

# Felony Drug Convictions and CalWORKs

If you have a felony drug conviction, you usually can not get CalWORKs for yourself, even if your children get aid. (You may be able to get Food Stamps.)

## **You can get CalWORKs if you have your felony conviction dismissed or expunged!**

To see if you qualify, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Did you spend any time in prison for your conviction?
2. Are you still on probation?
3. Are you currently charged with any crime?

**If you can answer “No” to these questions, you probably can get an Expungement.**

*If you are still on probation*, you may be able to get your probation shortened. This will let you get an expungement sooner.

The expungement process is fairly easy. Often the County Public Defender’s Office can help you file the court papers.

### **Other benefits of an expungement**

- ✓ Your criminal record will be less of a problem when you apply for a job.
- ✓ The conviction cannot be brought up in civil suits or public employment

Remember, you should be getting **food stamps** if you were convicted of possession only and you are/were in a treatment program or sign a statement that you are not using.

***It’s like rewriting history. Give yourself a new start!***

For more information, contact:

