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Treatment Abuse Substance Alcohol & Criminal Justice Reform Mental Health

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A Guide to Criminal Justice Resources



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Black Veterans for Social Justice, Inc.

665 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206
(718) 852-6004 • fax: (718) 852-4805 • www.busj.org

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

Break the Chains

295 Lafayette Street, Suite 501, New York, NY 10012
(212)-920-3667
www.breakchains.org

Helping to build a national movement within communities of color against punitive drug policies, with the ultimate aim of enacting alternative policies that promote racial justice, public health and human rights.

Capital District Community Loan Fund, Inc.

255 Orange Street
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 436-8586 F: (518) 689-0086 • www.cdclf.org

Provides loans in economically disadvantaged communities in the Capital Region and surrounding areas for housing, community services and economic development.

Center for Community Alternatives (CCA)

115 E. Jefferson Street Suite 300, Syracuse, NY 13202
315-422-5638 • Fax: 315-471-4924

39 West 19th Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10011
212-691-1911 • Fax: 212-675-0825

25 Chapel Street, 7th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-858-9658 • Fax: 718-858-9670

www.communityalternatives.org

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

Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)

32 Broadway, New York, NY 10004
(212) 422-4430 • fax: (212) 422-4855 • 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 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.

Center for Law and Justice

Pine West Plaza, Bldg. 2
Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, NY 12205
(518) 427-8361 • Fax: (518) 427-8362
www.cflj.org • E-mail: cflj@knick.net

Serves 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 systems.

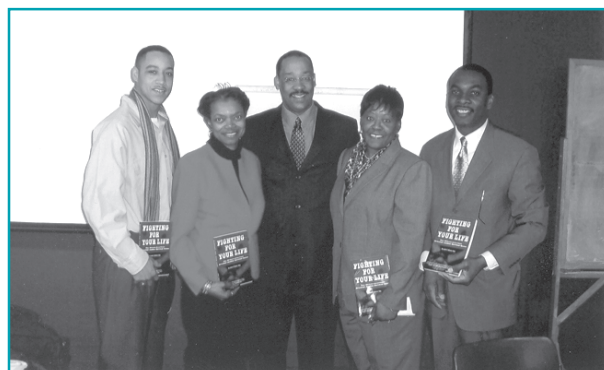
Pictured (from l-r) are: Daniel Karpowitz, Bard Prison Initiative; Vivian Nixon, Project Re-Enter Grace; Ronald Williams, President & CEO, NY Therapeutic Communities, Inc.; Max Kenner, Bard Prison Initiative, Bard College; Senator Montgomery; Seep Varma, NY Therapeutic Communities, Inc.; New York Governor Eliot Spitzer; Ann Jacobs, Women's Prison Association; Joanne Page, Fortune Society; and Divine Pryor, Ph.D., NulLeadership Policy Group at Medgar Evers College.



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.

110 2nd Avenue
New York, NY 10003
Phone: (646) 336-6100 • Fax: (212) 677-1981
www.wpaonline.org • E-mail: ajacobs@wpaonline.org

Women's Prison Association



Senator Montgomery (second from left) displays *Fighting for Your Life - The African American Criminal Justice Guide*, a criminal justice "survival guide" written by John V. Elmore, Esq. (middle), who maintains a legal practice in Buffalo, New York.

The Center for Law and Social Justice (CLSJ)

Medgar Evers College
1150 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 270-6297 • Fax: (718) 270-6190
www.clsj.org

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.

Citizens for Restorative Justice

532 Main Street, New Paltz, NY 12561
(845)-616-9698 • E-mail: dabboz@aol.com

A grassroots organization, CRJ informs and organizes the public on issues of criminal justice reform. It is committed to provide support, assistance and advocacy to people in prison, ex-offenders and their families.

Concerned Citizens Action Program Southside Neighborhood Resource Center

2849 South Salina Street
Syracuse, NY 13205
(315) 234-2849 • Fax: (315) 876-0559
www.c-capinc.org • E-mail: mja119@yahoo.com

C-CAP is a community-based, grass-root organization that provides support and counseling to returning inmates from local and state prison to the Syracuse area; provides job readiness, social life skills, anger management, fatherhood and family counseling. C-CAP provides weekly lectures/counseling to youth within Onondaga County Correctional Center.

