

**CROWN HEIGHTS  
COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER**

# **REENTRY RESOURCE DIRECTORY 2013**

**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,  
Spiritual Resources, and Getting Involved.



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We are so happy you've found the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center Reentry Resource Directory!

**About Us:**

The Crown Heights Community Mediation Center staff and volunteers work to make our neighborhood safer and healthier for all.

The Center works out of its storefront office on Kingston Avenue as well as throughout the neighborhood.

At our office we offer resources, referrals, and youth programs, and in the community, we run youth development and anti-violence programs. The Crown Heights Community Mediation Center is a project of the Center for Court Innovation.

Below are descriptions of a few of our programs.

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

S.O.S. Crown Heights works to stop shootings and killings within the Crown Heights neighborhood. The program focuses on several fronts to disrupt violence: S.O.S. Violence Interrupters mediate conflicts on the street; Outreach Workers with the people most likely to be involved in shooting incidents to change their thinking and behavior; and Hospital Responders meet with victims of gun violence and their family at the emergency department at Kings County Hospital to prevent retaliation and interrupt the cycle of violence. S.O.S. Crown Heights works closely with neighborhood leaders and businesses to promote a public, community-supported campaign against gun violence. S.O.S. has an ongoing and critical collaboration with local clergy through S.O.S. CAN, in which clergy members assist in mobilizing participation in vigils within 72 hours of an incident, provide counseling, and promote a message of non-violence.

**Make It Happen!**

Make It Happen! is a program designed to assist young men, ages 16-24, in overcoming challenges related to the exposure to violence, poverty, and inadequate role models. Participants are given coaching on their goals and vision for the future. All participants are connected to resources to assist in job readiness and placement, education, housing, and other relevant issues.

**Youth Organizing to Save Our Streets (YO S.O.S.)**

YO S.O.S. is a youth development program and the youth mobilization arm of S.O.S. Crown Heights. It aims to empower young people to become community leaders and organizers around issues of violence. The program is available to Brooklyn teens, ages 14-17, who are interested in becoming peer educators. Teens from different schools get to know each other, share ideas, and ultimately come up with their own strategies for ending gun violence. In twice weekly experiential workshops, teens focus on self-empowerment, community outreach and project implementation.

**Neighbor Services**

With assistance from our volunteers, we are able to make referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment, benefit eligibility and applications, emergency food and housing options, affordable housing, job training programs, and adult education classes. We also host organizations providing free tax assistance, free health care screenings, and free legal services. We register families for Fresh Air Fund programming and also disseminate general information about the community through our blog, storefront window, and email communications.

Please join us in our efforts to make Crown Heights an even better and stronger neighborhood!

You can join our group of volunteers, communicate with us through Facebook, Twitter, or phone, or come by our office during our open hours. We always have something helpful and new going on at the Mediation Center.

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If you have internet access, check out the Calendar of Upcoming Reentry-Related Events at: [www.reentry.net/ny/calendar.cfm](http://www.reentry.net/ny/calendar.cfm)  
This website offers information about support groups, public hearings, lectures, and other reentry-related events.



# HOUSING

## BROOKLYN

**Brooklyn Community Housing and Services**  
105 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205  
718-625-4545  
[www.bchands.org](http://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, mental health care, vocational training, and recreational activities

**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 supports;
- 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](http://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.

**Agapi Fellowship Supportive Services**  
**341 Nostrand Ave., 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11216**  
**718-622-2282**

- Provides temporary housing to men and women being discharged from institutional settings: mental health facilities, incarceration, and addiction treatment facilities
- Maintains a drug-free environment
- Encourages and motivates residents towards their independence
- Provides 2 meals per day (breakfast and dinner)
- Program components include: continuing education, GED and ESL classes, vocational skills training, drug testing, aid in finding permanent housing and family reunification, physical education, health assessments, HIV education and prevention
- Intake process includes: psycho social, PPD Medical, toxicology report and telephone interview
- Accepts individuals with disabilities, mental health issues, and medical needs

To schedule an intake, contact Michelle Smith or Kevin Johnsons at 718-622-2282

**Fifth Avenue Committee**  
**621 Degraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217**  
**718-237-2017**  
**[www.fifthave.org](http://www.fifthave.org)**

Fifth Avenue Committee serves low-income persons residing in the five boroughs who are:

- on parole
- on probation
- presently incarcerated but nearing release
- court-involved with a pending case resulting from arrest

**Offers the following services:**

- Affordable Housing: More than 250 units of affordable housing available to low and moderate income level residents of South Brooklyn. To be notified of FAC rental and homeownership opportunities when they become available, add your name to the Housing Notification List by stopping by the FAC Center.
- Tenant Advocacy: If you are having trouble with your landlord, FAC can help you obtain repairs, negotiate rent, fight evictions, and obtain legal assistance

**Providence House**  
**703 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221**  
**718-455-0197**  
**[www.providencehouse.org](http://www.providencehouse.org)**  
**[info@providencehouse.org](mailto:info@providencehouse.org)**

**Parole Resource Centers**

Two congregate residences—one for single women and one for women and their babies—provide shelter and support for women directly release from prison. Women are given referrals for housing, education, job training and other programs. Length of stay 3-6 months.

**Independent Living Residence**

Provides housing for single, working women on parole. The house affords residents a greater level of independence and provides an opportunity for women to gain additional skills through job training or higher education, while working and saving for permanent housing. Referrals for this residence come directly from the Parole Resource Centers.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**  
**443 39th Street, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11232**  
**718-686-7946**  
**[www.nnhhome.org](http://www.nnhhome.org)**

- Enables people with low and moderate incomes to build assets for their families and Brooklyn communities by securing, improving, and owning their homes and businesses
- Education and counseling services for home buyers
- Financial assistance and loans for homeowners and landlords, advocacy for tenants
- Tenant advocacy and counseling, including: understanding rights, completing documents, resolving landlord-tenant disputes, getting repairs made, applying for programs such as SCRIE, DRIE, HEAP, and public housing.

