CROWN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER
AND
SAVE OUR STREETS (S.O.S.)
CROWN HEIGHTS

REENTRY RESOURCE DIRECTORY
2010-2011

You can use this guide to find information about:
Housing, Legal Advocacy, Counseling, Family Services,
Education, Employment and Career Development,
Medical Services, Substance Abuse Treatment,
and Spiritual Resources.
About This Guide

This is a directory of services, resources, and information for people who have been incarcerated and are now returning to their communities. We hope you will find it helpful.

We've recently confirmed all of the information about the places listed here, but we recommend you always call places first in case something has changed. Also, please let us know if you have found a new helpful program that we should include in the next version of this directory.

The directory lists information on housing, legal advocacy, counseling, family services, education, employment, career development, medical services, substance abuse treatment, and spiritual resources. You will also find a section of helpful hints at the back of the book called "Basics", which provides details about getting appropriate identification and finding employment, followed by some additional resources and a glossary.

It is our intent to distribute this manual as widely as possible so that all members of our community can use it to assist anybody who was formerly incarcerated. We hope that it will be one of the tools that can be used to keep our newly-released community members from returning to jail and to break the cycle of recidivism in Crown Heights.

We would like to thank Miriam Proper, Carole Belk and Rachel Levy for their hard work on this directory.

About Us

Crown Heights Community Mediation Center

The Crown Heights Community Mediation Center is a safe, neutral place where young people and adults in our neighborhood can come to express concerns, settle disputes, and work together to achieve common goals. We have two main goals: to bring local residents together and to provide the community with the tools and resources to resolve its own conflicts. The Center works both out of its storefront office on Kingston Avenue as well as around the community at our office we offer resources, referrals, and youth programs, and in the community we run youth development programs in local schools.

Save Our Streets (S.O.S.) Crown Heights

Save Our Streets Crown Heights (S.O.S.) is a community-based effort to end shootings and killings in our neighborhood. Launched in February 2010 by the Center and many local partners including neighborhood organizations, churches, pastors, and community residents, S.O.S. Crown Heights will reduce the violence in our streets.

S.O.S. Crown Heights street outreach workers work closely with the people most likely to be involved in a shooting. They build relationships and offer guidance and mentorship and help to find their participants jobs, GED classes, and other services that might be helpful. Outreach workers are the proof that there is a different and better way to live that does not involve shooting. Trusted and respected on the streets, they work primarily at night and focus on the areas where a shooting is most likely to happen.

Although our goal is to prevent all shootings, the outreach workers also mobilize our community if a shooting does happen. They organize the community after every shooting in our area to get the message out that the shootings must stop. Outreach workers also organize positive community events such as basketball tournaments, step competitions, and barbecues to continually push the message that so many of our partners and community members already believe: “Stop the shootings.”

Your feedback is important to us!
If you have had positive (or negative) experiences with any of the agencies listed in this directory, please let us know. If you have suggestions of ways to improve this directory, we hope that you will share them with us.
**BROOKLYN**

Brooklyn Community Housing and Services
25 Chapel Street, Suite 1200 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-625-4545
www.bchands.org

- Places adults with serious and persistent mental illnesses in private apartments throughout Clinton Hill, Crown Heights, East Flatbush, Flatbush, Fort Greene, Fort Hamilton, Park Slope and Prospect Heights sections of Brooklyn
- Provides ongoing case management, daily living skills training, substance abuse counseling, and mental health care

**In order to be eligible for housing, an individual must:**

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have a primary Axis I diagnosis such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major depression, and either receive SSI or SSD due to mental illness, or have an extended impairment in functioning due to mental illness, or rely on psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation, and support
- Be a documented homeless individual as defined by the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) under the terms of the NYNY agreement, including an approved HRA 2005 form and approval letter officially registering the individual as NYNY eligible
- Demonstrate the ability to live on their own or with roommates by maintaining psychiatric stability, managing medication independently, being financially responsible and having shown a commitment to sobriety
- Have a current psychosocial assessment completed (conducted within the last 90 days)
- Have a mental status evaluation and a physical examination completed (conducted within the last 30 days)
- Have documentation verifying current income, or eligibility for Medicaid, HR, SSI or SSD
- Have copies of appropriate identification

**Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association**
1482 St. John’s Place, Suite 1F Brooklyn, NY 11213
718-773-4116

- Provides advice, assistance and housing court representation to community members
- Specializes in community landlord/tenant issues
- Counseling for first-time home buyers as well as assistance dealing with foreclosures

**CAMBA**
1720 Church Avenue, 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11226
718-287-2600
www.camba.org

- Provides housing assistance, homelessness prevention and intervention units, and a relocation assistance program for families within NYC’s shelter system
- Runs several homeless shelters
- Provides anti-eviction legal services to families with children who are eligible for Emergency Assistance to families, includes representation in housing court
- Runs a loan program for families at risk of losing their homes
- Homes of Your Own Program provides tenant outreach, relocation assistance
- To apply, contact CAMBA directly by phone or visit their office.
The Redemption Center
1186 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233
718-922-1627
www.theredemptioncntr.com

A not-for-profit, faith-based, social service agency that provides:

- Safe, affordable, and drug-free transitional housing to people formerly incarcerated who are being discharged from institutional settings (correctional facilities, substance abuse treatment programs, the shelter system)
- Single bed units in a dorm-style setting with common living space and bathrooms for up to 17 residents
- Assistance in developing skills to be self-supporting and live independently: supportive transitional services, skills training, education and support groups, referral services
- 9 pm house curfew
- Must be referred within one year of prison release

Women's Prison Association
Brooklyn Community Office
175 Remsen Street, 9th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
646-336-6100
www.wpaonline.org

Sunflower House
- Self-governed permanent housing environment for women with criminal justice histories and in recovery
- Offers courses on budgeting and building maintenance; organizes regular house meetings

Eligibility requirements:
- Must have criminal justice history
- Must be employed
To apply, contact the Sunflower House for an application. Vacancies are limited.

HELPFUL HINT
When looking for housing, be advised that not all housing options are legal or safe. Please see page 7 for information about illegal boarding houses.
The Doe Fund
www.doe.org

Provides transitional and permanent housing opportunities through these programs:

- Peter Jay Sharp Residence
  223 East 117th Street, New York, NY 10039
  212-996-3165
  - Affordable apartments in East Harlem with on-site 12-step meetings, fitness room, and case management
  - Tenants are committed to supporting each other in their common goals of staying drug-free and employed

- Special Needs Assessment and Placement (SNAP)
  345 East 102nd Street, New York, NY 10029
  646-672-2990
  - Helps individuals and families move into independent and supportive living situations
  - Provides: intensive case management, life skills assistance, mental health assessments and referrals, drug relapse prevention and substance abuse services, socialization activities, permanency planning and aftercare services

Fortune Society
53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor New York, NY 10010
212-690-6202
www.fortunesociety.org

- Fortune Academy: West Harlem
  - Provides 62 beds in single and shared occupancy units for homeless people who were formerly incarcerated
  - Includes industrial kitchen that provides nutritious meals, a computer lab, a laundry room, and a communal space
  - Services also include education, career development, and counseling in downtown offices

Eligibility Requirements:
- Clients must be homeless and have been released from prison or jail within the last year

For more information about the program, or to refer a potential resident, please contact Patricia Haversham-Brown, Senior Director of Residential Services, at pbrown@fortunesociety.org or 212-690-6202.

Scattered Site Program:
- Uses relationships with landlords and management companies to find safe, affordable apartments for clients
- Assists clients with move-in expenses, such as utilities and security deposits
- Refers clients to community organizations that can provide additional support

For more information about the program, please contact Katherine Leptokaropoulos, Senior Director of Scattered Site Housing, at kleptokaropoulos@fortunesociety.org or 212-293-0942.

- Services for single adults who have substance abuse disorders coupled with histories of incarceration and homelessness
- Individuals who have had three shelter stays and three jail stays within five years and are in NY/NY III Category “F” approved shelters can qualify

Frequent User Service Enhancement Program (FUSE)
2006 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10037
212-979-8800 ext. 377

- Services for single adults who have substance abuse disorders coupled with histories of incarceration and homelessness
- Individuals who have had three shelter stays and three jail stays within five years and are in NY/NY III Category “F” approved shelters can qualify
**BROOKLYN**

**Bedford-Stuyvesant Legal Services Corporation**
1360 Fulton Street, Suite 301 Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-636-1155

Provides free legal help to low-income residents in the Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights communities in the following areas:
- Homelessness prevention
- Public benefits
- Public assistance (food stamps, Medicaid and Medicare, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income/Disability)
- Consumer
- Family

Serves the following zip codes: 11221, 11225, 11233, 11213, 11216.

