

**CROWN HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER**

**REENTRY RESOURCE
DIRECTORY**

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You can use this guide to find information about:

Housing, Legal Advocacy, Counseling, Family Services,
Education, Employment and Career Development,
Medical Services, Substance Abuse Treatment,
and Spiritual Resources.

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The Crown Heights Weed and Seed Coalition was created in 2006 by the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center to address gun violence and prisoner reentry needs on a local level. The strategy involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in "weeding out" violent criminals and drug abusers and public agencies and community-based private organizations collaborate to "seed" much-needed human services, including prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood restoration programs. A community-oriented policing component bridges the weeding and seeding elements.

The Crown Heights Community Mediation Center is a safe, neutral place where young people and adults in Crown Heights can come to express concerns, settle disputes, and work together to achieve common goals. The Center's mission is twofold: to bring local residents together and to provide the community with the tools and resources to resolve its own conflicts.

For more information about anything in this guide, please contact us at:

256 Kingston Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11213
tel: 718-773-6886 fax: 718-774-5349 www.crownheights.org

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If you have internet access, check out the Calendar of Upcoming Reentry-Related Events at: <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
25 Chapel Street, Suite 1200 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-625-4545
www.bchands.org

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

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

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Have a primary Axis I diagnosis such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major depression, and either receive SSI or SSD due to mental illness, or have an extended impairment in functioning due to mental illness, or rely on psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation, and 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

- 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

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
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, Brooklyn, NY 11232
718-686-7946
www.nhnhome.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

The Redemption Center

1186 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233
718-922-1627
www.theredemptioncntr.com

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

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

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

Sunflower House

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

Eligibility requirements:

- Must have criminal justice history
- Must be employed

To apply, contact the Sunflower House for an application. Vacancies are limited.

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The Doe Fund
www.doe.org

Provides transitional and permanent housing opportunities through these programs:

Peter Jay Sharp Residence
223 East 117th Street, New York, NY 10039
212-996-3165

- Affordable apartments in East Harlem with on-site 12-step meetings, fitness room, and case management
- Tenants are committed to supporting each other in their common goals of staying drug-free and employed.

Special Needs Assessment and Placement (SNAP)

345 East 102nd Street, New York, NY 10029
646-672-2990

- Helps individuals and families move into independent and supportive living situations
- Provides: intensive case management, life skills assistance, mental health assessments and referrals, drug relapse prevention and substance abuse services, socialization activities, permanency planning and after-care services

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

Fortune Academy: West Harlem

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

Eligibility Requirements:

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

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

Scattered Site Program:

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

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

HELPFUL HINT

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

HOW TO GET A STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD:

Apply for your "Non-driver Photo ID card" at the Department of Motor Vehicles.
Brooklyn Office-NYS DMV
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. Additional documents totaling 4 points.
See <http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/idlicense.htm> for a full list of acceptable documentation and information about the point system. All documentation must be original versions, no copies.



LEGAL ADVOCACY

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

Provides free legal help to low-income residents in the Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights communities in the following areas:

- Homelessness prevention
- Public benefits
- Public assistance (food stamps, Medicaid and Medicare, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income/Disability)
- Consumer
- Family

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

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

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

Housing:

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

Government Benefits:

The Government Benefits practice assists clients in obtaining and maintaining means-based government benefits. In all five boroughs of New York City, the practice

provides information and assistance in benefits-related areas such as:

- Public assistance
- Food stamps
- Medicaid
- Housing allowances
- Workfare
- Immigrant rights to public benefits

Family/Domestic Violence Practice

The Family/Domestic Violence Practice provides representation in the following areas:

- 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
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 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

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

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

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

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

Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Programs

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

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

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

- Provides free legal services to formerly incarcerated people, recovering alcoholics, and substance abusers
- Helps obtain your rap sheet (arrest and conviction record) and provides information on how to "clean up" your rap sheet
- Counsels on your rights when seeking employment
 Call Mon.- Fri. 9-5 for an appointment. Formerly incarcerated people please call Tue. or Fri. 9:30-4:30. Spanish also spoken. Accessible to people with disabilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELPFUL HINT

It may be possible for you to apply for a Certificate of Release from Disabilities or Certificate of Good Conduct to eliminate certain barriers that come with a conviction, such as employment or licensing restrictions.

WHO TO CONTACT:

Ask your parole or probation officer or request an application from:

New York State Division of Parole
 Certificate Review Unit
 97 Central Avenue Albany, NY 12206
 518-485-8953

HELPFUL HINT

Register to Vote!