**The Redemption Center**  
**1186 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233**  
**718-922-1627**  
**[www.theredemptioncntr.com](http://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
- Must be referred within one year of prison release; anyone can refer and individuals can refer themselves.

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### The Doe Fund www.doe.org

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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

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

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- Provides shelter and support services to homeless men and women in New York.
- 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).
- Vocational program includes job training, coaching, and development in the areas of administration, messenger, services, food service, etc.

**Women's Prison Association**  
**Yolanda Johnson-Peterkin, Director of Program**  
**Operations for Reentry Services**  
**718-637-6877**  
**www.wpaonline.org**

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### **Sarah Powell Huntington House Family Reunification Residence (Brooklyn)**

- Temporary housing (6-18 months) for justice-involved, homeless women who wish to be reunified with their children
- On-site case management, day care, recreational activities for children, counseling, and assistance finding permanent housing

### **Sunflower House (Brooklyn)**

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- 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 maintain sobriety
- Must be employed

To apply, contact WPA for an application.  
Vacancies are limited.



# LEGAL ADVOCACY

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### **Fortune Society**

**29-76 Northern Boulevard  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(212) 862-0614  
[www.fortunesociety.org](http://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](mailto: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 Leptokarpoulos, Senior Director of Scattered Site Housing, at [kleptokarpoulos@fortunesociety.org](mailto:kleptokarpoulos@fortunesociety.org) or 212-293-0942.

The Fortune Society also provides education, employment, life skills, and counseling services in various locations. Please call for details.

**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](http://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:**

- Public assistance
- Food stamps
- Medicaid
- Housing allowances

- Immigrant rights to public benefits
- Orders of protection
- Custody/visitation and divorce
- Child/spousal support
- Property distribution
- DV-related immigration, housing, and public benefits issues

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

**Additional locations in the Bronx, Beacon, and Poughkeepsie, NY.**

**[www.osborneny.org](http://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 pretrial 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 training and 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.

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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](mailto: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](http://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**  
**29-76 Northern Boulevard**  
**Long Island City, NY 11101**  
**212-691-7554**

**[www.fortunesociety.org](http://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](mailto:parroyo@fortunesociety.org) or 212-691-7554 x235, or you can contact the Director of Court Advocacy, Maria Abadia at 347-683-9567.

**Legal Action Center**  
**29-76 Norther Boulevard**  
**Long Island City, NY 11101**  
**212-243-1313; 800-223-4044**  
**www.lac.org**

- Provides free legal services to formerly incarcerated people, recovering alcoholics, people with HIV/AIDS, 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
- Assists with health care proxies, living wills, permanency planning, and government benefits

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. MFY can assist formerly incarcerated persons by cleaning up rap sheets and by addressing other post-conviction documentation issues.
- The License to Work Initiative serves formerly incarcerated people who need legal assistance in order to secure licenses to re-enter the workforce.

Accessible to people with disabilities.

Translation services available.

**Youth Represent**  
**108 Leonard St, New York, NY 10013**  
**(212) 553-6421**  
**www.youthrepresent.org**

- Serves individuals under the age of 24 who are low income and have legal problems related to arrest or convictions.
- Criminal defense representation, help gaining a certificate of relief, help with school suspension hearings and higher education issues.
- Ensure access to stable housing, employment, and education both during and after involvement with the justice system.

**Families for Freedom**  
**35 West 31th St, #702**  
**New York, NY 10001**  
**p: 646 290 8720**  
**hotline: 646 290 5551**  
**www.familiesforfreedom.org**  
**info@familiesforfreedom.org**

- A New York-based multi-ethnic defense network by and for immigrants facing and fighting deportation. We are immigrant prisoners (detainees), former immigrant prisoners, their loved ones, or individuals at risk of deportation. FFF seeks to repeal the laws that are tearing apart our homes and neighborhoods; and to build the power of immigrant communities as communities of color, to provide a guiding voice in the growing movement for immigrant rights as human rights.



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### **Bridging Access to Care**

**260 Broadway (corner of Havermeyer), 4th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11211  
347-505-5120**

**To make a referral please call: 347-505-5196**

**Clinic Hours: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9-5 and  
Tuesday/Thursday 11-8pm**

**Languages spoken: English, French, Creole and Spanish  
Medicaid/Medicare and most other insurances accepted.**

**[www.bac-ny.org/ny/](http://www.bac-ny.org/ny/)**

Bridging Access to Care operates an Office of Mental Health (OMH) Licensed Outpatient Clinic offering comprehensive services to clients who have a range of mental health problems. The program's objective is to improve health outcomes through symptom management/stabilization.

The licensed outpatient clinic offers a number of mental health services including:

- Comprehensive psychiatric and psychosocial evaluations
- On-going individual and group psychotherapy; Groups are held in English and Spanish
- Medication management
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Treatment for Homeless program: Our services are portable and can be provided where the client is located. Services are free, no insurance needed. Please call referral line.

### **Brooklyn SPAN**

**(Service Planning and Assistance Network)**

**408 Jay Street, Suite 203 Brooklyn, NY 11201**

**718-625-9736, Fax: 718-625-9739**

**[www.brc.org](http://www.brc.org)**

- 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.

# MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING

### **Community Healthcare Network**

**Administrative Office: 60 Madison Avenue, 5th Floor  
New York, NY 10010**

**(212) 545-2400**

**Brooklyn Office: 170 Broadway**

**Brooklyn, NY 11211**

**(718) 486-4933**

**[www.chnny.org](http://www.chnny.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, dental care, HIV services, reproductive health care, mental health care, health education, women's health care, immunizations, and school check ups
- CHN does not turn away any patient under any circumstances. Sliding scale and payment plans available for those without insurance. Services provided regardless of patient's ability to pay.