**Legal Aid Society**
**Brooklyn Neighborhood Office**
111 Livingston Street, 7th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-722-3100
www.legal-aid.org

The Legal Aid Society Brooklyn Neighborhood Office provides legal services related to:

**Housing:**
- Preventing evictions
- Representing tenant groups
- Securing repairs
- Obtaining and preserving housing subsidies
- Challenging rent increases and overcharges
- Obtaining rent increase exemptions for seniors and the disabled
- Preventing foreclosures

**Government Benefits:**
The Government Benefits practice assists clients in obtaining and maintaining means-based government benefits. In all five boroughs of New York City, the practice provides information and assistance in benefits-related areas such as:
- Public assistance
- Food stamps

**Osborne Association, Court Advocacy Services**
175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-637-6560  Fax: 718-237-0686
www.osborneny.org

Serves:
- People charged with felonies, including juveniles, who are represented either through the Assigned Counsel Plan ("18-B") attorneys in New York City, or other attorneys

Services:
- Advocates client-specific sentencing alternatives—including treatment or other community-based sanctions—in appropriate cases
- Monitors the progress of clients released from pre-trial detention or sentenced to an alternative to incarceration
- Makes referrals and facilitates intake to hundreds of community-based programs that provide mental health, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse treatment services, and educational and vocational placements
- Provides technical assistance to defense attorneys, including identifying experts (medical, psychological, etc.)

To access services, call Osborne Association directly or have attorney fill out an application for technical assistance services.
Mobilization for Youth (MFY) Legal Services, Inc.
Illegal Boarding House Project
299 Broadway, New York, NY 10007
Phone: 212-417-3700  Fax: 212-417-3891
www.mfy.org

- Defends the rights of people in Brooklyn living in illegal boarding houses (three-quarter houses), which are not licened to provide any social services, have poor living conditions, and are often subject to vacate orders
- Assists and advocates on landlord-tenant issues, eviction prevention, illegal evictions, and on obtaining repairs

For information or to schedule an appointment, please call 212-417-3838 on Mondays between 10-12:30pm or 2-4:30pm.

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Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York
377 Broadway, 9th Floor New York, NY 10013
212-346-7600
center@antibiaslaw.com

- Prevents discrimination and expands civil rights protections in housing, employment, education and public accommodations through advocacy, litigation, education, outreach, research, and monitoring
- Provides counseling and litigation for individuals who have experienced discrimination in the housing context
- Does not handle landlord-tenant disputes

City Bar Justice Center, Reentry Project
42 W. 44th Street, New York, NY 10036
212-382-6600
www.citybarjusticecenter.org

- Provides people with criminal records free legal assistance reviewing and correcting errors on their criminal records
- Helps clients apply for Certificates of Relief from Disabilities and Certificates of Good Conduct
- Challenges denials of public housing based on past criminal convictions

The Fortune Society
53 W. 23rd Street, 8th floor New York, NY 10010
212-691-7554
www.fortunesociety.org

Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Programs
- Staff members work with defense attorneys, prosecutors and judges to obtain non-incarcerative sentences for carefully screened people facing charges
- Clients must be facing at least a year of jail or prison time
- Programs include: Nueva Vida for Spanish speaking persons; FlameTree for clients with serious substance abuse histories; and DAMAS (Daughters and Mothers ATI Services) designed specifically to address the needs of women

For more information, please contact Peggy Arroyo, Senior Director of ATI and Family Services, at parroyo@fortunesociety.org or 212-691-7554 x235.

Legal Action Center
225 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014
212-243-1313; 800-223-4044
www.lac.org

- Provides free legal services to formerly incarcerated people, recovering alcoholics, and substance abusers
- Helps obtain your rap sheet (arrest and conviction record) and provides information on how to “clean up” your rap sheet
- Counsels on your rights when seeking employment

Call Mon. - Fri. 9-5 for an appointment. Formerly incarcerated people please call Tue. or Fri. 9:30-4:30. Spanish also spoken. Accessible to people with disabilities.

Legal Aid Society of New York
Prisoners Rights Project
199 Water Street, New York, NY 10038
212-577-3530
www.legal-aid.org

- Protects the legal rights of people in New York City prisons through litigation and legal advice
- Provides people in prisons with informational materials on their legal rights
- PRP does not deal with incarcerated peoples’ criminal cases or matters related to parole. PRP’s priorities include:
  - guard brutality and sexual abuse
  - disability discrimination
  - lack of mental health and medical care
  - lack of educational programs for young people in prison
  - unsafe physical conditions

To access Legal Aid services, contact 212-577-3530 or write to the above address.

Mobilization for Youth (MFY) Legal Services, Inc
299 Broadway, New York, NY 10007
Phone: 212-417-3700  Fax: 212-417-3891
www.mfy.org

- The Workplace Justice Project represents workers with wage-related claims, pension, Family and Medical Leave Act, unemployment, and discharge
- The License to Work Initiative serves formerly incarcerated people who need legal assistance in order to secure licenses to re-enter the workforce

For information or to schedule an appointment, please call 212-417-3838 on Mondays between 1-4pm. Can respond to written requests for information. Accessible to people with disabilities. Translation services available.
Alternative to Violence Program

- 12-week health education program for adult men
- Designed for people with a history of violence, who need help managing their anger, have experienced domestic violence, or have a hard time communicating their feelings with others
- Individual sessions designed to address clients’ individual needs
- Educational group sessions discuss:
  - Substance abuse and addiction
  - Dealing with aggression and violence
  - Building self-esteem and empowerment
  - Drug education and awareness
  - Communication skills
  - Domestic violence and relationships
  - HIV/AIDS and STDs
  - Stress reduction
  - Community resources

Women’s Prison Project

- 12-week health education program for adult women
- Workshops discuss:
  - Substance use and addiction
  - Domestic violence
  - Managing aggression
  - Parenting and the family
  - Female anatomy
  - Self-esteem
  - HIV/AIDS

Support Services

- Holistic service plans for people and families living with HIV/AIDS that includes:
- Client intake: connects clients with a wide array of programs and services to address their physical, psychological, or spiritual needs. All contacts are confidential.
- Case management: provides services by assertive advocacy, brokering, and negotiation with governmental agencies
- Behavior management: helps participants develop and embrace healthy lifestyles through behavior management support groups and educational workshops
- For client services programs, please call 718-596-3635.

Brooklyn SPAN (Service Planning and Assistance Network)

408 Jay Street, Suite 203 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-625-9736

- Provides services for people formerly incarcerated who are living with mental illness, including information, referrals for mental health services, and assistance with benefits and housing

Community Healthcare Network

Locations listed below.
chnnyc.org

- 9 locations throughout four boroughs, in addition to a medical mobile unit that travels to various sites in Brooklyn and Manhattan
- Provides primary care services for adults, adolescents, and children, including dental care, HIV services, reproductive health care, mental health care, health education, women’s health care, immunizations, school check ups, and social services
- CHN does not turn away any patient under any circumstances. Services provided regardless of patient’s ability to pay

CABS Health Center

94-98 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206
718-388-0390

- Also offers mental health services
- Open Mon 9-5, Tue-Wed 10-6, Thu-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4
- Many staff members speak Spanish. Materials available in English and Spanish.
Caribbean House Health Center
1167 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225
718-778-0198
- Also offers mental health services
- Open Mon 9-5, Tue 12-8, Wed-Fri 9-5
- Many staff members speak French/Creole and Spanish. Materials available in English, French, and Spanish.

Dr. Betty Shabazz Health Center
999 Blake Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208
718-277-8303
- Also offers mental health services
- Open Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4
- Staff members speak Spanish. Materials available in English and Spanish.

Red Hook Health Center
88 Visitation Place Brooklyn, NY 11231
718-694-6049
- Provides primarily family planning services in addition to adult medicine, HIV testing and referral, emergency contraception, and STD testing and treatment; also offers mental health services
- Open Mon-Fri 9-5

Education and Assistance Corporation
Administrative Office:
175 Fulton Ave., 4th Floor Hempstead, NY 11550
516-489-7929 or 1-800-244-STOP
www.eacinc.org

Anger Management Program
- Education and behavior modification program for individuals with minimal or no prior conflict-related offenses
- Accepts self-referrals in addition to court interventions
- Individuals participate in a one-day class to examine the motivation for anger and hostility, learn about legal consequences of aggressive behavior, and discover alternative ways of responding to conflict
- Participants meet with social workers to determine if additional services are necessary
- Classes held on Saturdays at Brooklyn College—Roosevelt Hall Extension. A $125 fee is charged and a sliding scale is offered where appropriate.
- Serves courts in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, and the Bronx.

Brooklyn Adolescent Link Program, NYC TASC
175 Remsen Street, Room 505 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-237-9404
- Links adolescents returning to the Brooklyn community from the NYC Juvenile/Criminal Justice System into services to avoid hospitalization and/or re-incarceration
- Provides court advocacy, individualized treatment plans, mental health program staff, and intensive transition case management for at least 2 years
- Insures that the transition from jail to community includes housing, treatment, medication, and help in the acquisition of Medicaid, medical services, educational services, and other benefits
- Accepts clients referred by any source within the Juvenile or Criminal Justice System

Brooklyn Forensic Link Program
175 Remsen Street, 6th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11202
718-975-0180
- Links people with serious mental illness who are returning to the Brooklyn community from the correctional system with services
- Provides court advocacy, individualized treatment plans, mental health program staff, and intensive transition case management for up to 2 years
- Clients must have DSM-IV Axis 1 diagnosis which meets the NYS criteria for severe and persistent mental illness and would have difficulty functioning in the community without assistance and support. Referrals can be made by any source within the Correctional or Criminal Justice System.