Correctional Association of New York

135 E. 15th Street, New York, NY 10003
(212) 254-5700 • fax: (212) 473-2807
www.correctionalassociation.org

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 to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature, the public and the press. Through monitoring, research, public edu-

Provides guidance to career and economic self-sufficiency of African American and other women in the New York City metropolitan area. It offers job readiness and placement programs and services.

www.wccca.org
(212) 964-8934 • fax: (212) 964-0222
11 Broadway, Suite 457, New York, NY 10004
Women's Center for Education and Career Advancement (WCECA)

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

E-mail: dmukamal@jay.cuny.edu
www.jay.cuny.edu/centersinstitutes/prt.asp
(212) 484-1327
New York, NY 10019
Room 601-08
The City University of New York, 555 W. 57th Street

Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.
Center is a licensed outpatient treatment facility of the New York State

Offers specialized treatment for addictions, and support services. The E-mail: info@realizationcenter.net

www.realizationcenter.net
(718) 342-6700 • Fax: (718) 922-9161
175 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

The Realization Center, Inc.

Operates a comprehensive job training and placement program with a supportive social services component

E-mail: info@striveenewyork.org
www.striveenewyork.org
(212) 360-1100 F: (212) 360-5634
240 East 123rd Street, New York, NY 10035

STRIVE

Provides vocational counseling to ex-offenders on parole or probation, and to prisoners at Bayview Correctional Facility. Also offers job placement services for ex-offenders who are residents of New York City.

www.osbomny.org
(718) 707-2600 • fax: (718) 707-3105

The South Fore City Corp.

36-31 38th Street, Long Island City, NY 11101

Offers a family reunification program for children and parents in the first year after incarceration.

www.singleparentnysa.com
(212) 951-7030 • Fax: (212) 951-7037
228 E. 45th Street, New York, NY 10017

Single Parent Resource Center

cation 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 visiting project, women in prison project, juvenile justice project, public policy project, and is involved with the "Drop the Rock" campaign.

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

Box 102, Katonah, NY 10536 • (914) 232-7959 • fax: (914) 232-1524
www.bestweb.net/~cureny • E-mail: cureny@bestweb.net

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.

Daytop Village Family Association

Brooklyn Outreach Program
401 State Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 625-1388 • fax: (718) 625-8958

Manhattan Headquarters

(212) 354-6000 • www.daytop.org • E-mail: webmaster@daytop.org

Offers treatment and counseling services, job training and placement, and education programs.

The Doe Fund, Inc.

520 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 622-0634 • www.doe.org

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.

Episcopal Social Services

305 Seventh Avenue, Fourth Floor, New York, NY 10001-6008
(212) 675-1000 • fax: (212) 989-1132 • www.essnyc.org

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

Exodus Transitional Community

161 East 104th Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10029
(917) 492-0990 • fax: (212) 722-6669 • www.etcny.org

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

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

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.



Criminal justice advocates from Brooklyn and elsewhere throughout New York meet with Senator Montgomery to talk about criminal justice reform issues. From l. to r.: Ron Williams, founder and president, New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc.; Sandeep Varma, regional director, Stayin' Out; Jonathan Gradess, exec. director, New York State Defenders Association; Darryl King, criminal justice advocate; Divine Pryor, NuLeadershipPolicy Group, Inc.; and Dan Salvin, Esq., Counsel, Assembly Corrections Committee.

Fortune Society

53 West 23rd Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10010
(212) 691-7554 • fax: (212) 255-4948 • www.fortunesociety.org

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, New York, NY 10029
(212) 831-5020 • 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.

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

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.

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

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

New York State Defender's Association

194 Washington Avenue, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12203
(518) 465-3524 • fax: (518) 465-3249
www.nysda.org • E-mail: info@nysda.org

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.

New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc.

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

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 CP19, Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 270-6288 • Fax: (718) 270-6190
E-mail: nulpg@mcc.cuny.edu

The world's first and only criminal justice institute and public policy think tank established and operated by formerly incarcerated professional. The Group'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

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

Offers opportunities for individuals who have been in conflict with the law to transform their lives through innovative, effective, and 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 Albion 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)

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.