### **LOCATIONS:**

#### **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.

**Education and Assistance Corporation**

**Administrative Office:**

50 Clinton Street, Suite 107, Hempstead, NY 11550  
 (516) 539-0150 or 1-800-244-STOP, Fax:s (516) 539-0160  
[www.eacinc.org](http://www.eacinc.org)

**Anger Management Program**

- Education and behavior modification program for individuals with minimal prior conflict-related offenses
- Accepts self-referrals in addition to court interventions
- Individuals participate in a one-day class to examine the motivation for and legal consequences of anger and to discover alternative responses
- 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.

**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 and 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 into 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](http://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 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.

**JusticeWorks Community’s Women of Substance**

1012 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215  
 718-499-6704 x205 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, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm  
 718-499-6704 x208 [jmormando@justiceworks.org](mailto:jmormando@justiceworks.org)  
 Madeline Acosta, Tue-Thu 9am-2pm  
 718-499-6704 x205 [macosta@justiceworks.org](mailto:macosta@justiceworks.org)

**Community-Minded Organization Network**  
**Multiple locations in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and the Bronx; call to find location closest to you.**  
**(718) 257-5020 or (405) 367-9448**  
**www.cmo-network.org**

- Provides therapeutic counseling services
- Anger management, impulse control, and conflict resolution training
- Provides substance abuse prevention and referrals to drug treatment programs
- 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
- Provides an environment where you can give back to the community
- Provides parole mediation
- All services are free of charge

**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.

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**The Exodus Transitional Community**  
**2271 Third Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10035**  
**917-492-0990, Fax: 212.722.6669**  
**www.etcny.org**

**The Exodus Transitional Community offers a variety of counseling services for people who have returned home from prison in the last 18 months. Services include:**

- 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, Fax: 212-366-8441**  
**www.fegs.org**

- 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; and
- Have a history of involvement with the criminal justice system

**Center for Comprehensive Care**  
**Coming Home Program, Morningside Clinic**  
**St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital**  
**390 West 114th Street, 3rd Floor**  
**New York, NY 10025**  
**Mary Johnson, MSW (212) 523-6941**  
**To make an appointment: (212) 523-6500, option 3**

- Offers counseling and case management services by and for formerly incarcerated individuals.
- Offers medical services as well
- Services available for the uninsured
- Help available to obtain Medicaid, social security card



# FAMILY SERVICES

## BROOKLYN

### Family Bodega

340-A Williams Ave. at Blake Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11207  
718-342-2650  
[www.familyjustice.org](http://www.familyjustice.org)

- Works with Brownsville and East New York families that have a loved one involved in the criminal justice system or at risk of such involvement
- Uses a family case management approach to help these families with any challenges they are facing, including addiction, HIV/AIDS, and mental illness

### 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
- Also provides free public access computer lab and employment services

### The Osborne Association Family Resource Center

175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-637-6560  
[www.osborneny.org](http://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

### Women's Prison Association, Brooklyn Community Office

175 Remsen Street, 9th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201  
646-336-6100  
[www.wpaonline.org](http://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 and for their children in court and 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

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**The Fortune Society**  
**29-76 Northern Boulevard**  
**Long Island City, NY 11101**  
**212-691-7554**  
**www.fortunesociety.org**

**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.

**Correctional Association of New York**  
**2090 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd., Suite 200**  
**New York, NY 10027**  
**212-254-5700 x306**  
**www.correctionalassociation.org**

**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 advocating for a criminal justice system that is more responsive to the needs and rights of women and their families.

**Hour Children**

**13-07 37th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101**  
**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

**HELPFUL HINT**

Call the Mediation Center at 718-773-6886 to get a copy of the "Working with Fathers Resource Guide".

**HELPFUL HINT**

If you're a friend or family member of an incarcerated person, call the Osborne Association's Family Resource Center Hotline. For families and friends of incarcerated or formerly incarcerated people, shame and stigma can often make it difficult to access the services they need and the support they deserve. To meet these needs, the FRC provides non-stigmatizing support and critical information, often delivered by others who have personally experienced the incarceration of a loved one. The hotline provides referrals to services and information about a weekly support group and special events. Call 1.800.344.3314 Monday through Friday, 10am – 6pm.



# EDUCATION

## BROOKLYN

### **Fifth Avenue Committee**

**621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217**

**718-237-2017**

**[www.fifthave.org](http://www.fifthave.org)**

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](http://www.fdconline.org)**

- Offers free GED classes to youth ages 16-21 years old from 4-7 at Ditmas Junior High School
- Provides recreation activities
- Provides immigration counseling services
- Provides financial literacy education in multiple languages

### **Medgar Evers College**

#### **School of Continuing Education**

**1150 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**718-270-6024 ext. 6400**

**[www.mec.cuny.edu](http://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](http://www.adultednyc.org)**

- Eight locations throughout NYC; above location is also the central office
- Offers GED, Pre-GED, and courses in Career and Technical Education (CTE) and health careers (LPN and CNA)
- Day, evening, and Saturdays
- Ages 21 and over; classes are free or low-cost

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**The Fortune Society**  
 29-76 Northern Boulevard  
 Long Island City, NY 11101  
 212-691-7554  
[www.fortunesociety.org](http://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](mailto:jgordon@fortunesociety.org) or 212-691-7554 x324.

### College and Community Fellowship

**475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1626**  
**New York, NY 100115**  
 646-380-7777  
[www.collegeandcommunity.org](http://www.collegeandcommunity.org)

College & Community Fellowship (CCF) is unique among organizations aimed at helping people reclaim their lives after prison. CCF guides people 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.

### The DOME Project

**486 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10024**  
 212.724.1780  
[www.domeproject.org](http://www.domeproject.org)

- Juvenile Justice Program provides young people with counseling, court advocacy, job preparation and guidance toward educational and vocational opportunities.
- Academic Tutoring Program serves disadvantaged youth with distinct educational needs by pairing youths with a volunteer tutor for supervised subject specific academic sessions.
- College Prep Program assists students in gaining entry to colleges and prep schools.

### Nontraditional Employment for Women

**243 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011**  
 (212) 627-6252  
[www.new-nyc.org](http://www.new-nyc.org)

- Prepares women for nontraditional careers in the construction, utilities, and transportation industries.
- Programs include a mix of hands-on shop skills, classroom instruction, physical fitness assessment, job development and placement services, social service referrals, and case management.