Girls Reentry Assistance Support Program (GRASP)
Kings County District Attorney’s Office
350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-250-3804
www.brooklynda.org/grasp/grasp.htm

The Girls Reentry Assistance Support Program is a faith-based initiative that provides:
- Mentoring: Mentoring sessions with volunteer mentors 1-3 times a week
- Anger Management and Conflict Resolution training by experienced professionals
- Educational Support: Assists with GED completion, secondary education and vocational training
- Career Planning: Provides participants with work maturity skills, self-confidence, and conformity to prevailing norms in the workplace. On the job training and occupational training are also provided
- Workshops for teenage girls regarding physical abuse, teenage pregnancy, parenthood, school dropout, depression, substance abuse, etc.

For more information please contact program manager Deborah Lashley at 718-250-3804.
The Network Program of Episcopal Social Services
653 Schenck Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207
718-257-5020
www.essnyc.org

- Provides therapeutic counseling services
- Offers the Network Anger Management workshop: step-by-step program in which people work together to confront behavior that is destructive to the community
- Provides drug prevention therapy and referrals to drug treatment programs
- Holds weekly meetings conducted by qualified formerly incarcerated individuals
- Offers a safe and stable space to share successes, discuss problems and concerns, and get feedback and techniques for growth and transformation
- Provides cognitive-behavioral health therapy in individual and group sessions
- Partners with churches, synagogues, and mosques to provide an environment where you can give back to the community
- All services are free of charge

Network in the Community Sites:
- Mondays: 6:45-10:00 pm
  St. Lukes and St. Matthews Church Parish Hall,
  520 Clinton Ave. (between Fulton and Atlantic), Brooklyn, NY 11238
- Tuesdays: 6:45-10:00 pm, 653 Schenck Ave., Brooklyn
- Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm
  61 East 104th Street, 4th floor, New York, NY 10029
  424 E. 147th Street, Bronx, NY 10045
- Thursdays: 6:45-10:00 pm
  61 Gramercy Park North, New York, NY 10010

Anger Management workshops:
- Tuesdays: 6:00-8:00 pm
  424 E 147th St., Bronx, NY 10455, Tel: 646-839-6343
- Thursdays: 6:00-8:00 pm
  653 Schenck Ave., Brooklyn

Ready, Willing, and Able
520 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-622-0634
www.doe.org

- Empowers homeless individuals and formerly incarcerated individuals to become self-sufficient
- Provides counseling and vocational training to motivate individuals and break cycles of poverty and incarceration

Realization Center
175 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-342-6700
www.realizationcenternyc.com

Offers the following services in a safe, supportive environment:
- Adult and adolescent chemical dependency (for alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates/heroin, and pills)
- Dual diagnosis for people with chemical dependency and co-existing psychiatric disorders
- Sexual addiction recovery
- Parenting groups
- Chronic relapse program
- Codependency programs including education and treatment

Open Mon-Fri 8:30am-8pm. Appointments and walk-ins accepted. Sliding scale fee available. Accepts most major medical and union health insurance plans and Medicaid.
**The Exodus Transitional Community**

161 East 104th Street, New York, NY 10029  
917-492-0990  
www.etcny.org

**The Exodus Transitional Community offers a variety of counseling services, including:**

- Mentoring children of parents who are incarcerated
- Life Coaching: Forums at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem regarding housing, entrepreneurial skills, basic banking, and upgrading employment
- Substance abuse and anger management: Two twelve-week support groups that cover Alternatives to Domestic Violence and The Addictive Personality

**F-E-G-S NYCLink**

315 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10013  
212-886-0330

- Helps individuals with mental illness who have been incarcerated transition back into the mainstream community
- Provides outpatient and residential mental health programs, substance abuse treatment, peer support
- Helps with entitlements and case management assistance

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the New York City metropolitan area;
- Meet the established criteria for serious mental illness
- Have a history of involvement with the criminal justice system

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**HELPFUL HINT**

311  
311 is New York City’s information phone number for information and access to all New York City government services and information. All calls to 311 are answered by a live operator, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Immediate access to translation services in over 170 languages is available. You can call 311 from any borough of New York City. Outside of New York City, call (212) New-York (212-639-9675). The TTY number is (212) 504-4115.
BROOKLYN

Fort Greene SNAP
324 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-694-6957

Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative
- Outreach, case management, informational workshops and
  referrals to residents about parenting, health care and other
  crucial services
- Assistance for prenatal/GYN family planning, nutrition, mental
  health, public assistance

The Osborne Association Family Resource Center
175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-637-6560, 800-344-6560
www.osborneny.org

The Family Resource Center provides:
- A toll free information hotline (1-800-344-3314) that answers
  questions about visitation, transportation, packages, transfers,
  parole, and other issues related to a loved one’s incarceration
- Informational workshops for families of people in prison
- Opportunities for people formerly incarcerated and their family
  members to address the challenges of post-release family
  re-unification
- Referrals for educational, treatment, and family services for
  family members and former prisoners
- Weekly meeting for families of incarcerated persons and
  interested community members Wednesdays 5:30-7pm, a free
  and confidential session to learn more about MCI, parole,
  transfers, legal issues, visiting procedures. The meeting also
  offers a chance to share your pain, strength and hope by being
  with people who understand.

Women’s Prison Association,
Brooklyn Community Office
175 Remsen Street, 9th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
646-336-6100
www.wpaonline.org

WPA’s Incarcerated Mothers Law Project (IMLP)
- Helps criminal justice-involved mothers preserve family
  relationships and make informed decisions about the care and
  custody of their children
- Educates women about their rights and responsibilities with
  respect to the legal relationships with their children
- Teaches women how to advocate for themselves, for
  their children, in court, with foster care agencies, in the
  community, and while incarcerated

WPA’s Family Preservation Program
- Provides intensive case management and assistance to
  families at risk for removal of children to foster care because of
  a mother’s drug use
- Improves a family’s chances for staying together by helping
  women identify and address their addictions and other
  challenges to maintaining a healthy home and family

East New York Day Program
- Day program for women living in East New York, Bushwick, and
  Brownsville who have criminal justice histories, especially those
  living in homeless shelters or on probation or parole
- Provides a structured environment where women can attend
  educational and self-enrichment sessions and develop positive
  peer relationships
- Helps women define and achieve their goals for finding stable
  housing, achieving sustained sobriety, attending to health
  and mental health needs, connecting with family, and meeting
  criminal justice mandates
- Includes case management, structured activities, and referrals
  to resources and help
Family Services Program:
Comprehensive program for custodial and non-custodial parents that features:

- Parenting training
- Individual and group counseling
- Individual legal consultation with an in-house family law attorney to help with child support debts and custody/visitation issues
- Life skills workshops that focus on cooking, nutrition and money management

For more information, please contact Peggy Arroyo, Senior Director of ATI and Family Services, at parroyo@fortunesociety.org or 212-691-7554 x235.

Counseling Services Unit
Counselors assist clients with:

- Crisis intervention services, such as securing food, shelter and clothing
- Needs assessments
- One-on-one and group counseling
- Referrals to appropriate programs

For more information about the counseling program, please contact Nancy Lopez, Director of Health and Counseling Services, at nlopez@fortunesociety.org or 212-691-7554 x321.

The Coalition for Women Prisoners:
Coordinated by the Women in Prison Project of the Correctional Association of New York, The Coalition for Women Prisoners is a statewide alliance of individuals and organizations dedicated to making the criminal justice system more responsive to the needs and rights of women and their families.

Hour Children
36-11A 12th Street, Long Island City, NY 11106
718-433-4724
www.hourchildren.org

- Provides housing and childcare to incarcerated mothers and their children
- Offers education, job skills training, and teaches financial management skills
- Maintains relationships with community organizations that can facilitate job placement
- Helps clients secure affordable housing
The Fifth Avenue Committee Developing Justice Program offers services to those who are presently incarcerated but nearing release. Educational services offered include:

- **English as a Second Language (ESL):** Daytime and evening classes in English conversation, reading and writing offered at two locations for beginning and intermediate levels.
- **Carroll Gardens:** Classes are free. Call 718-624-3475 to learn more.
- **Sunset Park:** Classes cost $40. Contact Fran Altamirano 718-237-2017 x124 to learn more.
- **General Equivalency Diploma (GED) Prep and Adult Basic Education:** Courses in math and reading literacy leading up to the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) exam. Contact 718-624-3475.
- **L/Earn:** Learn More, Earn More: Increase your income by improving your math and reading skills. Participants receive one-on-one job coaching as well as intensive instruction to help prepare for the GED exam. Contact 718-624-3475.
- **Computer Literacy:** Workshops to help you become comfortable and skilled in using a computer and the most popular workplace software. Contact 718-624-3475.
- **Family Literacy:** Fun after-school classes for parents and children at Public Schools 261, 38 and 169 in Carroll Gardens and Sunset Park. Call 718-624-3475.
- **Family Reading Circles in Park Slope:** Contact Martha Marquez at 718-237-2017 x 155 to learn about the next kid story reading circle.

