Driving with Debt: What Attorneys and Organizers Can Do to Address the Problem of Driver’s License Suspensions for Court Debt

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Most states suspend driver’s licenses based on unpaid debts arising out of criminal proceedings or traffic tickets, and as a result millions of low-income people have lost their licenses simply because they cannot afford to pay fines and fees. This webinar will briefly address the harsh, perverse, and discriminatory impact of such policies before diving into what attorneys and local organizers can do to address this problem. We’ll use efforts in Virginia and North Carolina as case studies, and will hear from advocates in Virginia engaged in impact litigation and legislative reform efforts that appear poised for success, as well as from an attorney and an organizer with North Carolina’s innovative Second Chance Mobility Project, which pairs a drivers’ license protection and restoration legal services delivery program with community engagement and organizing.

Speakers:
Angela Ciolfi, Legal Aid Justice Center
Daniel Bowes, North Carolina Justice Center
Dennis Gaddy, Community Success Initiative
Moderated by Samuel Brooke, Southern Poverty Law Center

Additional material: Drivern By Dollars || Opinion granting preliminary injunction

Understanding the Impact of Car Ownership Programs

January 27, 2012

This webinar discussed measuring and understanding the outcomes for vehicles for change recipients and also results and the method of evaluation.

Speakers: Jeffrey E. Faulkner (Ways to Work, Inc.), Martin Schwartz (Vehicles for Chang), Dr. Yvette Lamb & Emily Appel-Newby (ICF International), John W. Van Alst (NCLC)
Cars and Insurance Issues

Cost and availability of car insurance, especially for low-income families as well as other car insurance issues including credit insurance and insurance related products and the practices of insurance companies when dealing with claims and damaged cars.

Yo-Yo Sales- Understanding Car Dealers’ Attempts to Create Conditional Car Sales

This webinar covers car dealers practice of “yo-yo” or spot delivery car sales financing abuses, how consumers are harmed, and what can be done. Only a recording is available.

New Working Cars for Working Families Website and Getting to Know More Than Wheels

This webinar provides a breakdown of the More Than Wheels mission and how the program works, as well as a walk through of the new Working Cars for Working Families website.
The Importance & Impact of Cars for Family Economic Success

This webinar covers the topics of travel patterns of low-income families, automobiles and economic opportunity, and the auto advantage.

Add-ons and Loan Packing: How and Why Car Dealers

This webinar discusses litigation, payment packing, NAAG resolution, and potential policy solutions in relation to add-ons and loan packing by car dealers.
Small Loans That Create BIG Problems: Payday and Auto Title Loans

This webinar provides an overview and discussion of the risks of payday and auto title loans.

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Baby, You Can Take My Car: The Dangers of Auto Title Loans

This webinar covers the basics of title loans, title lending policy, and predatory features.

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Transportation and an Aging America

This webinar discusses the demographic and travel characteristics of an aging population, common abuses in auto sales and finance, issues of particular importance to older americans, and where to find help and resources.

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