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Legal support for homeless People PAJIC

DESCRIPTION

The Programme d'accompagnement justice – itinérance à la cour (PAJIC) is a legal support program offered by the Ville de Montréal Municipal Court. It aims at helping people who have lived through a period of homelessness, are currently in a process of social re-integration, and who wish to normalize their legal situation. The program seeks to reduce the impact of a person's judicial record in order to facilitate his or her process of social reintegration.

WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM?

A person who has lived through a period of homelessness and has a penal and/or criminal record at the Ville de Montréal Municipal Court, which constitutes an impediment to his or her re-integration into society. The program is voluntary in nature, and the person can decide to withdraw from the program at any time.

WHO IS INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM?

Various entities and individuals are involved in this program on a daily basis:

- the Clinique Droits Devant;
- prosecuting attorneys;
- defense attorneys;
- judges of the Municipal Court;
- Ville de Montréal employees involved in the collecting of fines;
- social workers connected to various community organizations.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

Individuals who decide to participate in the program are referred by the *Clinique Droits Devant* as well as by other social workers, defense attorneys, or prosecuting attorneys.