

# **Road to Reentry**

# **BREAKING THE CHAINS**

**Reentry Resource Directory  
Senator Roxanne J. Persaud  
19<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
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**REENTRY RESOURCE DIRECTORY  
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Greetings:



Recidivism, which refers to a person's relapse into criminal behavior, is a serious criminal justice issue we face in New York. Part of the reason an ex-offender might revert to previous behavior may be due to a lack of adequate resources, programs and or accessible support. In order to prevent rearrests, reconvictions, and return to prison, individual transformation must be maintained. Programs and services may facilitate transformation and thus lower the recidivism rates. I strongly believe that in order to combat this growing issue and increase successful re-entry to the public we must offer former offenders an alternative to crime.

I am very pleased to offer the following guide to help ex offenders locate resources they need to move forward as productive members of society. This guide contains information on a variety of important topics including employment, substance abuse counseling, family services, education, housing and legal services.

I wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roxanne J. Persaud". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roxanne J. Persaud  
Member, State Senate  
19th Senatorial District

# OBTAINING IDENTIFICATION

## State ID Card

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

## Brooklyn Office of the New York State DMV

Atlantic Center, 2nd Floor

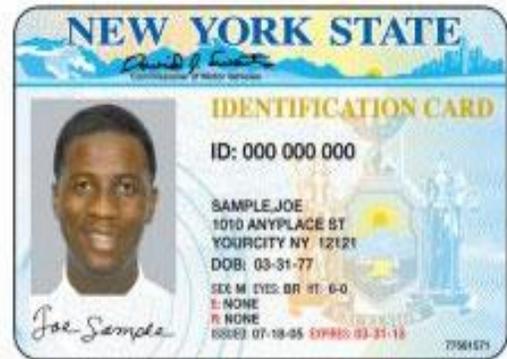
625 Atlantic Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11217

Phone: 718-966-6155

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

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



## What do you need to bring?

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

These are just some examples of valid documentation.

For more please visit the DMV for a full list, or call 718-966-6155.

All documentation must be original versions, no copies.

Also there are also many enrollment center throughout NYC that can help you obtain an IDNYC card. This card is new form of identification for NYC residents and serves as a government – issued photo identification. In addition this card is free and also provides benefits to cardholders, including a free one-year membership at many of the City's leading museums, zoos, concert halls, and botanical gardens.

**Brooklyn Business Center - DOF**

210 Joralemon Street, 1st Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(at Joralemon St and Court St)  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Brooklyn Public Library Central Branch - BPL**

10 Grand Army Plaza  
Brooklyn, NY 11238  
(at Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Ave)  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 9:00am - 9:00pm  
Fri, Sat: 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Sun: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

**Coney Island IDNYC Center**

2865 West 8th Street, 1st Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11224  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8:30am - 5:00pm

**Make the Road New York**

301 Grove Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11237  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 9:30am - 7:00pm  
Fri: 11:00am - 7:00pm  
Opens February 1, 2016

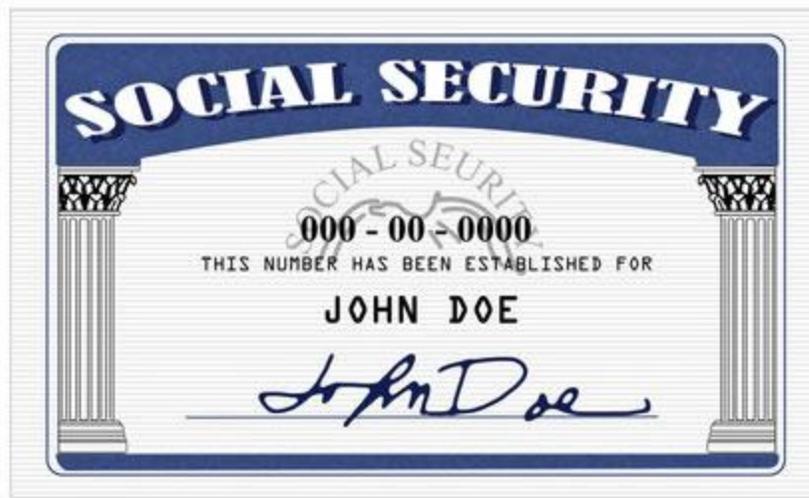
**Asian Americans for Equality**

807 48th Street, 2nd Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11220  
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9:00am - 5:00pm

**Brooklyn – St. Michael's Church**

345 43rd Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11232  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9:00am – 6:00pm

# REPLACING SOCIAL SECURITY CARD



## Replacement Social Security Card for US Born Citizens

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

## To get a replacement card

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

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

## Additional Social Security centers

- 154 Pierrepont Street, Sixth Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201
- 155-10 Jamaica Avenue, Second Floor, Jamaica, NY 11432
- 820 Concourse Village West, Second Floor, Bronx, NY 10451
- 123 William Street, Third Floor, New York, NY 10038

# OBTAINING BIRTH CERTIFICATE

## Obtaining a Birth Certificate

Many city agencies require a birth certificate as proof of identification. You must go to the office to obtain a birth certificate. Each copy costs \$15, which can be paid using cash, check, money order, or credit/debit card. Certificates will be released upon presentation of a signed, valid photo ID such as a passport, driver's license/non-driver's ID, or employee ID.