In New York State, you CAN vote while you are incarcerated *unless*:

- You are currently serving time for a felony*
- You are currently on parole for a felony conviction*
- You are currently under 18 years old or not a U.S. citizen

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

In New York you CAN vote if you are:

- Awaiting trial and not yet convicted and do not fall into the above categories
- Serving time for a misdemeanor
- On probation

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



MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING

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

Alternative to Violence Program

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

Women's Prison Project

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

Support Services

- Holistic service plans for people and families living with HIV/AIDS that includes:

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

Brooklyn SPAN
(Service Planning and Assistance Network)
408 Jay Street, Suite 203 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-625-9736

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

Community Healthcare Network
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. Services provided regardless of patient's ability to pay.

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

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

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

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

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

- Also offers mental health services
- Open Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4
- Staff members speak Spanish. Materials available in English and Spanish.

Red Hook Health Center
88 Visitation Place Brooklyn, NY 11231
718-694-6049

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

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

Anger Management Program

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

Brooklyn Adolescent Link Program, NYC TASC
175 Remsen Street, Room 505 Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-237-9404

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

Brooklyn Forensic Link Program
175 Remsen Street, 6th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11202
718-975-0180

- Links people with serious mental illness who are returning to the Brooklyn community from the correctional system 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**

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 jmorando@justiceworks.org
Madeline Acosta, Tue-Thu 9am-2pm
718-499-6704 x205 macosta@justiceworks.org

The Network Program of Episcopal Social Services

**653 Schenck Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207
718-257-5020
www.essnyc.org**

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

■ All services are free of charge

Network in the Community Sites:

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

Anger Management workshops:

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

Ready, Willing, and Able

**520 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216
718-622-0634
www.doe.org**

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

Realization Center

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

Offers the following services in a safe, supportive environment:

- Adult and adolescent chemical dependency (for alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates/heroin, and pills)
- Dual diagnosis for people with chemical dependency and co-existing psychiatric disorders
- Sexual addiction recovery
- Parenting groups
- Chronic relapse program
- Codependency programs including education and treatment

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

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The Exodus Transitional Community

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

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

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

F-E-G-S NYCLink

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

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

Eligibility Requirements:

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

HELPFUL HINT

Feeling stressed out is a normal part of getting back into the swing of things. You don't have to do it all by yourself.

It helps to reach out to your family members and friends for support – and any one of the organizations in this booklet could assist you as well. They are there to help!



FAMILY SERVICES

BROOKLYN

Family Bodega

340-A Williams Ave. at Blake Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11207
718-342-2650
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

The Osborne Association Family Resource Center

175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-637-6560
www.osborneny.org

The Family Resource Center provides:

- A toll free information hotline (1-800-344-3314) that answers questions about visitation, transportation, packages, transfers, parole, and other issues related to a loved one's incarceration
- Informational workshops for families of people in prison
- Opportunities for people formerly incarcerated and their family members to address the challenges of post-release family re-unification
- Referrals for educational, treatment, and family services for family members and former prisoners

Women's Prison Association, Brooklyn Community Office

175 Remsen Street, 9th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
646-336-6100
www.wpaonline.org

WPA's Incarcerated Mothers Law Project (IMLP)

- Helps criminal justice-involved mothers preserve family relationships and make informed decisions about the care and custody of their children
- Educates women about their rights and responsibilities with respect to the legal relationships with their children
- Teaches women how to advocate for themselves 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
53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor New York, NY 10010
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 dedicated to making the criminal justice system more responsive to the needs and rights of women and their families.

HELPFUL HINT

Sometimes, it helps to share your experiences with others who are in a similar situation.

For families of incarcerated persons, formerly incarcerated persons and interested community members. Free and Confidential.

Every Wednesday, 5:30 - 7 PM
 The Osborne Association
 175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor, Brooklyn, NY
 800-344-3314

Help for ourselves and our families; Learn more about MCI, Parole, Transfers, Visiting Procedure, Legal Issues; Share your pain, strength and hope; Be with people who understand; Positive and Supporting; No "woulda, coulda shoulda."