Incarcerated Mothers Program

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

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)

6 Sylvan Court, New York, NY 10035
212-426-988
www.nyicare.org • E-mail: info@nyicare.org

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, New York, NY 10003
(212) 790-0200

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 funding for testing. As a clinic, law students handle the casework while supervised by a team of attorneys and clinic staff.

Justice Works Community

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

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.

Kings County District Attorney's Office ComALERT

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

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

City Bar Justice Center
43 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036
(212) 382-4712 • Fax: (212) 354-7438
www.LawHelp.org/NY • E-mail: nyinfo@lawhelp.org

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

Legal Action Center

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

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, health care and other supportive services.

Upstate Programs: (518) 465-8034 • Fax: (518) 465-6632

In Brooklyn (two programs): (718) 230-7780 • fax: (718) 230-4755

* 150-bed men's shelter offering mental health, assisted living and other supportive services.

* Substance abuse clinic licensed by the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.

In Queens (five programs): (718) 526-3803 • fax: (718) 526-3908

Supportive housing for men and women; intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment; parole stabilization program; and other services.

Prison Families of New York, Inc.

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

Staffed by prison families, the organization offers information about jail, prison and parole; assists in locating criminal justice resources for prison families and others; works with and supports prisoners' children.

The Prison & Shelter Ministry

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

Helps people coming home from prison reconnect with their families, and access social services and other resources to assist them 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

114 Prospect Street, Suite 307, Ithaca, NY 14850-5839
(607) 273-2283 • Fax: (607) 272-9122

PLS was created under the sponsorship of the NYS Bar Association and funded by the state to provide a wide range of legal services to indigent inmates of state prisons. PLS does not handle criminal trials, direct criminal appeals, or habeas corpus actions. The cases in which assistance is provided include: jail time and sentence problems; prison conditions and civil rights cases; immigration problems; warrants and detainers; medical and mental health problems; prison disciplinary problems; and some parole matters. Application forms should be available in the prison law library.

Prisoners' Rights Project of the Legal Aid Society

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

The Prisoners' Rights Project advocates for constitutional and humane conditions of confinement for prisoners in the New York City and State correctional systems. The Project's legal staff provides referrals and offers advice to prisoners seeking information about their rights, and also assists those who are incarcerated 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

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

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

National H.I.R.E. Network c/o Legal Action Center

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

Established by the Legal Action Center, the National Helping Individuals with criminal records Re-enter through Employment Network is both a national clearinghouse for information and an advocate for policy change. Its goal is to increase the number and quality of job opportunities available to people with criminal records by changing public policies, employment practices and public opinion. The National H.I.R.E. Network also provides training and technical assistance to agencies working to improve the employment prospects for people with criminal records.

New York City Commission on Human Rights

40 Rector Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10006
(212) 306-7500 • fax: (212) 306-7648

Brooklyn Office

275 Livingston Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 722-3130 • fax: (718) 722-3140 • www.ci.nyc.ny.us

Advocates for the rights of city and state prisoners, parolees, ex-offenders, and their families. Responds to a wide range of medical complaints due to AIDS-related discrimination within the criminal justice system. Offers AIDS discrimination brochures in English and Spanish, free of charge.



Senator Montgomery celebrates the 5th Anniversary of Serendipity, a residential substance abuse treatment program for adults in Brooklyn's Bedford Stuyvesant community. The Senator is pictured here with Serendipity residents. The program is operated by New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc.

Providence House

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

A community-based residential program for women who are on parole and who are unable to return to their places of residence after they are released from prison.

Red Hook Community Justice Center

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

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 Net/NY

c/o The Bronx Defenders
860 Courtlandt Avenue, Bronx, NY 10451
(718) 838-7869 • Fax: (718) 665-0100
www.reentry.net/ny • E-mail: kater@bronxdefenders.org

A project of The Bronx Defenders and Pro Bono Net, Reentry Net/NY is the first ever support network and information clearinghouse on reentry from jail and prison and the civil consequences of criminal proceedings. This clearinghouse also offers a comprehensive directory of reentry resources with information and referrals, along with a current listing of grant funding opportunities for reentry and related projects.

Riverside Church Prison Ministry/Family Advocacy

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

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



Senator Montgomery and Judge Calabrese honor Red Hook Houses resident Michael Valis, who received his GED after completing the Center's GED preparation class.