## STRIVE

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

- Trainings in a wide range of fields, including Green Construction, Office Operations, Certified Nurse, Computer Technician, Light Maintenance, Medical Billing
- Strong Fathers, Stronger Families helps fathers learn to embrace fatherhood and to obtain the tools they need to have a positive impact on the lives of their children.
- Computer Basics 101 and Advanced Job Search assistance to help our fathers on their way to economic success. So, if you are ready to learn how to improve your computers skills, then this is the opportunity for you to.
- Out-of-School Youth Program for youth aged 18-21 who are not connected to school or work, or who need assistance upgrading their jobs skills. OSY offers: Occupational skills training, Assistance with job and college placement, GED preparation, Support services

## QUEENS

### Fatherhood Academy

**1-10 Thomson Avenue , Long Island City, Queens**  
 718-730-7336

The CUNY Fatherhood Academy is a free 5-month, 3 day a week program to help fathers:

- Earn a GED and prepare for college.
- Get work experience, explore careers, and learn about parenting, health, and financial literacy.

## Bronx

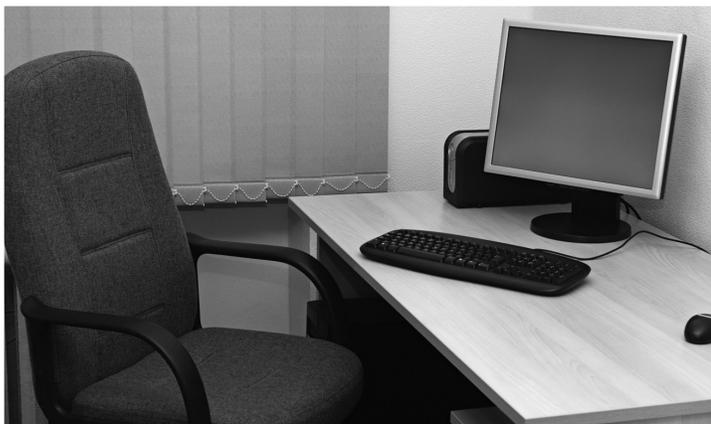
### The College Initiative

**Lehman College, Old Gym Building, Room 003B**  
**250 Bedford Park Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10486**  
 718-960-8000

- 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.

### HELPFUL HINT

Many employment agencies also have educational services. Check the employment page for more options!



# EMPLOYMENT SERVICES/CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## BROOKLYN

### ComALERT

210 Joralemon Street, 3rd floor Brooklyn, NY 11218  
718-250-5557

[www.brooklynda.org/ca/comalert.htm](http://www.brooklynda.org/ca/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 person's release from prison

#### Services Include:

##### Paid Work

- Offers work in their Community Improvement Project. IMMEDIATELY start earning \$7.40/hr.

##### Vocational Training and Jobs

- 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

- 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 their 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](http://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  
Neighborhood Employment Services and  
Brooklyn Workforce Innovations**  
621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217  
718-237-2017  
[www.fifthave.org](http://www.fifthave.org)

Neighborhood Employment Services:

- Offers training, skills, and job placement. Includes workshops on resume building and interview preparation, computer classes, job coaching and counseling

Brooklyn Workforce Innovations programs:

- Red Hook on the Road, commercial driver training
- Brooklyn Networks, teledata cable installation training
- Made in NY, production assistant training
- Brooklyn Woods, woodworking and cabinet making

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](http://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](http://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.

**Employment Works**  
**Department of Small Business Services with the  
Department of Probation**

- Unemployed or underemployed probationers 18 years or older can be referred by probation to this program which provides education, training, and support services to achieve long-term employment.
- Available to probationers in Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx

**Brooklyn Job Corps Center**  
585 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205  
(718) 623-4000  
[brooklyn.jobcorps.gov](http://brooklyn.jobcorps.gov)

- Serves young people ages 16-24 who are drug free.
- Offers hands on vocational training, educational development, housing, meals, basic medical care, and biweekly living allowances.
- Purpose is to train participants in more than 100 career areas.

**Brooklyn Workforce1 Career Center**  
9 Bond Street, 5th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 246-5219  
[www.nyc.gov/workforce1](http://www.nyc.gov/workforce1)

- Helps connect one to employees who have job openings.
- Offers career counseling, resume and cover letter assistance, and job placement services.

**The HOPE Program**  
1 Smith Street, 4th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 852-9307  
[www.thehopeprogram.org](http://www.thehopeprogram.org)

- HOPE helps students with criminal backgrounds prepare for interviews, review their RAP sheets, and identify job opportunities.
- HOPEworks provides 12 weeks of classroom instruction for a wide range of careers.
- GROCERYworks is an 8-week training program for men and women interested in working in the growing food retail industry.

**ACCES-VR (Office of Adult Career and Continuing  
Education Services)**  
**Brooklyn District Office**  
55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217  
(718) 722-6700

- ACCES-VR provides vocational counseling and rehabilitation services that result in successful employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities and their employers.
- VR Counselors guide individuals through service programs they need to reach their employment goals.

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**Center for Employment Opportunities**  
 32 Broadway, 15th Floor New York, NY 10004  
 212-422-4430  
[www.ceoworks.org](http://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](http://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**  
 29-76 Northern Boulevard  
 Long Island City, NY 11101 212-691-7554  
[www.fortunesociety.org](http://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](mailto: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

- 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.

**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.

**Urban Pathways, Inc.**  
 575 8th Avenue, 9th Fl. NY, NY 10018  
 212-736-7385 ext. 29  
[www.urbanpathways.org](http://www.urbanpathways.org)

- Provides shelter and support services to homeless men and women in New York.
- 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).
- Vocational program includes job training, coaching, and development in the areas of administration, messenger, services, food service, etc.