**Flatbush Development Corp.**  
1616 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226  
718-859-3800  
www.fdconline.org

- Offers GED classes to youth ages 16-21 years old
- Classes run from 4-7 pm at Ditmas Junior High School
- Classes are free

**Medgar Evers College**  
School of Continuing Education  
1150 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225  
718-270-6024 ext. 6400  
www.mec.cuny.edu

- Offers English as a second language
- Day, evening and Saturday programs in basic education and high school equivalency
- Classes available for children and teens; courses are free

**Office of Adult and Continuing Education**  
475 Nostrand Ave., Room 329 Brooklyn, NY 11216  
718-622-3000  
www.adultednyc.org

- Offers GED and Pre-GED courses
- Day, evening, and Saturdays
- Ages 21 and over; classes are free

**D.R.E.A.M.S.**  
1604 St. John’s Place, Apt 1C  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
718-455-4308  
www.dreamsyouthbuildged.com

- Offers GED and Pre-GED preparation classes to young adults, ages 17 to 24
- Assistance in obtaining full-time employment and job skills training.
- Self development counseling services.

Youth build program runs Monday - Friday, 9-4, providing opportunities to obtain education, employment skills, construction experience, leadership development, and community service, with an educational stipend available.
**MANHATTAN**

The Fortune Society  
53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor  
New York, NY 10010  
212-691-7554  
www.fortunesociety.org

In-house school provides:
- Programs in Adult Basic Education and Math  
- English for Speakers of Other Languages  
- GED preparation

For more information about the Education Department,  
please contact John Gordon at jgordon@fortunesociety.org or  
212-691-7554 x324.

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**BRONX**

The College Initiative  
Lehman College, Old Gym Building, Room 003B  
250 Bedford Park Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10466  
718-960-1970

- Provides counseling and guidance for people who want to begin  
  or continue their college education after returning from prison  
- Helps students with applications, financial aid forms, and  
  negotiating payment for outstanding loans  
- Offers free pre-college preparation for CUNY placement exams  
- Refers students to programs for non-traditional students,  
  weekend and evening college classes, a CUNY BA program  
  where students create their own major and can receive college  
  credits for life experiences  
- Provides support from on-campus employment, tutoring, and  
  counseling services  
- Office open Mon-Fri 10-6; Please call for an appointment.

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**HELPFUL HINTS**

http://gedcompass.org/

Through this website you can find out where to enroll in a GED prep program, how to prepare for the test and how to sign up to take the test.

www.reentry.net

Reentry Net/NY: A support network and information clearinghouse on reentry from jail and prison and the civil consequences of criminal proceeding.
BROOKLYN

America Works, Inc. Criminal Justice Program
810 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11220
718-833-5042

- A non-profit organization that provides companies with candidates for entry-level positions
- Addresses criminal records as a barrier to employment
- Provides case management services
- Does clothing referrals
- Client must be receiving food stamps
- Will only accept recently released inmates (6 months maximum)

ComALERT
210 Joralemon Street, 3rd floor Brooklyn, NY 11218
718-250-5557
www.brooklynda.org/comalert/comalert.htm

The ComALERT (“Community and Law Enforcement Resources Together”) program:
- Acts as a bridge between prison and the community for people returning on parole
- Provides permanent job placement assistance to people on parole with marketable skills upon their release
- ComALERT services begin immediately upon a persons’ release from prison
- Referral must be made by parole officer

Services Include:

Paid Work Ready, Willing, & Able Day
- Offers work in their Community Improvement Project in partnership with VESID
Vocational Training and Jobs Ready, Willing, & Able Day
- Works with each individual to help them find a permanent job by offering one-on-one case management and mentoring from counselors and graduates
- Clients are also eligible for vocational training in fields such as: Pest Control, Food Service, Commercial Driving, Mailroom Operations, and Community Improvement Supervision

Education Ready, Willing, & Able Day
- Offers GED preparation courses, computer/literacy classes, individual tutoring, and vocational certification opportunities

Aftercare
- Provides supportive services to help each graduate keep their job and provides incentives for job retention

Drug and Alcohol Counseling
- Offers weekly substance abuse counseling for the first three months through ComALERT. In addition, participants are drug tested, at least weekly, and referred to daily self-help meetings or related services.

Education and Assistance Corporation
Enhanced Employment Initiative
175 Remsen Street, Suite 505 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-237-9404
www.eacinc.org

A vocational program designed to provide court-mandated clients with employment placement and other transitional services, including:
- Screening, counseling, and intensive job preparation for job seekers
- Referrals to job placements
- Assistance with obtaining appropriate clothing for interviews
- Workshops in employment, resume writing, fatherhood, and job retention

Fort Greene Works
324 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-694-6957

Fort Greene Works is dedicated to helping residents living in Ingersoll, Whitman, Farragut, Atlantic Terminal Houses, Lafayette Gardens, and the surrounding Fort Greene communities take advantage of all the educational, entrepreneurial, and employment resources the neighborhood has to offer. Assists individuals who:
- Need GED or other training
- Are out of work
- Have trouble finding work due to prior incarcerations
- Just don’t earn enough

Fort Greene Works provides the following services for Fort Greene residents:
- Training for a better job
Overcoming employment obstacles such as no work experience or a criminal record
Increasing your computer skills
Getting your GED
Starting your own business

Fifth Avenue Committee
Developing Justice Program
621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217
718-237-2017
www.fifthave.org

The Developing Justice Program of the Fifth Avenue Committee provides the following services:
- A Job-Readiness course: Offers training, skills, and resources for job placement. Includes workshops on resume building and interview preparation, computer classes
- Job coaching and counseling
- Brooklyn Woods Program: provides counseling for formerly incarcerated people and places them in in-house woodworking jobs

To access these services, call or visit Fifth Avenue Committee Office.

Osborne Association, Fresh Start Program
175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-637-6560
www.osborneny.org

- Trains people incarcerated on Rikers Island with both specific job skills and the life skills they need to stay clean, hold down jobs, and avoid returning to crime
- Offers support groups, individual guidance, and one-on-one assistance in finding and keeping jobs
- Skills training includes a culinary arts program and a journalism program

Ready, Willing, and Able
520 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-622-0634
www.doe.org

- Targets single, able-bodied adults, the majority of whom have histories of incarceration and substance abuse
- Residential, work, and job skills training program to empower, employ, and support homeless individuals
- Applicant must be ready, willing, and able, both physically and mentally, to work and maintain a drug-free lifestyle.
- Parole officer must call to refer

Center for Employment Opportunities
32 Broadway, 15th Floor New York, NY 10004
212-422-4430
www.ceoworks.org

- Provides job readiness and placement services to men and women returning from prison to New York City and others under community supervision
- The Neighborhood Work Project provides immediate, paid, short-term employment and services as an ‘employment lab,’ preparing participants with the essential skills to rejoin the workforce and restart their lives

Exodus Transitional Community
161 East 104th Street, New York, NY 10029
917-492-0990
www.etcny.org

Employment Readiness Training:
- Offers workshops to prepare participants for the job application and interview process, including developing a resume, teaching interview skills, and doing mock interviews
- Teaches participants how to use an interview question about a criminal conviction to outline efforts they undertook to turn their life around while incarcerated
- Provides computer training workshops

The Fortune Society
53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor New York, NY 10010
212-691-7554
www.fortunesociety.org

Career Development Unit:
- Aids clients in preparing for, obtaining and maintaining employment
- Offers two-week work readiness workshop in day and evening sessions:
- Teaches how to participate in the job market
- Confronts issues, attitudes, and behaviors that often get in the way of maintaining successful employment
- Teaches how to develop a quality resume, personal finances, and mock interviews to explain criminal justice history
- Has job developers assist with job searches
- Provides a resource lab with computers, telephones, and fax machines
- Provides ongoing counseling and follow-up, progress monitoring, and referrals

If you are interested in enrolling in the Career Development program, please contact Mark Klass, Outreach Coordinator, at mklass@fortunesociety.org or 212-691-7554 x295.
Howie T. Harp Peer Advocacy Center
The STARR Program (Steps to a Renewed Reality)
2090 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd.
New York, NY 10027
212-865-0775

- Must have an Access-1 Diagnosis
- Trains individuals with histories of incarceration to work in human services. The graduates work in jail diversion, prison reentry, and mental health programs
- Provides employment counseling, job coaching, advocacy, double trouble/recovery groups, job development, entitlements counseling
- Prepares graduates for entry and mid-level positions in human services

Grant Associates
60 Madison Avenue, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10010
www.grantassociatesinc.com
212-684-2700 ext. 27

Grants Associates operates numerous workforce programs including Employment Works, and an employment program for probationers.
- Customer service and call center training

STRIVE
East Harlem Employment Services School
240 E. 123rd St., 3rd Floor New York, NY 10035
212-360-1100

- High impact 3-4 week training workshop in a realistic work environment
- Structured training on personal responsibility, attitude and “soft skills”
- Developing communication skills and confidence
- Building an understanding of the work environment
- Job placement
- Long-term support and follow-up
- Career counseling and advancement

Wildcat Service Corporation
17 Battery Place, New York, NY 10004
www.wildcatatwork.org
212-209-6000

Wildcat provides counseling and work programs for the unemployed, especially ex-addicts, individuals with criminal records, welfare mothers, and out-of-school youth. The three major work categories are clerical, construction, and maintenance. Jobs last up to 12 months. Must be referred by correctional programs or legal service providers.

QUEENS

Goodwill Industries
4-21 27th Avenue, Astoria, NY, 11102
www.goodwillny.org
718-777-6336

- Goodwill helps ex-offenders with job training and placement

HELPFUL HINT
In New York State, you CAN vote while you are incarcerated unless:
- You are currently serving time for a felony*
- You are currently on parole for a felony conviction*
- You are currently under 18 years old or not a U.S. citizen

* Your right to vote will be returned automatically when you finish your maximum prison sentence or are discharged from parole. You do not have to provide a certificate of Relief or any other such document.

