TIME SERVED
FREEDOM REENTRY EMPOWERMENT

ABOUT US

Time Served is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit legal aid organization that provides free, high-quality legal services to people impacted by the criminal legal system in South Carolina. We do this so they can rebuild their lives with dignity, stability, and opportunity.

Our work is designed to work on both sides of the reality of our criminal legal system: helping people get free when release is justified, and helping people get stable when their record is standing in the way of their future.

Our mission is to rebuild lives, restore freedoms, and reunite individuals deeply impacted by the criminal legal system through compassionate legal advocacy and thoughtful systemic reform.

We envision a reformed South Carolina justice system that embraces hope, dignity, and the human capacity for positive transformation.

Time Served's approach is to simultaneously work on three distinct levels:

INDIVIDUAL
Direct legal services

POLICY & SYSTEMIC
Impact litigation and policy education / advocacy

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Building community awareness and partnerships

OUR SERVICES: **REENTRY**

Reentry legal services are centered around removing people from the cycle of instability that follows conviction. Instability can look like:

- blocked employment or housing;
- financial / legal debt spiral;
- ongoing legal exposure due to lack of employment or housing (recidivism).

Record Cleaning

Expungements & pardons, which remove barriers to housing, jobs, education, and more.

Driver's License Reinstatement

Helping people restore driving privileges so they can work, care for family, and access essential services.

Family Reunification

Visitation or custody modifications when the family separation happened because our client was incarcerated.

Other Collateral Consequence Navigation

Assistance with other issues related to any number of legal barriers tied to a criminal record (such as supervision compliance).

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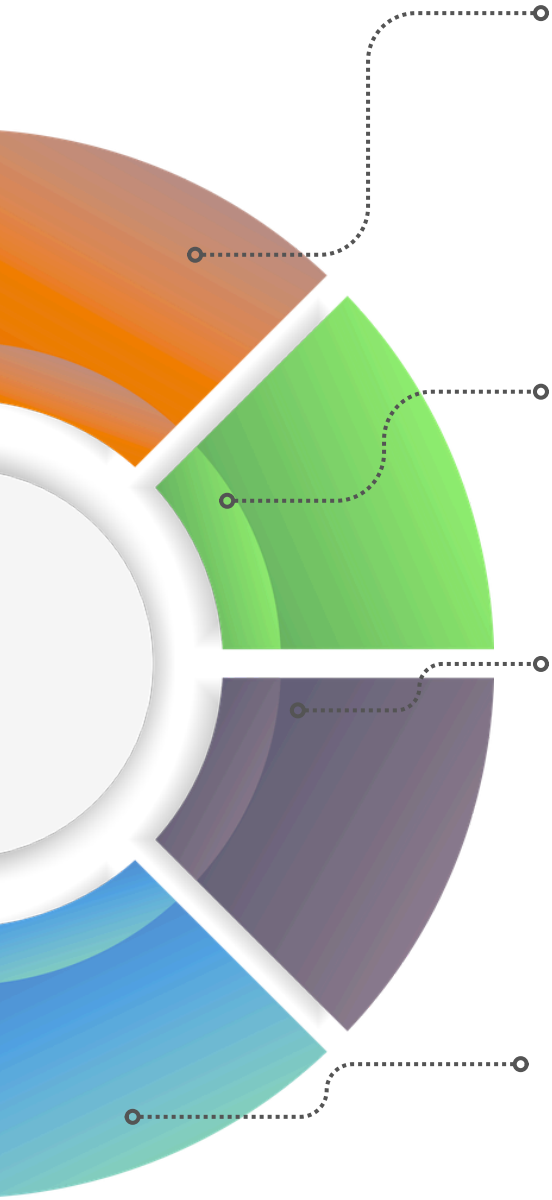
OUR SERVICES: **RELEASE**

Release legal services are focused on freeing currently incarcerated people who have compelling grounds for release.



Parole Representation & Medical Release

For people serving life or lengthy sentences, many of whose incarceration is directly linked to their youth or vulnerability (i.e., survivors of interpersonal violence), and the elderly and dying.

Sentence Clarification and Reduction

Ensuring sentences are lawful, fair, and accurately applied.

Actual Innocence and Wrongful Conviction Cases

Advocating where serious questions exist about innocence and fairness.

Strategic and limited Post Conviction Relief (PCR) Representation

Where the outcome will impact more than just our client.

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IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES

28
clients secured pardons—the final step toward homecoming.

10
Free legal clinics hosted in the community.

17
clients completely cleared their records, opening the door to full freedom.

465+
charges expunged, removing legal barriers.

550+
neighbors empowered with free reentry legal services.

30+
Community partners multiplying our second chance impact.

200+
cases reviewed for potential release and homecoming.

5
clients serving 30+ year sentences released from prison on parole.

$3.8 million
saved for South Carolina taxpayers in incarceration costs.

6
lives redirected through sentence reduction & diversion.

Our Supporters + Funders

+ more!

Our Community Partners

Soteria CDC
S.C. Legal Services
South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Program
Rainy Day Fund
Upstate Warrior Solution
Front Porch Housing
Jasmine Road
United Ministries
Triune Mercy Center
SC Appleseed
Turn90
SCDEW
Persevere
Midlands Reentry Coalition
B.E.S.T. Lives Center
South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty
South Carolina Dept. of Veterans' Affairs
JumpStart Prison Ministry
SHIELD Ministries
Pendleton Place
Concordance
Spartanburg Homeless Engagement + Response Team
SWITCH
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