**GoodTemps**  
 111 East 59th Street, 10th Floor,  
 New York, NY 10022  
 (212) 986-9566  
[www.goodtemps.org](http://www.goodtemps.org)

**Friends of Island Academy**

255 West 36th Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY  
10018  
(212) 760-0755  
[www.foiany.org](http://www.foiany.org)

At Friends, we strive to break cycles of incarceration by providing opportunities for growth.

- Serves Young people ages 16 to 21 who are involved in the criminal justice system.
- Helps one continue their education, find an internship and provides mental health services.
- Helps with resume building and job readiness

**CMO Network**

1040 First Avenue, Suite 276, New York NY 10022  
(646) 597-8411  
[www.cmo-network.org](http://www.cmo-network.org)

- Focus on prisoner reintegration into society through family, the workforce and community.
- Teaches participants to obtain employment, become financially stable, to protect themselves legally, and to avoid problematic behavior.

**Wildcat Service Corporation**

2 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10004  
(212) 209-6000  
[www.wildcatnyc.org](http://www.wildcatnyc.org)

- Wildcat helps unemployed and underemployed New Yorkers find jobs, build careers, and receive training necessary to compete in today's economy.
- Invests tenaciously in the skills and experiences of New Yorkers facing the highest barriers to employment.
- Services include Job Readiness, Transitional Employment, Job Placement, Career Services, and Youth Development.

**Getting Out and Staying Out (GOSO)**

91 East 116th Street, New York, NY 10029  
(212) 831-5020  
[www.gosonyc.org](http://www.gosonyc.org)

GOSO provides post-release transitional services focusing on education, employment, and social services.

- Every participant meets one-on-one with Career Counselors and social workers, and attends GOSO seminars and workshops.
- Seminars focused on life skills, job readiness, health education, and continuing education.
- During office hours participants have unlimited access to computers, phones and fax machines that enable them to research and apply for jobs and educational programs.

**The Door**

555 Broome St., New York, NY 11106  
(212) 941-9090  
[www.door.org](http://www.door.org)

- Provides full range of integrated services at a single site, free of charge to any adolescent between the ages of 12 and 21.
- Services include reproductive health care and education, mental health counseling and crisis assistance, legal assistance, GED and ESOL classes, tutoring and homework help, college preparation services, career development, job training and placement, supportive housing, sports and recreational activities, arts, and nutritious meals.

**Fedcap Rehabilitation Services Inc.**

211 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011  
(212) 727-4200  
[www.Fedcap.org](http://www.Fedcap.org)

- The Way to Work's services achieves lasting impact through a comprehensive, individualized approach to building skills.
- Staff provides curriculum career training, GED preparation, professional and personal counseling, job placement and retention services.
- Training for 15 weeks and job-placement activities for an additional three weeks are full-time, Monday through Friday.

**Police Athletic League RISE Program**

441 Manhattan Avenue, New York, NY 10026  
(212) 280-4517  
[www.palnyc.org](http://www.palnyc.org)

- The Police Athletic League's RISE program offers services to teenagers (16-19) who are presently involved within, or have previously been involved with the criminal court system.
- Services include individual counseling, life skills workshops, job-readiness training & placement, identification replacements, and educational & housing referrals.

**Greenhope Services for Women**

448 East 119th Street, New York, NY 10035  
212-369-5100 ext. 51 or 52  
[www.greenhope.org](http://www.greenhope.org)

- Vocational training offered to clients includes assessments, classes, workshops, and training.
- Culminates in job placement assistance and referrals to placement services.
- Enables a flexible workforce by matching employers with qualified, motivated job seekers.
- Public and private sectors.



# MEDICAL SERVICES

## MANHATTAN

### AmidaCare

#### Administrative Offices

248 West 35th Street, 7th Flr,  
New York, NY 10001

Phone: 646-786-1800

Member services: 1-800-556-0689

Fax: 646-786-1801

[www.amidacareny.org](http://www.amidacareny.org)

- Non-profit Medicaid HIV Special Needs Plan (SNP), specifically designed for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS
- All the benefits of Medicaid plus additional services such as specialized Primary Care Providers and more
- Nurse care coordinators, member service representatives, community case managers, and other plan staff are available to assist Members
- Comprehensive assistance for Members and Providers is just a phone call away, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- All NYC residents living with HIV/AIDS are eligible, except for residents of Queens.

### Exponents, Inc.

151 West 26th Street, Manhattan 10001

Telephone: 212.243.3434

[www.exponents.org](http://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 Comprehensive Care Coming Home Program, Morningside Clinic

St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital

390 West 114th Street, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10025

Mary Johnson, MSW (212) 523-6941

To make an appointment: (212) 523-6500, option 3

- Offers primary and medical health care, OB/GYN and women's health, dental care, yoga, massage, and acupuncture
- Offers counseling and case management services by and for formerly incarcerated individuals
- Services available for the uninsured
- Help available to obtain Medicaid, social security card

### Young Men's Clinic

21 Audubon Avenue, New York, NY, 10032

(866) 4634-2778

[www.youngmensclinic.org](http://www.youngmensclinic.org)

- Provides physical exams, STIs testing, and minor medical care.
- Offers individual health education, counseling, and referrals to GED, employment, and vocational programs.

## 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 infections 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

## Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health

450 Clarkson Ave., Box 1232 Brooklyn, NY 11203  
718-270-3101

483 Hudson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-222-5953

[www.arthurasheinstitute.org](http://www.arthurasheinstitute.org)

- Provides a variety of services to the community to educate the local population about access to care and increase health knowledge.

## Brooklyn AIDS Task Force

Mailing address:

502 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Locations:

● 25 Chapel Street, Room 605 Brooklyn, NY 11201

● 502 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217

● 260 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11211

● 145/147 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213

718-622-2910, Fax: 718-623-1158

[www.batf.net](http://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

## MEDICAL SERVICES > COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

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

## 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

[www.communityalternatives.org](http://www.communityalternatives.org)

- Provides information, referral, education, and support services for HIV positive people, as well as a harm-reduction program for women who are HIV positive.
- Outpatient substance abuse treatment program is available for women.
- Provides referrals and assistance accessing housing entitlements.
- 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.