In New York you CAN vote if you are:
- Awaiting trial and not yet convicted and do not fall into the above categories
- Serving time for a misdemeanor
- On probation

For a voter registration form or absentee ballot sent to you, call 1-800-367-8683, or download the forms from the New York State Board of Elections. www.elections.state.ny.us
BRONX

AIDS in Prison Hotline
809 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455
718-378-7022  718-707-2600

Hotline calls cover many different topics, including:
- General HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C information
- HIV and infectious disease prevention
- HIV/AIDS treatment
- Referrals for services within correctional facilities
- Transitional planning for people in prison who are living with HIV
- Advocacy for people in prison who have special AIDS/HIV-related needs
- Medical parole

Hotline staff will also send written information to people in prison free of charge. All information is confidential. Business hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 3-8pm.

BROOKLYN

Brooklyn AIDS Task Force
25 Chapel Street, Room 605 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-596-3635
www.batf.net

Treatment adherence
- Program assists HIV-positive clients in taking their medications correctly
- People with past or present substance abuse issues, current involvement with the criminal justice system (on parole, probation, etc.), or in unstable living conditions are eligible to participate

HIV Testing and Counseling
- Free, confidential HIV testing and counseling
- Clients can choose a blood test or oral HIV test
- Offered at: 502 Bergen Street and 260 Broadway 4th Floor, Brooklyn
- Call 718-622-2910 ext. 105 to make an appointment

Bergen Family Health Center
502 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217

- GYN services
- Mental health screening
- Nutritional services including BIA testing
- STD/Pregnancy screening for adolescents
- Community pantry
- Call 718-622-1090 ext. 143 for appointments

Brownsville Child Health
259 Bristol Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212
718-495-7283

- Provides both primary and preventative health care to children and adolescents ages 1-18
- Services include yearly physicals and check-ups as well as immunization, asthma treatment, urine analysis and most other basic health services
- Medicaid is accepted and many of the community preventative services are free for low income families
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Provide comprehensive and cost effective primary care and supportive services that promote access to health care. These centers accept health insurance and also provide services to the uninsured on a sliding scale fee:

Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center
1413 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-636-4500

- Provides a full range of quality disease prevention, diagnostic and treatment services
- Doctors on-call for consultation 24/7

Brooklyn Plaza Medical Center
650 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217
718-596-9800

- Provides family medicine, dentistry, HIV/AIDS counseling and testing
- Women, infant, and children services are available on site
- Staff available to assist with applications for the Prenatal Care Assistance Program and applications for child health insurance

Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center
592 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212
718-345-5000

- A comprehensive health and wellness facility responsive to the health care needs of residents of Brownsville, Ocean Hill, and East New York
- Addresses widespread health conditions, including: HIV/AIDS, diabetes, obesity, mental illness, substance abuse, oral health care, prenatal care, low birth-weight, teenage pregnancy, malnutrition, homelessness, and domestic and street violence
- Operates 8 services sites, a satellite health center, a school-based adolescent health center, a medical practice at the Brooklyn Women’s Shelter, a residence for recovering substance abusers, and a mobile van for health education and disease screening

ODA Primary Care Health Center
14-16 Heyward Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211
718-260-4600

- Multiple primary care medical and dental services in one location
- Continuity of care
- Services available 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- A team of highly skilled, board certified physicians and dentists allow patients to choose from a diverse group of primary care and specialty providers

Sunset Park Family Health
150 55th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220
718-630-7095 for general information
718-630-7942 for appointments

- Offers family-oriented comprehensive health and dental care, as well as a full range of specialty and support services including HIV counseling/testing
- 24-hour advice line: 718-630-8215

Community Healthcare Network
chnnyc.org

- 9 locations throughout four boroughs, in addition to a medical mobile unit that travels to various sites in Brooklyn and Manhattan
- Provides primary care services for adults, adolescents, and children, including: dental care, HIV services, reproductive health care, mental health care, health education, women’s health care, immunizations, school check ups, and social services
- CHN does not turn away any patient under any circumstance. Services provided regardless of patient’s ability to pay

CABS Health Center
94-98 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206
718-388-0390

- Also offers mental health services
- Open Mon 9-5, Tue-Wed 10-6, Thu-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4
- Many staff members speak Spanish; materials available in English and Spanish.

Caribbean House Health Center
1167 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225
718-778-0198

- Also offers mental health services
- Open Mon 9-5, Tue 12-8, Wed-Fri 9-5
- Many staff members speak French/Creole and Spanish; materials available in English, French, and Spanish.

Dr. Betty Shabazz Health Center
999 Blake Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208
718-277-8303

- Also offers mental health services
- Open Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4
- Staff members speak Spanish; materials available in English and Spanish.
Red Hook Health Center  
88 Visitation Place, Brooklyn, NY 11231  
718-694-6049

- Provides primarily family planning services in addition to adult medicine, HIV testing and referral, emergency contraception, and STD testing and treatment. Also offers mental health services.
- Open Mon-Fri 9-5

Community League Health Center  
1996 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10032  
212-781-7979

- Open Mon 9:30-6, Tue 8:30-5, Wed 10:30-7, Thu-Fri 8:30-5, Sat 9-4
- Staff speaks Spanish; materials available in both English and Spanish

Downtown Health Center  
150 Essex Street, New York NY 10002  
212-477-1120

- Open Mon-Wed 9-5, Thu 9-7, Fri 9-1, Sat 8:30-3:30
- Many staff members speak Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese; materials available in English, Spanish, and Chinese

Helen B. Atkinson Health Center  
81 West 115th Street, New York, NY 10026  
212-426-0088

- Open Mon-Tue 9-5, Wed 10-6, Thu 9-5, Fri 9-2, Sat 9-4
- Staff speak Spanish, Haitian Creole, and French; materials available in both English and Spanish

OTHER COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NETWORK SITES:

Bronx Health Center  
975 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459  
Tel (718) 320-4466

- Also provides a Transgender Program, Diabetes Management Program, asthma screening and care, and helps patients enroll in the NYS AIDS Drug Assistance Program
- Open Mon 9-7, Tue 9-5, Wed 9-6, Thu-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-3. Call 718-991-9250 x0 to make appointments

Queens Health Center  
97-04 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435  
718-657-7088

- Also provides asthma screening and services
- Open Mon 10-6, Tue-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-2
- Many staff members speak Spanish; materials available in English and Spanish

Fortune Society  
53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor New York, NY 10010  
212-690-6202  
www.fortunesociety.org

Health Services Unit

- Provides a range of HIV/AIDS-specific services to people who are in prison and were formerly incarcerated, including outreach, HIV-specific case management, supportive counseling, and treatment adherence
- Counselors help resolve crisis needs, such as emergency housing, and then work with clients to develop short and long-term treatment plans
- Employs full-time nurse to assist clients with treatment regimens

For more information about HIV/AIDS services, please contact Judy Juster, Director of Health and Transitional Services, at jjuster@fortunesociety.org or 212-691-7554 x875.
In-patient:
- Offers methadone treatment for opiate addictions
- Also provides: individual, group, and family counseling, comprehensive medical and mental health services, opportunities to participate in research, women's services, referrals, and educational and vocational services

RISE Drug-Free Program
- Outpatient chemical (drug and/or alcohol) dependency treatment for adults who don't require in-patient detoxification
- Average length: 6-12 months
- Program includes: individual and group counseling, acupuncture, medical services, educational and vocational assessment and placement, voluntary Narcotics Anonymous groups, women's services, child care, referrals, HIV services, and recreation

Brooklyn: Fort Greene Clinic, 937 Fulton St, 718-789-1212 or 718-789-1214, open Mon-Fri 6:30am-3:30pm and Sat 7am-11am
Manhattan: Third Horizon Clinic, 2195 3rd Ave, 212-348-5650 or 212-348-5788, open Mon-Fri 6:30am-3:30pm and Sat 8am-12pm

Alpha School Center for Progressive Living, Inc.
2400 Linden Blvd. (Montauk St.) Brooklyn, NY 11208
718-257-5800
- Offers an outpatient drug-treatment program and an adolescent drug prevention program
- Adolescents can receive referrals to GED and computer literacy programs
- Referrals and walk-ins accepted. Medicaid accepted. Spanish also spoken
- Office open Mon-Thu 8am-8pm, Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

Anchor House
1041 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-771-0760
- Long-term (18 months) inpatient drug and alcohol treatment program for men
- Provides counseling and residential housing for more than 30 days
  Must be 18 years or older.

Brooklyn AIDS Task Force
25 Chapel Street, Room 605 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-596-3635
www.batf.net

Genesis Aftercare
- Reentry, re-socialization and behavior change program that focuses on families with children in the foster care system because of parental alcohol/substance abuse, domestic violence, and involvement in the criminal justice system
- Facilitates family reunification after foster care, substance abuse treatment, or incarceration
- Three levels of intervention: Transitional Aftercare, Reintegration Aftercare, and Post Program Maintenance Aftercare

Families receive:
- Individual and group counseling
- Home visits
- Family progress evaluations
- Family conference recreational event
- Internal/external referrals for services
Harm Reduction Program
718-622-2910

- Day treatment community based harm reduction program
- Treatment focusing on:
  - HIV/AIDS and substance abuse education and prevention
  - Therapy and relapse prevention groups
  - Individual sessions
  - Stress management workshops
  - Medication management
  - Primary medical care
  - Acupuncture
  - Nutritional counseling
  - Recreational activities
- Open Mon-Fri 9-5. Walk-ins or referrals. Call for an appointment. There is no charge for this service.

