’s. The days of merely ‘doing time’ in prison or jail are over. The system now evaluates each inmate, devises a treatment plan for each inmate and puts that plan into action. You of course are the integral part of the plan and your participation is critical. You must address the problems that brought you to prison, you must provide input into the plan and, most importantly, you must make the plan work and you must work the plan. If you are not sincere, you will come up with a multitude of excuses of why you cannot get involved in SAP, why you can’t get into a cognitive behavior modification program like Thinking for a Change or similar program, excuses why you can’t get your GED, excuses why you can’t behave, keep a job, follow the rules and... You know better than I all the excuses and critical thinking errors that cause those other inmates to fail. On a personal note, it never made sense to me as a warden why any inmate would not take advantage of the educational opportunities provided by the KY DOC. Critical Thinking 101 or lack thereof?

If you are sincere and you truly want to change your life, pay attention to your case worker, class D coordinator and everyone who is trying to guide you to the right path. You must take responsibility for your treatment, you know what brought you to this point and by now you know what it will take to change. Go to work; do not make the Kentucky Department of Corrections work harder than you to keep you out of prison. And a final word of advice, do not wait on the Parole Board to tell you what you need, have it done when you see us. Parole is a privilege and there are absolutely no guarantees for parole. There are, however, things you can accomplish to enhance your chances for parole. There are also things you can do to decrease your chances. Simply doing good time is not enough; get to work and good luck.

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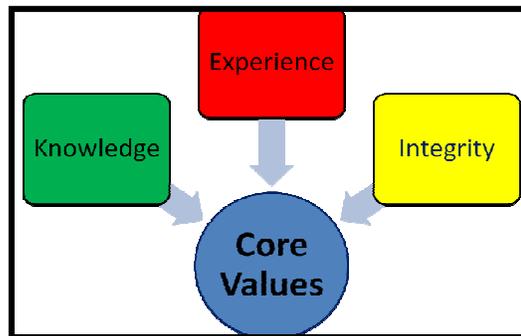
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Chairman

Kentucky Parole Board Mission

The Kentucky Parole Board will make decisions that maintain a delicate balance between public safety, victim’s rights, reintegration of the offender and recidivism. We will achieve this important balance by application of our Core Values:



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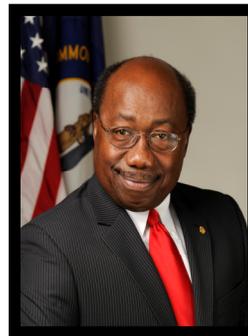
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EXPUNGEMENT OF MISDEMEANOR RECORD

CONVICTION OR NON-CONVICTION

Under acts of the 1992 and 1996 Kentucky General Assembly, persons with certain offenses may be eligible to have their criminal charges expunged. Once expunged, the record will no longer exist and it will be as if the charge was never entered.

REQUIREMENTS:

Criminal Record:

You must present proof of your criminal record. This can be obtained from pre-trial records in Frankfort.

Phone:	1-800-928-6381
Address:	Administrative Office of the Courts 100 Millcreek Park, Frankfort, KY 40601

Petition:

You must petition the District Court where the charges were placed to have your record expunged. Upon the filing of a petition, the court shall set a date for a hearing and shall notify the county attorney and anyone believed to have relevant information related to the expungement.

Fee:

A fee of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars is required per case number that you seek to have expunged. The fee can be in the form of money order, cash or credit card. If the expungement is denied in Court, the money will be refunded and mailed within 30 days of the court date.

RESTRICTIONS ON EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS:

1. Felony convictions are not able to be expunged. In other words, if you have a felony charge you need not apply.
2. Criminal record must be free of other convictions within five (5) years before and five (5) years after the offense you are having expunged.
3. Crimes against children are not able to be expunged.
4. Sex crimes are not able to be expunged.
5. If you were placed on probation, at least five (5) years must have passed from the end of your probation.
6. A conviction cannot be expunged if you have charges pending.



Dismissed Charges:

If the charge was dismissed with prejudice or the defendant was found not guilty, the charge may be expunged after sixty (60) days with no fee.

**THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF JEFFERSON COUNTY OFFERS FREE CLINICS
ON EXPUNGEMENT**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON TIMES AND DATES**

(schedules are published every two months)

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502-584-1254 or 502-584-3113

An attorney will be on hand to discuss the expungement process and which charges can be expunged. Attendees are encouraged to bring a copy of their criminal record which shows the disposition of each case. A copy of the record may be obtained from Court Archives located in the basement of the Old Jail building at 514 West Liberty Street in Louisville.

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Can I get some money when I leave?

ANSWER: The decision to give anyone “gate money” is made on a case by case basis at the Warden’s discretion. That decision will be based on several factors including the travel time to the home placement destination, the mode of transportation, and whether or not there was an effort on your part to save money during your incarceration.

QUESTION: How long do I have to report?

ANSWER: Offenders are advised that they shall report at intervals directed by their Parole Officer. The amount of time an offender reports is based on their sentence length. Offenders may also be told about levels of supervision and the requirements to be placed on a less restrictive supervision status based on the risk/needs assessment.