### HELPFUL HINT

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 thereby allowing 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**

**Administrative Office: 60 Madison Avenue, 5th fl**

**New York, NY 10010**

**(212) 545-2400**

**Brooklyn Office: 170 Broadway**

**Brooklyn, NY 11211**

**(718) 486-4933**

**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, 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. Sliding scale and payment plans available for those without insurance. Services provided regardless of patient’s ability to pay.

**BROOKLYN LOCATIONS:**

**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.



# SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

## BROOKLYN

**Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation**  
22 Chapel Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-260-2900  
[www.artcny.org](http://www.artcny.org)

### 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, research opportunities, 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 8:30-4:30

### 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

### 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

[www.communityalternatives.org](http://www.communityalternatives.org)

- Harm-reduction program for women who are HIV positive.
- Outpatient substance abuse treatment program is available for women.

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.

### First Steps Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program

502 Bergen Street, 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11217  
718-622-2910

- 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.
- For more information, please contact LaVerne Merritt-Morrison at 718-622-2910 x108/117.

**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.

**ComALERT in Partnership with CSEDNY****210 Joralemon St., 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11218****718-250-5557****www.csedny.org**

- 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

**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, [jmormando@justiceworks.org](mailto:jmormando@justiceworks.org). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, or Madeline Acosta 718-499-6704 x205, [macosta@justiceworks.org](mailto:macosta@justiceworks.org). Tue-Thu 9am-2pm.

**New York Therapeutic Community 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**

- 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 once 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](mailto: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 the inability to pay.
- Admission process includes a confidential interview, diagnostic evaluation, one-on-one counseling, and customized treatment planning. Call for more information.

**Project Samaritan**

**803 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY 11216**  
**718-804-0900**  
[www.aidsnyc.org/help-psi/index.html](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**Paul J Cooper Center for Human Services**

**519 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212**  
**718-346-5900**

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

## MANHATTAN

**The Fortune Society**  
**29-76 Northern Boulevard**  
**Long Island City, NY 11101**  
**212-691-7554**  
**www.fortunesociety.org**

### 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 [amatatos@fortunesociety.org](mailto:amatatos@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.

## BRONX

**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.



# SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

## BROOKLYN

**The Brooklyn Tabernacle**  
17 Smith Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-290-2000  
[www.brooklyntabernacle.org](http://www.brooklyntabernacle.org)

- Provides service and spiritual assistance to incarcerated individuals through GED programs and support sessions for formerly incarcerated parents
- Adult education and GED classes offered as well

**Emmanuel Baptist Church**  
279 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238  
718-622-1107  
[www.ebc-ny.org](http://www.ebc-ny.org)

- 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

**Lubavitch Youth Organization**  
305 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213  
718-953-1000  
[www.lubavitchyouth.org](http://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.

**Youth and Congregations in Partnership  
Kings County District Attorney's Office**  
350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-250-3804  
[www.brooklynnda.org/YCP/YCP.htm](http://www.brooklynnda.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.

- Intensive mentorship and comprehensive services.
- Anger Management and Conflict Resolution Training
- Parent/Guardian and Family Counseling
- Recreational and Arts experiences
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counseling
- Educational Support and Case Management
- Career Readiness and Job Placement

**Masjid al Mumin**  
1135 Eastern Pkwy Brooklyn, NY 11213  
Imam Ibrahim Abdullah

**Masjid Abdul Muhsi Khalifah**  
120 Madison Street  
Imam Adib Rashid

- Worship services on Fridays at 12:30pm
- Orientation classes on Sundays 1-3pm for individuals new to the faith or interested in learning

**The Free Fulfillment Project**  
**New World Society, Inc.**  
in partnership with Exodus Transitional Community  
1166 Bedford Avenue (at the corner of Madison)  
Brooklyn NY 11216  
Tel: (347)-663-3122

- Provides free massage therapy for formerly incarcerated individuals with the belief that massage therapy can reduce stress and address the challenges faced by this population.

# GET INVOLVED

**Think Outside The Cell Foundation**  
511 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 525  
New York, NY 10011  
(877) 267-2303  
[www.thinkoutsidethecell.org](http://www.thinkoutsidethecell.org)  
[thinkoutsidethecell@verizon.net](mailto:thinkoutsidethecell@verizon.net)

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- Working to end the stigma and—through personal development, storytelling and other creative approaches—help the incarcerated, the formerly incarcerated and their families to create their own opportunities.
- There is a role for everyone in this important work; please see the website for more information on getting involved.

**Milk Not Jails**  
497 Quincy Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11221  
Tel: (917) 719-MILK  
[milknotjails.wordpress.com](http://milknotjails.wordpress.com)  
Email: [milknotjails@gmail.com](mailto:milknotjails@gmail.com)

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- Seeks to end upstate, rural New York's dependency on the prison economy and to revitalize and invest in New York's agricultural economy as a model alternative to the prison economy. Milk Not Jails does this by promoting upstate-produced dairy products and advocating against unfair criminal justice policies.
- To get involved, check out their website and start buying some milk!

**Citizens Against Recidivism, Inc.**  
347.626.7233 x 1  
[www.citizensinc.org](http://www.citizensinc.org)

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- Volunteer opportunities range from spending a few hours each week in the office assisting in administrative matters, serving on our special events committee, and answering mail from incarcerated individuals.
- To get involved, email Ex. Director Mike DeVeaux, [mdeveaux@citizensinc.org](mailto:mdeveaux@citizensinc.org)

**Education From The Inside Out Coalition**  
(646) 380-7777  
[www.eiocoalition.org](http://www.eiocoalition.org)

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- Provides higher education possibilities to incarcerated individuals.
- Mission is to remove barriers to higher education funding facing students in prisons.

## Cure Violence

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- Seeks to end shootings and killings throughout the country. Outreach staff and volunteers are often composed of formerly-incarcerated individuals in recognition of their unique position as a credible messenger. Get in touch with one of the six NYC replications if you'd like to volunteer.