First Steps Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program
502 Bergen Street, 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11217
718-622-2910 ext. 108/117

- 822 Chemical Dependency Outpatient Treatment Program
- Designed for individuals seeking to abstain from alcohol and drugs and maintain a healthy lifestyle in recovery
- Clients must be 18 and older with moderate to severe drug and alcohol use and a substance abuse problem requiring medical supervision or treatment
- Program offers an integrated client-centered treatment model with a psychodynamic rehabilitation approach in three phases
- Provides both day and evening treatment. The average length of stay is nine months to one year

ComALERT
210 Joralemon St., 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11218
718-250-5557
www.brooklynda.org/comalert/comalert.htm

- OASAS-licensed outpatient substance abuse treatment services for recently released people on parole in Brooklyn with a substance abuse treatment mandate
- Offers individual and group therapies, relapse prevention and anger management workshops, and other supportive treatment protocols
- Refers motivated clients to the ComALERT First Step program, which provides transitional employment through Ready, Willing, and Able employment programs
- Provides referrals to other services, such as transitional housing, in-patient detox, medical care, and mental health diagnosis and treatment
- Must be referred by parole officer

JusticeWorks Community’s
Women of Substance Gethsemane Church
1012 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215
718-499-6704 ext. 205 or 208

Women of Substance: a public education project about women, addiction, incarceration and alternatives to prison. The program is driven by formerly incarcerated women in recovery. Formerly incarcerated women who are in recovery programs are encouraged to apply to the speaker’s bureau. A stipend is provided. The goals of this program are to build public support for:

- Understanding substance abuse as a medical not a criminal problem
- Treating instead of incarcerating drug abusers, beginning with pregnant women and mothers
- Repealing mandatory minimum sentencing laws for drug violations
- Creating family residential drug treatment facilities

For more information, or to host a Women of Substance Forum, or to serve on the Advisory Council, please call or write: Julie Mormando 718-499-6704 x208, jmorando@justiceworks.org. Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, or Madeline Acosta 718-499-6704 x205, macosta@justiceworks.org. Tue-Thru 9am-2pm.

New York Therapeutic Communities
Serendipity I (for men)
977 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-398-0096
Serendipity II (for women)
944 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-802-0572

- Community-based residential programs for men and women returning from prison or as an alternative-to-incarceration licensed by the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)
- Individuals live and work together to maintain fulfilling and drug-free lives
- Program offers counseling, peer self-help, job training, family reunification
- Depending on their progress, individuals can expect to spend up to twelve months in the program
- Walk-ins accepted, as well as clients mandated by courts, Probation or Parole, or through alternative-to-incarceration agencies
Probation Ambulatory Programs
Downtown Brooklyn, NYC Department of Probation
212-971-6033

- Non-residential, OASAS licensed program that serves adults and adolescents on parole who are involved in substance abuse
- Clients attend group and individual sessions from one to three times a week for an average of twelve months
- Treatment focuses on behavior, attitudes and lifestyle, addressing the underlying issues that lead to substance abuse
- Clinical staff work closely with Probation staff
- For more information, please contact our main office at 212-971-6033 or email generalmailbox@staynout.org

Phoenix House
174 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11238
718-789-4616
www.phoenixhouse.org

- Helps people of all ages lead fulfilling, drug-free lives
- Programs available for adolescents and adults, as well as specialized programs for women, mothers, and people with mental illnesses
- Fees are based on a sliding scale; no client is denied treatment because of their inability to pay
- Admission process includes a confidential interview, diagnostic evaluation, one-on-one counseling, and customized treatment planning

Project Samaritan
803 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-804-0900
www.aidsnyc.org/help-psi/index.html

AIDS Services Adult Day Health Care

- Provides an array of services to help clients maintain a healthy, drug-free lifestyle with concrete supports and structure
- Emphasizes positive peer and family interaction and support
- Program services include: medical monitoring and referrals, substance abuse counseling, social services and case management, psycho-social assessment and counseling, nutritional services and education, daily meals, rehabilitation services, holistic therapies, recreation and socialization, activities to support daily living
- Admission requirements: HIV+/AIDS diagnosis, Medicaid eligibility or access to private funds, TB profile, minimum 18 years of age, ability to benefit from services

Realization Center
175 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-342-6700
www.realizationcenternyc.com

A licensed outpatient facility by New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services that offers the following treatment programs:

- Adult and adolescent chemical dependency (for alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates/heroin, and pills)
- Dual diagnosis for people with chemical dependency and co-existing psychiatric disorders
- Sexual addiction recovery
- Parenting groups
- Chronic relapse program
- Codependency programs including education and treatment
  Open Mon-Fri 8:30am-8pm. Appointments and walk-ins accepted. Sliding scale fee available. Accepts most major medical and union health insurance plans and Medicaid.

Samaritan Village, Parole Relapse Prevention
Jamaica Facility
144-10 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11435
718-206-1990

- Substance abuse recovery program designed specifically for people on parole
- Includes group therapy, individual counseling, and vocational support
- Planned duration of 12 months
- Also offers 6 month intensive outpatient program

UCAS (Urban Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Services)
937 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11238
718-636-0015
www.uriny.org

Marguerite T. Saunders Urban Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Services

- Comprehensive chemical dependency treatment program for alcohol and other drug abusers
- Patients are assigned for treatment from one to five days per week for from two hours to an entire day
- Services include: individual assessment and diagnostic evaluation, team treatment planning, individual and group counseling, educational and vocational counseling, structured recreation, medical evaluations, mental health services, lunch program for all participants, transportation funds for eligible patients, DWI program, referrals, and intensive case management

For referral and admission, contact the program at 718-636-0015.
Substance Abuse Treatment

Treatment consists of the following four components and lasts between six and twelve months, depending on each individual client’s needs:

- Assessment and Orientation, where clients undergo standardized psychosocial screening, educational and vocational aptitude testing, and a series of baseline drug tests.

- Intensive Treatment involves individual and group counseling, career development, education classes and other services as needed; clients move onto the next stage after 30 days of sobriety.

- Relapse Prevention focuses on helping clients maintain their sobriety and develop an aftercare plan; clients graduate from this phase after 60 days of sobriety, provided that they have remained drug-free for 90 consecutive days.

- Aftercare is strongly encouraged for all program graduates; we expect and encourage clients to return to Fortune for counseling, relapse prevention groups, education classes or any of the other re-entry services we provide.

For more information about substance abuse treatment, contact Ana Matos, Senior Director of Treatment Services, at amatos@fortunesociety.org or 212-691-7554 x 886.

Greenhope Services for Women
448 East 119th Street, New York, NY 10035
212-369-5100 ext. 51 or 52
www.greenhope.org

Greenhope operates residential treatment and day treatment:

The Residential ATI program provides:

- Individual and group substance abuse counseling
- Relapse prevention workshops
- Vocational and educational groups
- Medical, legal and financial assistance
- Domestic violence intervention & workshops
- Parenting skill development (if applicable)
- HIV/AIDS and nutritional counseling.

The Day Treatment program:

- Designated for women on parole who have a stable residence and require substance abuse services.
- Clients participate in day services Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.
- Offers prevention workshops, chemical dependency education, substance abuse counseling, vocational and educational groups, parenting skill development (if applicable), empowerment seminars and recreation and leisure activities.

Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services
519 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212
718-346-5900

- Offers outpatient substance abuse treatment services
- Sliding scale fee based on income and other factors; Medicaid also accepted
- Spanish spoken

Palladia
62-66 West Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453
718-294-4184  1-800-427-6700
www.palladiainc.org

- Provides comprehensive residential, day, and outpatient treatment to individuals and families recovering from chemical dependency

The Starhill Residential Program:

- Offers intensive treatment for 384 men and women, including special services for clients with substance abuse and mental illness, as well as a family visiting room to improve family reunification.
- Also provides individualized and group counseling. To access their services and apply to the residential treatment program, contact:

The Continuing Care Treatment Program
360 West 125th Street, 2nd Floor #8 New York, NY 10027
212-665-2020

- Offers outpatient aftercare services to clients who have recently graduated from Palladia’s residential treatment programs.
- Offers programs that promote a healthy drug-free lifestyle and reintegration into the larger community. To access services, contact their office.
BROOKLYN

The Brooklyn Tabernacle
17 Smith Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-290-2000
www.brooklyntabernacle.org

- Saturday and Sunday worship services
- Provides service and spiritual assistance to incarcerated individuals through GED programs and support sessions for formerly incarcerated parents
- Monday through Friday adult education and ESL classes

Emmanuel Baptist Church
279 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238
718-622-1107
www.ebc-ny.org

- Saturday and Sunday worship services
- Provides a number of ministries to parishioners, including the Amachi Ministry that brings children of incarcerated parents to visit their parents in corrections facilities
- Provides a single fathers ministry to provide support to men parenting by themselves

Greater Restoration Baptist Church
1156 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, NY 11213
718-735-4102

- Sunday and Wednesday worship services
- Serves as a voice of reason and a vehicle for social change and justice in the Crown Heights community
- Provides a youth after-school program
- Church services provide hope and forgiveness for those in need

Lubavitch Youth Organization
305 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213
718-953-1000
www.lubavitchyouth.org

- Provides service and spiritual assistance to incarcerated individuals through written communication

New York Police Department
77th and 71st Precinct Clergy Liaison Program
77th Precinct
127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213 718-735-0611
71st Precinct
421 Empire Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11215 718-735-0511

- Formalizes the important relationship between members of the clergy, their congregations and the police department, especially during times of community crisis or unrest
- Clergy receive specialized training from the Department on topics including bias crime prevention, domestic violence, drug abuse prevention, and counter-terrorism
- The Department currently has over 500 clergy in the program

Youth and Congregations in Partnership
Kings County District Attorney’s Office
350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-250-3804
www.brooklynda.org/YCP/YCP.htm

A community-based intervention program promoting rehabilitation and the reduction of recidivism among Brooklyn’s youth who are involved in courts and at-risk.

