The intersection of technology, financial services, and employment practices can put breadwinners at risk — especially low-wage and low-income workers who need every penny earned to survive and support their families.

The National Consumer Law Center’s expertise focuses on worker protections, including accurate credit reports and employment background checks, effective prepaid benefits and payroll cards, protection of wages from debt collection, and fair car sales and lending.

Employer Use of Credit Reports and Background Checks

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Consumers Union and NCLC Model State Payroll Card Law

Unemployment & Other Federal Benefits Prepaid Cards

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Work Transportation

Programs

Working Cars for Working Families: A safe and reliable car is essential to the success of
most working families. This NCLC project contains information on policies and programs (including car ownership programs for low-income families) to secure a fair deal when buying and financing a car.