

# DO YOU HAVE LEGAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS?

HB 1169 WAS PASSED IN MAY AND CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT STARTING JULY 1, 2023



## JUVENILE COURT DEBT CHANGES:

- Fines & fees MAY NOT be charged in juvenile court after July 1, 2023
  - If you are charged fees reach out to the organizations listed below
- Crime Victim Penalty Assessment (VPA) eliminated for juveniles
- Eliminates non-restitution LFOs for juveniles (incl. diversion fee, youth court fee, fines, cost of mental health evaluations)

## ADULT COURT DEBT CHANGES:

- The DNA fee is now eliminated and cannot be collected
  - Requires court, upon motion of offender, to waive previous imposed DNA database fee
- The VPA fee is now subject to “ability to pay”
- You can petition to get old debt for both these adult fees waived
- It is still worth talking to a lawyer to see if you can get your LFOs reduced or waived. There have been many changes to the law over the last few years that may help you.

## IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED LEGAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATION HELP, PLEASE CONTACT:

- Civil Survival - [info@civilsurvival.org](mailto:info@civilsurvival.org)
  - They host a monthly “Ask a Lawyer” event for all ages
- Legal Counsel for Youth & Children (LCYC) - (206) 494-0323
  - Serves youth 12-24 who are experiencing, or at risk of, housing instability
- TeamChild - (206) 322-2444
  - Serves youth in Yakima, King, Spokane, and Pierce Counties
  - Serves youth statewide who have been incarcerated at Washington State’s DCYF Juvenile Rehabilitation program in the past six years.

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