Offers:
- Intensive mentorship and comprehensive services.
- Anger Management and Conflict Resolution Training
- Parent/Guardian and Family Counseling
- Recreational and Arts experiences
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Mental Health Counseling
- Educational Support
- Case Management
- Career Readiness
- Job Placement
There are a few things you should do when you first return home after a period of incarceration. Here is a step-by-step guide to some of these first steps.

**State ID Card**

An important first step when returning home is to get a state identification card.

It is extremely important for any recently released individual to get a state identification card. This card will allow an individual to seek employment, secure public assistance benefits and open a bank account if needed. You can apply for your non-driver photo ID card at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Brooklyn Office of the New York State DMV**

Atlantic Center, 2nd Floor

625 Atlantic Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11217

Phone: 718-966-6155

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm

Train: 2/3/4/5/N/Q/R/B/D to Atlantic Avenue

**What do you need to bring?**

1. Your Social Security card (original only, no copies)
2. Additional documentation totaling 4 points:
   a. NYS drivers license or non-driver ID – current or not more than two years expired = 6 points
   b. US Passport = 4 points
   c. Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization = 3 points
   d. Employment Authorization Card (I-688B or I-766) with photo, issued by INS/DHS = 3 points
   e. Permanent Resident Card I-551 = 3 points
   f. Welfare/Medicaid/NY Food Stamp Card WITH Photo = 3
   g. Welfare/Medicaid/NY Food Stamp Card WITHOUT Photo = 2
   h. Photo Driver License issued by another US State, jurisdiction or possession, or Canadian Province or territory. (This license must be current or expired no longer than 1 year)= 2 points
   i. US Computer Printed Pay Stub (must have your name) = 1 point
   j. US Employee ID Card = 1 point
   k. US High School Diploma OR GED (General Equivalency Diploma) = 1 point
   l. US Health Insurance Card/Prescription Card = 1 point
   m. US Utility Bill (must include your name and address) = 1 point
   n. Only one of the following items: US Major Credit Card, Bank Statement = 1 point

These are just some examples of valid documentation. For more please visit http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/idlicense.htm or the DMV for a full list, or call 718-966-6155. All documentation must be original versions, no copies.
Certificate of Disposition

HELPFUL HINT  Many employers will require a letter explaining your past criminal involvement.

Many jobs require that formerly incarcerated people provide a disposition letter stating the status of their previous criminal involvement. The certificate will tell you what crime(s) you were charged with, what crime(s) you were convicted of, what date you were convicted, and the sentence you served. If you have been arrested more than once, you must get a separate certificate for each incident from the appropriate county as outlined below.

New York County (Manhattan)
Room 150 or 1,000
100 Centre Street, New York, NY 10013
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
(646) 386-3900

Kings County (Brooklyn)
Room 510
120 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
(212) 374-5880

Queens County
Room G-78
125-01 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, New York 11415
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
(718) 298-1000

Bronx County
215 East 161st Street, Bronx, NY 10451
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
(718) 618-3100

Richmond County (Staten Island)
Central Clerk’s Office (1st Floor)
67 Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
(718) 675-8558

What do you need to bring?
To get a Certificate of Disposition you must go to the County Clerk in the county where arrested. You should make sure to have the docket number (if you know it), date of arrest, photo ID and $10 cash or money order (exact change only). If you are on public benefits the $10 charge will be waived if you present your benefit card. The Court Clerk addresses in New York are listed above.

If the Mass Transit Authority (MTA) has issued you a summons you also need to get a disposition letter. In NYC, this is obtained at the NYC Transit Adjudication Bureau, 505 Fulton Street, 6th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 347-643-5805. A $10 fee, government ID and Social Security Card will be required. If you do not have a social security number, you must provide a notarized statement that you have not been issued one.

Criminal Record
If you would like a copy of your state rap sheet you can contact the Criminal Record Repository. They can also help you to expunge, seal or clean up your rap sheet. The Criminal Record Repository can also tell an individual who else is legally entitled to have access to his or her record. Individuals may request a copy of their own criminal history record for personal use. If no record exists, a statement to that effect will be provided.

Division of Criminal Justice Services Contact Information

Record Review Unit
New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
4 Tower Place
Albany, NY 12203
Phone: (518) 457-6051
Fax: (518) 457-6550
Replacement Social Security Card for US Born Citizens

HELPFUL HINT
An important first step when returning home is to get a state identification card.

You can replace your Social Security card for free if it is lost or stolen. However, you may not need to get a replacement card. Knowing your social security number is what is important. You are limited to three replacement cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime. Legal name changes and other exceptions do not count toward these limits. For example, changes in immigration status that require card updates may not count toward these limits. Also, you may not be affected by these limits if you can prove you need the card to prevent a significant hardship.

To get a replacement card
1. Complete an application, which you can get at http://www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html or at your local social security office.
2. Bring documents proving:
   a. U.S. citizenship (only if you have not already established your citizenship with the social security administration). This can include U.S. Passport, Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship, U.S. Birth Certificate, U.S. consular report of birth abroad
   b. Your identity. This can include U.S. driver’s license or non-driver ID, U.S. passport, or other document with your name, date of birth and recent photograph (only current documents).
   c. Take your application and documents to your local social security office.

625 Fulton Street, Sixth Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
1-800-772-1213

Obtaining a Birth Certificate

HELPFUL HINT
Many city agencies require a birth certificate as proof of identification.

You must go to the office to obtain a birth certificate. Each copy costs $30, which can be paid using cash, check, money order, or credit/debit card. Certificates will be released upon presentation of a signed, valid photo ID such as a passport, driver’s license/non-driver’s ID, or employee ID.

125 Worth Street Room 133 (entrances on Centre and Lafayette Streets)
New York, NY 10013
9am to 3:30pm (lines are shortest from 9-12 noon)

Getting There
4/5/6 train to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall
1/2/J/M/A/C train to Chambers Street
E train to Canal Street
M1 or M22 Bus to Worth Street

Be prepared to provide the following information:
- Full name as listed on the birth certificate
- Sex
- Date of Birth
- Mother’s maiden name
- Father’s full name
- Hospital or street where birth occurred and borough
- Your mailing address
- Reason why you are requesting the certificate
Getting Hired

HELPFUL HINT There are certain government incentives in place for employers to hire ex-offenders.

Many employers are reluctant to hire ex-offenders, particularly out of fear of crime against their business or other employees. Information and support is sometimes available to employers willing to take a risk on an ex-offender. As a result, it is important for an individual with a criminal history to be aware of some of the incentives the Government has put in place as incentives for employers to hire ex-offenders.

The Federal Bonding Program
The federal bonding program provides fidelity bonding insurance coverage to individuals with criminal histories and other high-risk job applicants who are qualified, but fail to get jobs because regular commercial bonding is denied due to their backgrounds.

Federal Bonding Program
NYS Department of Labor, Room 421
State Office Building Campus, Bldg. 12
Albany, NY 12240
(581) 485-2151 or 1-877-872-5627

Tax Credits
The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a federal tax credit to reduce the federal tax liability of private for profit employers to be used as an incentive for employers to hire individuals from eight different targeted groups: TANF recipients, veterans, ex-felons, high risk youth, summer youth, Food Stamp recipients, SSI recipients, and vocational rehabilitation referrals.

NYS Department of Labor
Room 200, State Office Building Campus, Bldg. 12
Albany NY, 12240
(518) 457-6823

Help Getting Business Attire

HELPFUL HINT Dressing the part for a job interview will help make a good first impression.

For Men:
Career Gear
120 Broadway, 36th floor
New York, NY 10271
Tel: 212-577-6190

For Women:
Dress for Success
Manhattan Branch
32 East 31 Street - Suite 602
New York, NY 10016
Tel: 212-684-3611

Dress for Success
Brooklyn Warehouse
68 35th Street, Building 4, 6th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11232
Tel: 718-832-6201
Discussing Your Criminal Record with Potential Employers

HELPFUL HINT It is important to tell the truth about your past to employers.

Be aware that the law prohibits felons from holding some types of jobs. However, there are many jobs available for offenders. Remember it is important to tell the truth.

For many just out of prison and applying for job, the most difficult part is facing the question on the job application, “Have you ever been convicted of a felony?” Let’s say the employer needs someone with your energy and skills. He or she says, “I see that you checked ‘yes’ on the felony question. Can you please tell me about that?” What will you say?

Three Choices for Discussing Your Record

Tell the truth – always the best choice
Lie about it – and get disqualified or fired (can happen after you are hired)
Avoid the subject – refusing to discuss it will “kill” the interview

Steps to Discussing Your Conviction Record

Step 1: Own it. Take responsibility for your actions. Show them you own up to your behavior. Statements should begin with “I.” Placing blame on someone or something else (it wasn’t my fault or I didn’t know) is the worst thing you can do. Suggested openers could be: In the past,
I made some bad choices.
I made bad judgments.
I made a bad decision.
I did something I shouldn’t have.

Step 2: State the positive changes you have made since the conviction:
Completed GED.
Completed Cognitive Skills Programming or counseling for thinking and decision-making.
Paid restitution
Participated in counseling or treatment. Maintained aftercare.

Step 3: Tell them what you have learned or realized:
Express your regret and speak about the lessons you have learned.
I’m not proud of what I’ve done; I’m sorry it ever happened.
I wanted fast money and now I see it was wrong.
I wish I had realized sooner just how immature and irresponsible I was being.
I lost sight of what was really important; my priorities were really mixed up.

Step 4: Talk about the new goals you have and how that part of your life is over.
Example: I now have new goals in life. I’m very focused on establishing a successful career. I’m moving forward and am willing to work hard to make it happen. I can’t un-do the past, but I did learn from it and will not repeat the same mistake.

If Asked – Were you incarcerated?
I did spend some time at an adult correctional facility for some bad choices I made.
My time there helped me to focus and set new goals.
Getting Medicaid

You may be eligible for Medicaid to pay for your medical expenses.

You may be covered by Medicaid if you have high medical bills, you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or you meet certain financial requirements. To apply, go to one of the following locations. Offices are open from: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday except Coney Island, which also opens on Saturdays 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. You can also call 1-877-472-8411.

Boerum Hill Medicaid Office
35 4th Avenue
(718) 623-7427/7428

Coney Island Medicaid Office
30-50 West 21st Street
(718) 333-3000/3001

Kings County Hosp. Medicaid Office
441 Clarkson Ave. “T” Bldg. Nurses’ Residence (1st Fl.)
(718) 221-2300/2301

East New York Medicaid Office
2094 Pitkin Avenue (Basement)
(718) 922-8292/8293

Woodhull Hospital Medicaid Office
760 Broadway (Ground Floor)
(718) 630-3397/3398
Getting Your Credit Report

**HELPFUL HINT** You should know what is on your credit report.

It is a good idea to get your credit report once a year to make sure there are no errors on it. It is also helpful if you are applying to rent an apartment or for a loan of any sort to know what the lenders or landlords will find.

The website to get free reports from all three major bureaus is annualcreditreport.com. The score costs $7.95, but the report alone is free and you do not need to give any credit card information. Or you can contact the three major credit bureaus individually.

**Experian**
1-800-493-1058

**Equifax**
1-800-685-1111

**Trans Union**
1-800-916-8800

How To Get Free Cell Phone Service (If Qualified)

**HELPFUL HINT** Two companies provide free cell phone service to eligible individuals.

**Assurance Wireless (New York)**
1-888-898-4888
www.assurancewireless.com

You may qualify if you participate in any of the following government programs:
- Medicaid
- Food stamps
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- National School Lunch Program’s Free Lunch Program
- OR Your household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

There are no bills, long-term contracts, activation, purchase or recurring fees.

**Safelink Wireless (New York)**
1-800-977-3768
www.safelinkwireless.com

You may qualify if:
- You already participate in other State or Federal assistance programs such as Federal Public housing assistance, Food Stamps and Medicaid.
- Your total income is at or below 135% of the poverty guidelines set by your state and for the Federal Government
- No one in your household receives Lifeline service through another phone carrier.
- You have a valid U.S. postal address.
The following multiservice organizations may also be useful.

Exponents, Inc.
151 West 26th Street, Manhattan 10001
Telephone: 212.243.3434
www.exponents.org

Exponents is a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of individuals affected by drug addiction, HIV/AIDS, and other illnesses, as well as incarceration. ARRIVE is their two-month recovery program offering life skills building, training and support services. Ex-Offender Conferences take place five times per year. Call first; no referral needed. Can provide letters of reasonable assurance. Contact people: Sam Rivera – ext. 155; Chanelle Sessions – ext. 110. Spanish also spoken. Accessible to people with disabilities.

Center for Community Alternatives
39 West 19th Street, 10th Floor, Manhattan 10011
212-691-1911
25 Chapel Street, 7th Floor, Brooklyn 11201
718-858-9658
http://www.communityalternatives.org/

The Center for Community Alternatives serves people who are involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. It provides information, referral, education, and support services for HIV positive people, as well as a harm-reduction program for women who are HIV positive. An outpatient substance abuse treatment program is available for women. CCA provides client-specific planning and defender-based advocacy. Can also provide referrals and assistance accessing housing entitlements. An employment service for women includes employment readiness training and placement. Call ahead Mon.-Fri. 9-5.; Manhattan office open until 8 Mon., Tues. & Wed. Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole also spoken. Accessible to people with disabilities.

Urban Pathways, Inc.
575 8th Avenue, 9th Fl. NY, NY 10018
212-736-7385 ext. 29
www.urbanpathways.org

Urban Pathways provides shelter and support services to homeless men and women in New York. In addition to providing housing programs and services to chemically addicted homeless individuals, Urban Pathways offers the ESTEEM (Employment Skills, Training, Education, Employment, Motivation) program. Services of ESTEEM include vocational and educational opportunities (i.e. counseling, job placement, and GED). The vocational program includes job training, coaching, and development in the areas of administration, messenger, services, food service, etc.

College and Community Fellowship
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1626
New York, NY  100115
646-380-7777
http://www.collegeandcommunity.org/index.html

College & Community Fellowship (CCF) is unique among organizations aimed at helping people reclaim their lives after prison. Many programs try to address the basic needs of people returning to the community from prison, but only CCF guides them through the stages of higher education while promoting their leadership, self-advocacy, artistic expression, civic participation and long-term economic security. CCF is primarily geared towards helping women, though male students are eligible.
If you have Internet access, here are additional sources of information:

- www.Reentry.net/ny
- http://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org
- www.collegeinitiative.org, click on “Reentry Resources”
- John Jay College, Prisoner Reentry Institute
- Medgar Evers Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions
- Vera Institute of Justice, Center on Sentencing and Corrections

A copy can be ordered from Correctional Library Services, The New York Public Library, 455 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016. The guide is also available online and in Spanish.

Online: http://legacy.www.nypl.org/branch/services/connections/index.html
Spanish: http://legacy.www.nypl.org/branch/services/conexiones/

There is a pdf of the book online that can be retrieved by searching the name of the book or going to http://www.correctionalassociation.org/publications/download/wipp/MySistersKeeper_Re-EntryGuide.pdf

To order, contact:
Center for Community Problem Solving
245 Sullivan Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10012-1301
Tel: (212) 998-6614, Fax: (212) 995-4031
Email: law.cps@nyu.edu
http://www.cpscps.org
ACP – Assigned Counsel Plan, also referred to as “18-B” lawyers. The court assigns these lawyers to represent defendants with felonies, including juveniles.

ADA – Assistant District Attorney (prosecutor)

ATI – Alternatives to Incarceration. Designated programs work with defense attorneys, prosecutors and judges to obtain non-incarcerative sentences for carefully screened defendants facing felony charges (at least one year of jail or prison time).

Axis I – Major psychiatric illness such as Major Depression, Schizophrenia etc. Serious Persistent Mental Illness.

DHS – Department of Homeless Services (NYC). Responsible for homeless singles and families (housing).

DVS – Domestic Violence Services

HRA – Human Resources Administration (NYC). Responsible for benefits such as public assistance, food stamps, Medicaid and other entitlements.

HRA 205 – Form used by Department of Homeless Services to clear mentally ill clients for placement in various housing options, such as single room occupancies.

HR – Singles under the care of the Human Resources Administration (NYC) for entitlements.

MICA – Mentally Ill Chemical Abusers


P.O. – Parole officer or probation officer.

Re-entry – Re-entry is the process of managing the transition from the status of imprisoned offender to the status of released offender.

Recidivism – Term used for individuals who have served jail time and continue to return to correctional facilities. Repeaters.

Scattered Site Apartments – Apartments rented by various social services grantees to provide independent living for individuals with mental illness who can live independently with support.

SPI – Serious Persistent Illness. Term used primarily for mentally ill individuals who suffer from major psychiatric illnesses such as schizophrenia, major depression, etc.

SRO – Single Room Occupancy.

SSI – Social Security Supplemental Income. Federal program administered by the Social Security Administration to provide monthly income to those individuals who have a disability and have not worked or attained forty quarters based on an earnings record.

SSD – Social Security Disability. Federal program administered by the Social Security Administration to provide monthly income to those individuals who have a disability and who have attained forty quarters of gainful employment over the course of their life.

VESID – Vocational And Educational Service for Individuals with Disabilities. Offers a full range of services to individuals with physical or mental disabilities. Administered by the State of New York.
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