**BROOKLYN:**  
**Save Our Streets Crown Heights**  
256 Kingston Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
(718) 773-6886  
[www.soscrownheights.org](http://www.soscrownheights.org)

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**Man Up! Inc - East New York**  
821 Van Siclen Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11207  
718-498-2320  
[www.manupinc.org](http://www.manupinc.org)

**MANHATTAN:**  
**Operation SNUG - Harlem**  
653 Lenox Avenue  
New York, NY 10037  
212-368-8400 ext.343

**BRONX:**  
**Save Our Streets South Bronx**  
509 Willis Avenue, 2nd FL  
Bronx, NY 10455  
(646) 448-9131  
[www.sossouthbronx.org](http://www.sossouthbronx.org)

**QUEENS:**  
**South Jamaica Cure Violence Program**  
Life Camp/ Cure Violence  
111-12 Sutphin Blvd  
Jamaica, New York 11435  
(646) 258-0936  
[www.lifecampinc.com](http://www.lifecampinc.com)



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

If you have Internet access, here are additional sources of information:

- [www.reentry.net/ny](http://www.reentry.net/ny)
- [www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org](http://www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org)
- [www.collegeinitiative.org](http://www.collegeinitiative.org), click on "Reentry Resources"
- [rethinkingreentry.blogspot.com/](http://rethinkingreentry.blogspot.com/) — The Upper Manhattan Reentry Task Force's blog. Also see their reentry guide, "**Coming Home: A Resource Guide for Reentrants and Their Families**"

Available for download at [courttinnovation.org/UM\\_Reentry\\_Resource.pdf](http://courttinnovation.org/UM_Reentry_Resource.pdf)

- John Jay College, Prisoner Reentry Institute
- Medgar Evers Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions
- Vera Institute of Justice, Center on Sentencing and Corrections "**Connections and the Job Search: A Guide for Formerly Incarcerated People to Information Sources in New York City**", 2010. New York Public Library.

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: [legacy.www.nypl.org/branch/services/connections/index.html](http://legacy.www.nypl.org/branch/services/connections/index.html)

Spanish: [legacy.www.nypl.org/branch/services/conexiones/](http://legacy.www.nypl.org/branch/services/conexiones/)

- **My Sister's Keeper: A Book for Women Returning Home from Jail or Prison, 2008.**

Correctional Association of New York.

There is a pdf of the book online that can be retrieved by searching the name of the book or going to:

[www.correctionalassociation.org/publications/download/wipp/MySistersKeeper\\_Re-EntryGuide.pdf](http://www.correctionalassociation.org/publications/download/wipp/MySistersKeeper_Re-EntryGuide.pdf)

- **The Center for Community Problem Solving Reentry Guide: A Handbook for People Coming Out of Jails and Prisons and for Their Families and Communities, 2005.**

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](mailto:law.cps@nyu.edu)

[www.cpscps.org](http://www.cpscps.org)

## HOW TO GET FREE CELL PHONE SERVICE (If qualified):

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
- 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.

### Assurance Wireless (NewYork)

1-888-321-5880

[www.assurancewireless.com](http://www.assurancewireless.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 house hold receives Lifeline service through another phone carrier.
- You have a valid U.S. postal address.

### Safelink Wireless (New York)

1-800-977-3768

[www.safelink.com](http://www.safelink.com)



# BASICS

**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.**

## **HOW 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.

Apply for your "Non-driver Photo ID card" at the

### **Brooklyn Office of the Department of Motor Vehicles**

Atlantic Center, 2nd Fl.

625 Atlantic Ave. 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 YOU WILL NEED:**

1. Your Social Security card (original only, no copies)
2. Your birth certificate (original only, no copies)
3. Additional documents totaling 4 points.

See <http://www.dmv.ny.gov/forms/id44.pdf> for a full list of acceptable documentation and information about the point system. All documentation must be original versions, no copies.

## **HOW TO GET A BIRTH CERTIFICATE:**

■ Birth certificates from 1910 to the present are available through the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

### **Office of Vital Records**

125 Worth St., Room 133 (Centre and Lafayette Sts.)

New York, NY 10013

Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

### **What information you should be prepared to provide:**

■ Full name as listed on the birth certificate; Sex (male or female); Date of birth; Mother's maiden name (her name prior to first marriage); Father's full name (if available); Hospital or street where birth occurred and the borough; Your relationship to the owner; Your mailing address; Reason why you are requesting the certificate

## **HOW TO GET MEDICAID:**

### **YOU MAY BE COVERED BY MEDICAID IF:**

- You have high medical bills.
- You receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- You meet certain financial requirements.

Contact the Human Resources Administration by calling (718) 557-1399. Residents of the five boroughs of New York City may call toll free at 1-877-472-8411. You can find out where your local department of social services is and walk in for an application interview.

### **Brooklyn Locations and Contact:**

#### **Boerum Hill**

35 4th Avenue

(718) 623-7427/7428

#### **Coney Island**

30-50 West 21st Street

(718) 333-3000/3001

#### **East New York**

2094 Pitkin Avenue

(Basement)

(718) 922-8292/8293

#### **Kings County Hosp.**

441 Clarkson Ave. "T"

Bldg. Nurses' Residence

(1st Fl)

(718) 221-2300/2301

#### **Woodhull Hospital**

760 Broadway

(Ground Floor)

(718) 630-3397/3398

**Cost:** Each copy costs \$15 which can be paid using check, money order, or credit/debit card (NO CASH).

Certificates will be released upon presentation of a signed, valid photo ID, such as Driver's License, Employment ID, Government ID, Social Services ID, and a Passport. ID must show an expiration date that has not passed. ID without an expiration date must have been issued within the past 12 months.

**You may also order your birth certificate online or by mail by visiting the following website:**

[www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/services/vr-birth-general.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/services/vr-birth-general.shtml)

## HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORT (RAP SHEET):

### Legal Action Center

225 Varick Street, 4th Floor  
New York, NY, 10014, (212) 243-1313

Appointments to get copies of Criminal History Reports (rap sheets) can be made Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. They do not take walk-ins. You must make an appointment with the Rap Sheet Coordinator.