EDUCATION

Hour Children

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

- Provides housing and childcare to incarcerated mothers and their children
- Offers education, job skills training, and teaches financial management skills
- Maintains relationships with community organizations that can facilitate job placement
- Helps clients secure affordable housing

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Fifth Avenue Committee

621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217
718-237-2017
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

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

Greater Restoration Baptist Church

1156 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, NY 11213
718-735-4102

- Offers free GED and literacy classes to adults
- Classes meet twice a week in the evenings

Medgar Evers College

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

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

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

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

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

In-house school provides:

- Programs in Adult Basic Education and Math
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- GED preparation

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

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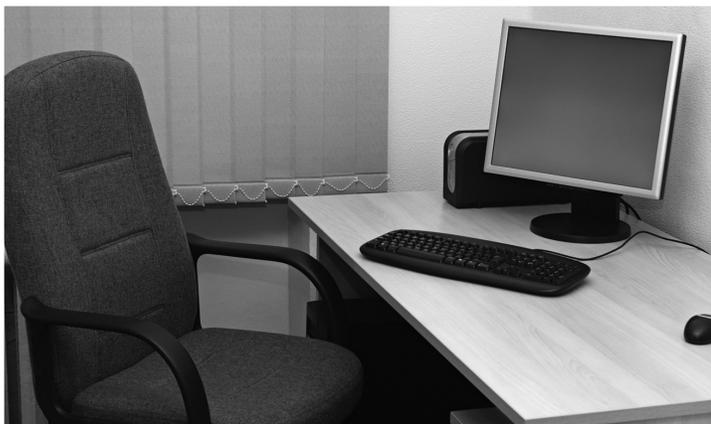
The College Initiative
Lehman College, Old Gym Building, Room 003B
250 Bedford Park Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10486
718-960-1970

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

HELPFUL HINT You can get helpful information on the phone or online

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

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



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES/CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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ComALERT

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

The ComALERT (“Community and Law Enforcement Resources Together”) program:

- Acts as a bridge between prison and the community for people returning on parole.
- Provides permanent job placement assistance to people on parole with marketable skills upon their release.
- ComALERT services begin immediately upon a persons’ release from prison

Services Include:

Paid Work Ready, Willing, & Able Day

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

Vocational Training and Jobs Ready, Willing, & Able Day

- Works with each individual to help them find a permanent job by offering one-on-one case management and mentoring from counselors and graduates.
- Clients are also eligible for vocational training in fields such as: Pest Control, Food Service, Commercial Driving, Mailroom Operations, and Community Improvement Supervision.

Education Ready, Willing, & Able Day

- Offers GED preparation courses, computer/literacy classes, individual tutoring, and vocational certification opportunities.

Aftercare

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

Drug and Alcohol Counseling

- Offers weekly substance abuse counseling for 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

A vocational program designed to provide court-mandated clients with employment placement and other transitional services, including:

- Screening, counseling, and intensive job preparation for job seekers
- Referrals to job placements
- Assistance with obtaining appropriate clothing for interviews
- Workshops in employment, resume writing, fatherhood, and job retention

Fort Greene Works

324 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-694-6957

Fort Greene Works is dedicated to helping residents living in Ingersoll, Whitman, Farragut, Atlantic Terminal Houses, Lafayette Gardens, and the surrounding Fort Greene communities take advantage of all the educational, entrepreneurial, and employment resources the neighborhood has to offer. Assists individuals who:

- Need GED or other training
- Are out of work
- Have trouble finding work due to prior incarcerations
- Just don’t earn enough

Fort Greene Works provides the following services for Fort Greene residents:

- Training for a better job
- Overcoming employment obstacles such as no work experience or a criminal record
- Increasing your computer skills
- Getting your GED
- Starting your own business.

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

The Developing Justice Program of the Fifth Avenue Committee provides the following services:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Employment Readiness Training:

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

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

Career Development Unit:

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

If you are interested in enrolling in the Career Development program, please contact Mark Klass, Outreach Coordinator, at mklass@fortunesociety.org or 212-691-7554 x295.

Howie T. Harp Peer Advocacy Center
The STARR Program
(Steps to a Renewed Reality)
2090 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd.
New York, NY 10027
212-865-0775

- 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.

HELPFUL HINT

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

HELPFUL HINT

Many jobs require that formerly incarcerated people provide a disposition letter stating the status of their previous criminal involvement.

WHO TO CONTACT: Criminal Record Repository

This is the agency you can contact to obtain a copy of your state rap sheet and learn about the process of sealing, expunging or cleaning it up. The criminal record repository can also tell an individual who else is legally entitled to have access to his or her record.

Individuals may request a copy of their own criminal history record for personal use. If no record exists, a statement to that effect will be provided. To obtain a copy of one’s criminal history record, an individual must request an informational packet from the Records Review Unit of the New York State

Division of Criminal Justice Services Contact Information:
 Record Review Unit
 tel. 518-457-6051

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
 fax. 518-457-6550
 4 Tower Place
 Albany, NY 12203



MEDICAL SERVICES

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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.

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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

- 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

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

Treatment adherence

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

HIV Testing and Counseling

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

Bergen Family Health Center

502 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217

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

Brownsville Child Health

259 Bristol Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212
718-495-7283

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

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Multiple primary care medical and dental services in one location
- Continuity of care
- Services available 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- A team of highly skilled, board certified physicians and dentists 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 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. Services provided regardless of patient’s ability to pay.

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

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

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

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

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

- Also offers mental health services
- Open Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-4
- Staff members speak Spanish. Materials available in English and Spanish.

Red Hook Health Center
88 Visitation Place, Brooklyn, NY 11231
718-694-6049

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

Community Healthcare Network
chnnyc.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER COMMUNITY
 HEALTHCARE NETWORK SITES:**

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

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

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

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

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

Health Services Unit

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

For more information about HIV/AIDS services, please contact Judy Juster, Director of Health and Transitional Services, at jjuster@fortunesociety.org or 212-691-7554 x875.

HELPFUL HINT

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

HOW TO GET IT:

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.

HELPFUL HINT

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

HOW TO GET YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE:

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

125 Worth St., Room 133 (Centre and Lafayette Sts.)
New York, NY 10013
Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
(Shortest lines from 9 - 10:30 AM and 3 - 4:30 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
Cost: The cost is \$15 for each certified copy.

You may pay the cashiers using cash, check or a money order. 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.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

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Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation

22 Chapel Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

718-260-2900

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

Brooklyn AIDS Task Force

25 Chapel Street, Room 605 Brooklyn, NY 11201

718-596-3635

www.batf.net

Genesis Aftercare

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

Families receive:

- Individual and group counseling
- Home visits
- Family progress evaluations
- Family conference recreational event
- Internal/external referrals for services

Harm Reduction Program

718-622-2910

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

First Steps Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program

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

- 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.

ComALERT

**210 Joralemon St., 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11218
718-250-5557**

www.brooklynda.org/comalert/comalert.htm

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

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

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

The goals of this program are to build public support for:

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

For more information, or to host a Women of Substance Forum, or to serve on the Advisory Council, please call or write:

Julie Mormando 718-499-6704 x208,
jmorando@justiceworks.org. Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, or
Madeline Acosta 718-499-6704 x205,
macosta@justiceworks.org. Tue-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 life-style, addressing the underlying issues that lead to substance abuse
- Clinical staff work closely with Probation staff
- For more information, please contact our main office at 212-971-6033 or email generalmailbox@staynout.org

Phoenix House

174 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11238

718-789-4616

www.phoenixhouse.org

- Helps people of all ages lead fulfilling, drug-free lives
- Programs available for adolescents and adults, as well as specialized programs for women, mothers, and people with mental illnesses
- Fees are based on a sliding scale. No client is denied treatment because of 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

AIDS Services Adult Day Health Care

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

Realization Center

175 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

718-342-6700

www.realizationcenternyc.com

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

- Adult and adolescent chemical dependency (for alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates/heroin, and pills)
- Dual diagnosis for people with chemical dependency and co-existing psychiatric disorders
- Sexual addiction recovery
- Parenting groups
- Chronic relapse program
- Codependency programs including education and treatment

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

Samaritan Village, Parole Relapse Prevention Jamaica Facility

144-10 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11435

718-206-1990

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

UCAS (Urban Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Services)

937 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11238

718-636-0015

www.uriny.org

Marguerite T. Saunders Urban Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Services

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

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

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The Fortune Society

53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor New York, NY 10010
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 amatos@fortunesociety.org or 212-691-7554 x 886.

Greenhope Services for Women

448 East 119th Street, New York, NY 10035
212-369-5100 ext. 51 or 52

www.greenhope.org

Greenhope operates residential treatment and day treatment:

The Residential ATI program provides:

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

The Day Treatment program:

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

Paul J Cooper Center for Human Services

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

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

Palladia

62-66 West Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453
718-294-4184 1-800-427-6700

www.palladiainc.org

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

The Starhill Residential Program:

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

The Continuing Care Treatment Program

360 West 125th Street, 2nd Floor #8 New York, NY 10027
212-665-2020

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



SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

BROOKLYN

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

- Saturday and Sunday worship services
- Provides service and spiritual assistance to incarcerated individuals through GED programs and support sessions for formerly incarcerated parents

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Offers:

- Intensive mentorship and comprehensive services.
- Anger Management and Conflict Resolution Training
- Parent/Guardian and Family Counseling
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256 Kingston Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11213
718-773-6886
www.courtinnovation.org
www.crownheights.org