

Fines, Fees, & Bail: A Look at Criminal Justice Debt & its Effects on the Poor

Do you receive excessive traffic tickets?

Have you ever had your driver's license suspended?

Have you ever had to post bail that you could not afford to pay?

Too often, cities like Buffalo look to fund government functions by relying on revenue generated from criminal justice debt, a burden that disproportionately impacts the poor and poor people of color. The dependency of government agencies, the courts, and the police departments on revenue from criminal justice debt have long-lasting negative effects on communities & the people they are supposed to serve.

Please come and join the Western New York Law Center as we bring awareness to the issue of criminal justice debt and its effects on poor communities and communities of color. We will also explore solutions to combat and eliminate criminal justice debt.

Victims of these practices, community leaders, and community organizations are encouraged to attend.

Panelist include:

Andrea Ó Súilleabháin, Executive Director at the Partnership for the Public Good.

Katie Adamides, the Fines and Fees Justice Center's New York State Director.

Keisha Williams, Attorney, at the Western New York Law Center.

Moderator:

Dejon Hall, member of the Police Advisory Board & Director of The MOCHA Center.

The event will take place at the Frank E. Merriweather Library, 1324 Jefferson Ave, Buffalo, NY 14208 on April 25th, 2019 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

This is a public event.

There will be light refreshments.

Please contact Jalonda Hill at 716 - 855 - 0203 ext. 119 for more information.