

CCA serves people in trouble: youth at risk; families in crisis; people struggling to address drug and alcohol problems and HIV/AIDS programs; employment programs, and special programs aimed at helping youth and women. Offered are youth advocacy and intervention, alternative-to-incarceration programs, substance abuse treatment, reentry, health and AIDS. The individuals served by CCA are among the most impoverished and disempowered in our society. Among the services

- 115 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 300
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New York, NY 10011
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Tel: (718) 858-9658
Brooklyn, NY 11201
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Fax: (585) 328-8230
Tel: (585) 328-8232
Rochester, NY 14608
Tel: (716) 853-9555
Buffalo, NY 14203

Center for Community Alternatives (CCA)

Must have military discharge papers. Assists veterans in areas such as housing, employment, VA benefits, and upgrading discharges.

- 665 Willoughby Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11206
Tel: (718) 852-6004
Fax: (718) 852-4805

Black Veterans for Social Justice, Inc.

200 women and men fulltime in a rigorous and diverse liberal arts curriculum, offering both associate and bachelor degrees.

- Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504
P.O. Box 5000
Tel: (845) 758-7308
E-mail: bp@bard.edu

Bard Prison Initiative

Abraham House is a residential alternative to an incarceration program for first-time, non-violent offenders age 21 and older. It also offers an after-school program for school-age youth, with enrollment priority given to young people directly affected by incarceration. Another service of Abraham House is its Family and Pastoral Center that offers fellowship and friendship to families with loved ones in prison as well as those who are released from prison.

- 340 Willis Avenue
P.O. Box 305, Mott Haven Station
Bronx, NY 10454
Tel: (718) 292-9321
Fax: (718) 292-5925

Abraham House

CONNECT

A Guide to Criminal Justice Resources



- ADVOCACY
- COUNSELING
- MINISTRY
- JOBS
- FAMILY SUPPORT
- HOUSING
- LEGAL HELP
- ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM
- MEDIATION
- EDUCATION
- AIDS/HIV
- CHILD CARE
- MENTAL HEALTH



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
VELMANETTE MONTGOMERY
18th Senatorial District

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944 Legislative Office Bldg.
Albany, NY 12247
Tel: (518) 455-3451
Fax: (518) 426-6854 |
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promote artistic expression and cultural enrichment. opportunities, peer and community support and opportunities to participate in activities that contributing members of society. The CCF provides academic and financial assistance, leadership graduate school degrees after their release from prison as a critical step in their transition to fully- College and Community Fellowship (CCF) is dedicated to helping women achieve college and

- New York, NY 10115
Tel: (646) 380-7777
Fax: (646) 745-2539

College and Community Fellowship

A community-based education, research, and legal organization, the CLSJ provides quality advocacy, training and expert legal services in a personal manner to people of African descent and the disenfranchised.

- Medgar Evers College
1150 Carroll Street
Brooklyn, NY 11225
Tel: (718) 804-8893
Fax: (718) 804-8833
E-mail: estimons@mec.cuny.edu

The Center for Law and Social Justice (CLSJ)

Serving the low-income and disadvantaged communities of New York through education and advocacy. Offers a crime prevention and leadership development program for youth; educates the community about the function and role of the criminal justice system; provides legal information and guidance, conflict resolution strategies, and crisis intervention due to involvement in the criminal or juvenile justice system.

- Albany, NY 12205
Tel: (518) 427-8361
Fax: (518) 427-8362
E-mail: cflj@knicker.net

Center for Law and Justice

Provides job readiness and placement services to men and women returning from prison to New York City and others under community supervision. The CEO's signature work experience program - the Neighborhood Work Project - provides immediate, paid, short-term employment and serves as an "employment lab" preparing participants with the essential skills to rejoin the workforce and restart their lives. The CEO also operates the Responsible Fatherhood Program, which helps participants rebuild any family ties that may have been damaged while they were in jail.

- 32 Broadway
New York, NY 10004
Tel: (212) 422-4430
Fax: (212) 422-4855

Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)



Senator Montgomery with Jeremy Travis, President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice.



Senator Montgomery with residents and advocates of Serendipity, a Brooklyn-based residential substance abuse treatment program operated by New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. Picture with the Senator and residents are NYS Democratic Conference Leader John Sampson (l) and Senator Thomas Duane.