### Police Headquarters

1 Police Plaza  
New York, NY

■ Request an "Albany Package". At Police Headquarters you will be fingerprinted. There is a fee of \$15.00 (money orders only) for fingerprinting. It is the responsibility of the person requesting the Criminal History Report (rap sheet) to send the fingerprints, the form provided in the "Albany Package", and a money order for the processing fee to Albany.

■ 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

29 Gallatin Place  
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.

## HOW TO GET YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY 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.

### Location and Contact:

1540 Fulton Street  
Sixth Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
1-800-772-1213

### STEPS:

1) Complete an application, which you can get at [www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html](http://www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html) or at your local social security office.

2) Bring documents proving:

■ U.S. citizenship (U.S. Passport, Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship, U.S. Birth Certificate, U.S. consular report of birth)

■ Your identity (current documents: U.S. driver's license or non-driver ID, U.S. passport)

■ Your age (birth certificate, hospital or religious record of birth, passport)

3) Take your application and documents to your local social security office.

## HOW TO GET A CERTIFICATE OF DISPOSITION:

■ Many jobs require that formerly incarcerated people provide a **Certificate of Disposition** 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.

### What 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), your full name and date of birth, 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:

### New York County (Manhattan)

60 Centre Street, Rm 161  
New York, NY 10007  
Monday to Friday,  
9am to 5pm  
(646) 386-5955

### Kings County (Brooklyn)

Brooklyn Supreme Court  
360 Adams Street, Rm 189  
Monday to Friday,  
9am to 5pm  
(347) 404-9772

### Bronx County

851 Grand Concourse,  
Rm 118  
Bronx, NY 10451  
Monday to Friday,  
9am to 5pm  
(866) 797-7214

### Queens County

88-11 Sutphin Blvd  
Jamaica, NY 11435  
Monday to Friday,  
9am to 5pm  
(718) 298-0600

### Richmond County (Staten Island)

130 Stuyvesant Place 2nd Fl.  
Staten Island, NY 10301  
Monday to Friday,  
9am to 5pm  
(718) 675-7700

## HOW TO GET 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](http://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

1-800-397-3742

### Equifax

1-800-685-1111

### Trans Union

1-877-322-8228

# GETTING HIRED SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION

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. There are some incentives the government has put in place:

## 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.

**Location and Contact:**  
Federal Bonding Program  
NYS Department of Labor,  
Rm 425  
State Office Building  
Campus Bldg. 12  
Albany, NY 12240  
518-485-2151 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.

**Location and Contact:**  
NYS Department of Labor,  
Business Services  
9 Bond Street  
4th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 613-3405

## GETTING BUSINESS ATTIRE

■ For Social Service Agencies: If you have clients who have completed job training programs and need interview attire, Career Gear (men) and Dress for Success (women) may be able to help you secure free dress clothing.

**Career Gear:** 212-577-6190

**Dress for Success:** 212-684-3611

\*For a referral or voucher, contact the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center at (718) 773-6886.

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■ See previous page to receive Certificate of Disposition and RAP Sheet.

## DISCUSSING YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD WITH POTENTIAL 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/judgments/decisions.

**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

**Step 3:** Tell Them what you have learned or realized:

- I'm not proud of what I've done; I'm sorry it ever happened.
- 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.

■ 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.

## HELPFUL HINT

### RESPONSES TO COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

Watching beatings, witnessing shootings, seeing bullet holes and police tape: these are examples of violence that nobody should be exposed to, but sadly, for so many of us, these are frequent experiences and can seem “normal.” These are examples of community violence, violence from people around us, and while it impacts many neighborhoods, it doesn’t have to dominate your life.

People who have experienced violent trauma from community violence may have trouble trusting others, feel anxiety when walking through their neighborhood or places that remind them of it, have trouble sleeping, experience frequent stomach aches or headaches, find themselves thinking about the trauma often or re-experiencing it, feel angry or sad, or struggle to get along with others.

Many people who experience violence go into “survival mode,” feeling worried and ready to fight or run at all times. Trauma can affect someone’s mood, view of the world, and sense of control. If you find yourself feeling this way, know that you are not alone and that it can get better. No one deserves to go through life in survival mode and there are resources to help you process trauma and move forward.

Healing from trauma includes finding healthy ways to talk about your experience and engaging in positive activities. Think about someone you can confide in such as a family member, friend, counselor, or minister. Specially trained therapists can also provide expertise and confidentiality. Many people cope through writing, drawing or other arts activities, as well as through physical activities like joining a sports team or exercising regularly. Some find ways to mentor others, volunteer for local organizations, and share what they’ve learned to contribute to a safer community for all.

Relaxation techniques can be helpful if you feel yourself becoming agitated or on the verge of re-experiencing a traumatic event. You can practice “controlled breathing” by placing your hand on your belly and watching it go out like a balloon expanding as you inhale and then go back in like a balloon deflating when you exhale. Practice slow, deep breaths. Another helpful technique is “progressive muscle relaxation.” Practice tensing and then relaxing a specific part of your body, like your hand multiple times, and then continue through different parts of your body.

*Adapted from resources provided by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (2013) and the Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy web-based learning course (2005).*



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Call Brandon at 718.773.6886  
or email at [gibsonb@crowheights.org](mailto:gibsonb@crowheights.org)

You can help keep yourself safer in your neighborhood by creating a safety plan. Think about which streets are safer to avoid and who you can travel with that will help you be safe. Make sure that the people you choose to spend time with and travel with are not going to put you in any danger. Plan ahead where you would go in an emergency and who you would call. Have their number memorized.

There are many people who’ve experienced similar situations and can support and help you. Call the Mediation Center to learn more.

# GLOSSARY

**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 to 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

**NY NY-** New York New York. Agreement between New York City and the State of New York to house mentally ill residents.

**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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