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OJJDP RELEASES *Expunging Juvenile Records: Misconceptions, Collateral Consequences, and Emerging Practices*

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention today released *Expunging Juvenile Records: Misconceptions, Collateral Consequences, and Emerging Practices*. This bulletin discusses common misconceptions surrounding expungement of juvenile records. It also provides information about the collateral consequences of juvenile records as well as federal, state and local emerging practices.

Although the general public and impacted youth assume expunged juvenile records no longer exist, handling of these records varies widely from state to state. Expungement, sealing and confidentiality are three legally distinct methods for destroying or limiting access to juvenile records. These methods may allow the police, courts or the public to access juvenile records, depending on state laws.

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