Senator Montgomery with member's of Bed-Stuy's Project Re-Generation (PR-G), Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to providing New York's underserved young adults with educational programs, as well as work and volunteer experiences opportunities. PR-G was founded in 2001 by Barnabas Shakur (sitting next to Sen. Montgomery) following the 2000 arrest and conviction of his 19-year-old childhood friend who belonged to the notorious street gang, The Bloods. Upon his friend's conviction of a crime for which he is serving a life sentence, Barnabus committed to effecting positive change and established PR-G to help teens from his Brooklyn hood.

Through its Network program, ECS provides support and counseling services to people in prison and operates a community-based re-entry program for men and women.

- New York, NY 10001-6008
Tel: (212) 675-1000
Fax: (212) 989-1132

Episcopal Social Services

Provides comprehensive reentry services for formerly incarcerated men and women. Working in collaboration with the Kings County District Attorney's Office, the Doe Fund helps ex-offenders reenter their communities as productive, drug-free members of society through paid work and supportive social services. The fund also provides transitional and permanent housing, and operates a job training and employment program.

- 520 Gates Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11217
Tel: (718) 622-0634

The Doe Fund, Inc.

Substance abuse counseling services based on a therapeutic community concept, within a structured family environment emphasizing positive peer interaction.

- Manhattan Headquarters
Brooklyn, NY 11217
Tel: (718) 625-1388
Fax: (718) 625-8958
E-mail: webmaster@daytop.org

Daytop Village Family Association

CURE-NY focuses its work on the legislative analysis of prison issues, and on assisting the friends and families of prisoners. CURE's national office is located in Washington, D.C. CURE is a membership organization and has been involved in the abolition of the death penalty, a moratorium on prison construction, better job training and wages for prisoners, reforming sentencing laws, and addressing conditions of confinement.

- Katonah, NY 10536
Tel: (914) 232-7959
Fax: (914) 232-1524
E-mail: cureny@bestweb.net

CURE-NY (Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants)

The Correctional Association of New York is an independent, non-profit organization founded by concerned citizens in 1844 and granted unique authority by the New York State Legislature to inspect prisons and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature, the public and the press. Through monitoring, outreach, public education and policy recommendations, the Correctional Association strives to make the administration of justice in New York State more fair, efficient and humane. Its programs include a prison visitation project, juvenile justice project, and a public policy project.

- New York, NY 10027
Suite 200
2090 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd.
Tel: (212) 254-5700
Fax: (212) 473-2807

Correctional Association of New York

Women's Prison Association

- www.wpaonline.org
110 2nd Avenue
New York, NY 10003
175 Remsen Street, 9th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

- E-mail: glerner@wpaonline.org
Tel: (646) 336-6100
Fax: (212) 677-1981
Tel: (718) 637-6800

This service and advocacy organization is committed to helping women with criminal justice histories realize new possibilities for themselves and their families. WPA's services make it possible for women to obtain work, housing, and health care; to rebuild their families; and to participate fully in civic life. Through the Institute on Women & Criminal Justice, WPA pursues a rigorous policy, advocacy, and research agenda to bring new perspectives to public debates on women and criminal justice.



Senator Montgomery and Senator Bill Perkins rally with Center for Community Alternatives youth around juvenile justice reform issues.



Members of the "Women In Prison Project," a program of the Correctional Association of New York, join Senator Montgomery (center) in announcing the signing into law of her "Incarcerated Parents" bill (S.2233-A/A.5462-A) that helps children maintain family ties with their parents who are in prison or in a residential drug treatment program. The Assembly sponsor of the new law is Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry (center, rear).

Exodus Transitional Community

www.etcny.org E-mail: **exodustranscom@aol.com**
161 East 104th Street 4th Floor Tel: (917) 492-0990
New York, NY 10029 Fax: (917) 492-8711

Offers post-release services to recently incarcerated men and women. Services include individual and group counseling, HIV/AIDS education and referrals, resume writing, job development, computer training, drug and alcohol treatment, housing acquisition, volunteer training, and educational referrals.

Fifth Avenue Committee

Developing Justice in South Brooklyn Project

www.fifthave.org E-mail: **fac@fifthave.org**
621 DeGraw Street Tel: (718) 237-2017
Brooklyn, NY 11217 Fax: (718) 237-5366

Helps formerly incarcerated individuals living in or returning to south Brooklyn develop job skills and find work, pursue their education, obtain housing, get substance abuse treatment, access [health and mental health services](#), and [build strong family relationships](#).

Fortune Society

www.fortunesociety.org
29-76 Northern Blvd. Tel: (212) 691-7554
Long Island City, NY 11101 Fax: (347) 510-3455

Assists people with criminal justice histories in the New York metropolitan area through its comprehensive service delivery program, including, counseling services, education, tutoring, job training and placement, alternatives to incarceration, health services, substance abuse treatment, peer education, family services housing, recreation, food program, aftercare following release from prison.

Getting Out and Staying Out

91 East 116th Street Tel: (212) 831-5020
New York, NY 10035 Fax: (212) 996-0436

Offers a transitional services program to assist young men before and after their release from New York City jails and New York State prisons.

Greenhope Services for Women, Inc.

www.greenhope.org
448 E. 119th Street Tel: (212) 369-5100
New York, NY 10035 Fax: (212) 348-3684

Greenhope is a comprehensive residential, day treatment and outpatient program that works to rehabilitate and empower formerly incarcerated women; women referred as an alternative to prison; and women seeking to reclaim their lives following a long history of substance abuse.

Hour Children, Inc.

www.hourchildren.org
36-11A 12th Street Tel: (718) 433-4724
Long Island City, NY 11106 Fax: (718) 435-4728

Helps incarcerated mothers, ex-offenders, and their children, providing short-and long-term support services as well as housing.

New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc.

www.staynout.org E-mail: **generalmailbox@staynout.org**
266 West 37th Street, 21st Floor Tel: (212) 971-6033
New York, NY 10018 Fax: (212) 244-6796

A not-for-profit corporation with two decades of experience in providing substance abuse treatment services to adults in the criminal justice system. It operates in-prison (Stay 'N Out) and community-based residential programs (Serendipity), utilizing a therapeutic community model. Based in Brooklyn, New York, Serendipity is an intensive residential treatment program for men and women.

NuLeadership Policy Group

The Center for Law and Social Justice
1150 Carroll Street, Suite CPI9 Tel: (718) 270-6288
Brooklyn, NY 11225 Fax: (718) 270-6190

E-mail: nulpg@mec.cuny.edu

The world's first and only criminal justice institute and public policy think tank established and operated by formerly incarcerated professionals. It's mission is to create and maintain public safety reliance without over reliance on incarceration. Provides pragmatic and innovative responses to a full range of social issues.

Osborne Association

www.osborneny.org Email: **info@osborneny.org**
● 36-31 38th Street Tel: (718) 707-2600
Long Island City, NY 11101 Fax: (718) 707-3103
● 175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor Tel: (718) 637-6560
Brooklyn, NY 11201 Fax: (718) 237-0686

Offers opportunities for individuals who have been in conflict with the law to transform their lives through innovative, effective programs, including prison and community based treatment and prevention programs; parenting education; counseling; Children's Centers and other services for incarcerated fathers and their children; support and toll-free information hotline for NYS prison families; services for incarcerated mothers and children at Alboin Prison; services for people whose mental health has been affected by incarceration; prison-based HIV counseling and testing, parenting and health education and discharge planning; comprehensive vocational services to people with criminal records; prison-based training in job and life skills; transitional planning and aftercare services; court advocacy services for felony defendants represented by court-appointed counsel.

Peter Young Housing, Industries and Treatment (PYHIT)

- Upstate Programs: Tel: (518) 465-8034
Fax: (518) 434-9970
- In Brooklyn (two programs): Tel: (718) 230-7780
Fax: (718) 230-4755
- In Queens (five programs): Tel: (718) 526-3803
Fax: (718) 526-3908

From Brooklyn to Buffalo, PYHIT offers comprehensive transitional living services, including intensive alcohol and drug treatment counseling; supportive housing; shelters; GED and other education programs; parenting and life skills classes; anger management; parole stabilization program; training in culinary arts, motel operations, retail sales and maintenance; and job placement services.

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison

www.hudsonlink.org E-mail: **spica@hudsonlink.org**
PO Box 862 Tel: (914) 941-0794

Ossining, NY 10562

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison provides college education, life skills and re-entry support to incarcerated men and women to help them make a positive impact on their own lives, their families and communities, resulting in lower rates of recidivism, incarceration and poverty. In partnership with Mercy, Nyack and Vassar Colleges, Hudson Link currently operates seven programs within three New York State Correctional Facilities, including Sing Sing, Taconic and Fishkill.

Incarcerated Mothers Program

www.egscs.org
1968 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor Tel: (212) 410-4200
New York, NY 10029

For incarcerated mothers whose children live in the five boroughs of New York City. Program helps prevent placement of children in foster care and helps mothers regain custody of their children.

Provides parenting skills and counseling, and works with families in their homes.

Interfaith Coalition of Advocates for Reentry and Employment (ICARE)

www.nyicare.org E-mail: **info@nyicare.org**
3041 Broadway Tel: (212) 280-1386
New York, NY 10035

Advocates for the removal of barriers encountered by people reentering the community after prison. The ICARE coalition consists of communities of faith, direct service providers, and policy organizations.

Innocence Project, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

55 Fifth Avenue, 11th Floor Tel: (212) 790-0200
New York, NY 10003

This non-profit law clinic provides pro bono legal assistance to inmates who are challenging their convictions based on DNA testing of evidence, though clients must obtain finding for testing. As a clinic, law students handle the casework while supervised by a team of attorneys and clinic staff.

Justice Works Community

www.justiceworks.org
1012 Eighth Avenue Tel: (718) 499-6704
Brooklyn, NY 11215 Fax: (718) 832-2832

The program serves women prisoners, ex-offenders and their families with child advocacy services, Letters of Reasonable Assurance to the Parole Board, and post-release referrals.

NYS Prisoner Justice Network

www.nysprisonerjustice.org E-mail: **nysprisonerjustice@gmail.com**
33 Central Avenue Tel: (518) 434-4037
Albany, NY 12210

The Network works to facilitate communication and coalition building among all activists, advocates, and organizations committed to reforming New York's criminal justice system.

Prison Families of New York, Inc.

www.prisonfamiliesofnewyork.org
40 N. Main Avenue Tel: (518) 453-6659
Albany, NY 12203 E-mail: **alison.coleman@rcda.org**

A self-help support group for families of prisoners. Group members discuss their problems and sponsor speakers on criminal justice issues.

The Prison & Shelter Ministry

Bridge Street A.W.M.E. Church
277 Stuyvesant Avenue Tel: (718) 452-3936
Brooklyn, NY 11221 Fax: (718) 453-4134

Helps people coming home from prison reconnect with their families, and access social services and other resources to assist their transition from prison to community life; offers a mentoring program and parenting classes, and operates a nursery on Riker's Island.

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York

www.pls.org
41 State Street, Suite 112 Tel: (518) 438-8046
Albany, NY 12207 Fax: (518) 438-6643
PLS is a not-for-profit legal services organization founded in 1976. Its mission is to provide administrative advocacy and high quality civil legal services to indigent prisoners in New York State prisons in cases where no other counsel is available.

Prisoner's Rights Project of the Legal Aid Society

www.legal-aid.org
199 Water Street, 6th Floor Tel: (212) 577-3530
New York, NY 10038 Fax: (212) 509-8433

Primary work involves conditions of confinement litigation in federal court. The Project also provides referrals and offers advice to prisoners seeking information about their legal rights. Brings class action lawsuits to challenge the constitutionality of conditions of confinement in NYC jails and NYS prisons. Assists inmates by writing to prison officials about matters such as access to medical care, harassment, etc.

Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice

www.jjay.cuny.edu/centersinstitutes/pri/pri.asp
The City University of New York
555 W. 57th Street, Room 601-08
New York, NY 10019 Email: **dmukamal@jjay.cuny.edu**

Offers research, academic and professional development opportunities within a range of disciplines that relate to prisoner reentry.

Kings County District Attorney's Office ComALERT

www.brooklynda.org E-mail: **costink@brooklynda.org**
210 Joralemon Street, 3rd Floor Tel: (718) 250-5557
Brooklyn, NY 11201 Fax: (718) 250-2314

Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes started ComALERT as a collaborative relationship between the justice system, community and political leaders, and community service organizations to provide services for ex-offenders returning to Brooklyn. ComALERT refers ex-offenders to community-based organizations that provide a range of services, including job training and placement, educational opportunities, substance abuse treatment, housing assistance, and recreational activities.

LawHelp.org/NY

www.LawHelp.org/NY Email: **nyinfo@lwayhelp.org**
City Bar Justice Center
43 West 44th Street
New York, NY 10036

Provides referrals to free legal services programs, information about legal rights and the court system, and links to social services and governmental agencies.

Legal Action Center

www.lac.org
www.hirenetwork.org
225 Varick Street, 4th Floor Tel: (212) 243-1313
New York, NY 10014 Fax: (212) 675-0286

Provides legal assistance to New Yorkers in recovery who suffer from discrimination or violations of privacy, and those who are living with HIV/AIDS; also assists individuals with criminal histories to overcome legal barriers that prevent them from gaining employment, housing, heath care and other supportive services.

National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) New York

260 Washington Ave., 2nd Floor Tel: (518) 462-2000
Albany, NY 12210 Fax: (518) 462-3811
Helpline: 1-800-950-3228

NAMI-NYS operates a Criminal Justice Program, which provides direct assistance to families when a family member with mental illness encounters the criminal justice system. Consultation, supportive assistance and direct intervention services are provided when a family member is arrested, faces court action or is incarcerated in a state or local correctional facility.

New York State Defenders Association

www.nysda.org E-mail: **info@nysda.org**
194 Washington Ave., Suite 500 Tel: (518) 465-3524

Albany, NY 12203 Fax: (518) 465-3249
NYSDA is a not-for-profit, membership organization serving New York's criminal defense community since 1967. Its objectives are to improve the quality of public defense services in New York State, establish standards for practice in the representation of poor people, and engage in a statewide program of community legal education. Membership in the Association is open to all of those who are interested in improving criminal defense representation.

Providence House

www.providencehouse.org
703 Lexington Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221
Tel: (718) 455-0197
Fax: (718) 455-0692

A community-based residential program for women who are on parole and who cannot return to their places of residence after they are released from prison.

Red Hook Community Justice Center

www.courtinnovation.org
88 Visitation Place Tel: (718) 923-8200
Brooklyn, NY 11231 Fax: (718) 923-8248

The nation's first multi-jurisdictional community court, this Brooklyn, NY-based Center seeks to solve neighborhood problems like drugs, crime, domestic violence and landlord-tenant disputes. A single judge hears cases that under ordinary circumstances would go to three different courts – Civil, Family and Criminal. The sanctions and services at the judge's disposal include community restitution projects, on-site educational workshops and GED classes, drug treatment and mental health counseling.

Reentry-NYC

www.reentrynyc.org E-mail: **aba@reentrynyc.org**
Cooper Station, PO Box 57 Tel/Fax: (646) 213-0077
New York, NY 10276

A project of The Bronx Defenders and pro Bono Net, Reentry Net/NY is the first ever support Reentry NYC is a project of the International Humanities Center, a nonprofit organization formed in 1998. It helps New York City residents make a healthy transition from prison back to society at large. Reentry NYC fosters supportive spiritual communities for people returning from prison.

Riverside Church Prison Ministry/Family Advocacy

www.theriversidechurchny.org
490 Riverside Drive Tel: (212) 870-6700
New York, NY 10027 Fax: (212) 870-6800

Provides faith-based social services and public policy advocacy for people who are currently and formerly incarcerated and their families.

WORTH (Women on the Rise Telling Her Story)

171 E. 122nd Street Tel: (347) 239-7759
Fax: (646) 918-6883 Tel: (646) 918-6858

New York, NY 10035 **treynolds@womenontherise-worth.org**
WORTH is an association of currently and formerly incarcerated women who have been empowered by their own experiences. Through leadership, development, organizing, mentoring and other ways, WORTH helps women affected by incarceration and changes public perception and policy.