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

Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Full name as listed on the birth certificate
- Sex
- Date of Birth
- Mother's maiden name
- Father's full name
- Hospital or street where birth occurred and borough
- Your mailing address
- Reason why you are requesting the certificate



# OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT

## Getting Hired

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

## The Federal Bonding Program

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

### Federal Bonding Program

NYS Department of Labor, Room 425  
State Office Building Campus, Bldg. 12  
Albany, NY 12240  
518- 485-2151

## Help Getting Business Attire

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

### For Men:

#### Career Gear

120 Broadway, 36th floor  
New York, NY 10271  
212-577-6190



### For Women:

#### Dress for Success Manhattan

East 31 Street - Suite 602  
New York, NY 10016  
212-684-3611

#### Brooklyn Warehouse

68 35th St. 6th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11232  
718-832-6201

#### Bottomless Closet

15 Penn Plaza, B Level, Suite 40  
New York, New York 10001  
212-563-2499

## Know Your Rights !

You can get a job even though you have a criminal record . It is important that you know your rights, and offenses as well as the proper way employers should treat you. Starting October 27, 2015, employers cannot ask you about your criminal history until after they offer you a job. After offering you a job, they can ask about and consider your criminal history. If an employer decides that they no longer want to hire you after finding out about your record, the employer must follow a specific process.

Visit: [www.nyc.gov/fairchancenyc](http://www.nyc.gov/fairchancenyc) and get familiar with your rights.

# DISCUSSING YOUR INCARCERATION HISTORY

## Discussing Your Criminal Record with Potential Employers

It is important to tell the truth about your past to employers. Be aware that the law prohibits felons from holding some types of jobs. However, there are many jobs available for offenders. Remember it is important to tell the truth. For many just out of prison and applying for job, the most difficult part is facing the question on the job application,



## Three Choices for Discussing Your Record

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

## Steps to Discussing Your Conviction Record

**Step 1:** Own it. Take responsibility for your actions. Show them you own up to your behavior. Statements should begin with I. Placing blame on someone or something else (it wasn't my fault or I didn't know) is the worst thing you can do. Suggested openers could be: In the past,

- I made some bad choices.
- I made bad judgments.
- I made a bad decision.
- I did something I shouldn't have.

**Step 2:** State the positive changes you have made since the conviction:

- Completed GED.
- Completed Cognitive Skills Programming or counseling for thinking and decision-making.
- Paid restitution
- Participated in counseling or treatment. Maintained aftercare.

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

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

**Step 4:** Talk about the new goals you have and how that part of your life is over .

- Example: I now have new goals in life.
- I'm very focused on establishing a successful career.
- I'm moving forward and am willing to work hard to make it happen. I
- I can't un-do the past, but I did learn from it and will not repeat the same mistake.

**If Asked Were you incarcerated?**

- I did spend some time at an adult correctional facility for some bad choices I made.
- My time there helped me to focus and set new goals.

# CERTIFICATE OF DISPOSITION

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

The certificate will tell you what crime(s) you were charged with, what crime(s) you were convicted of, what date you were convicted, and the sentence you served. If you have been arrested more than once, you must get a separate certificate for each incident from the appropriate county as outlined below.

## **New York County (Manhattan)**

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

## **Kings County (Brooklyn)**

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

## **Queens County**

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

## **Richmond County (Staten Island)**

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

## **Bronx County**

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

## **What do you need to bring?**

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

## **Criminal Record**

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

## **Division of Criminal Justice Services Contact Information:**

### **Record Review Unit**

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ,4 Tower Place ,  
Albany, NY 12203  
Phone: 518- 457-6051

# EMPLOYMENT SERVICES/CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**America Works, Inc. Criminal Justice Program**  
6810 Third Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY, 11220  
718-833-5042

**Center for Employment Opportunities**  
32 Broadway, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
212-422-4430

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

**Education and Assistance Corporation**  
175 Remsen Street, Suite 505 Brooklyn, NY  
11201  
718-237-9404

**The Exodus Transitional Community**  
161 East 104th Street  
New York, NY 10029  
917-492-0990

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

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



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

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

**Howie T. Harp Peer Advocacy Center**  
The STARR Program  
2090 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd.  
New York, NY 10027  
212-865-0775

**National H.I.R.E Network**  
225 Varick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10014  
212-243-1313

**Osborne Association Fresh Start Program**  
175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-637-6560,

**Ready, Willing, and Able**  
520 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216  
718-622-0634

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

**Wildcat Service Corporation**  
17 Battery Place  
New York, NY 10004  
212-209-6000

# HOUSING

## **Bowery Residents' Committee (BRC)**

131 West 25th Street, 12th Floor  
New York, NY  
212-803-5700

## **Brooklyn Community Housing and Services**

25 Chapel Street, Suite 1200  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-625-4545

## **Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Assoc.**

1482 St. Johns Place, Suite 1F  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
718-773-4116

## **CAMBA**

1720 Church Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11226  
718-287-2600

## **The Doe Fund**

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

## **Special Needs Assessment and Placement**

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

## **Fifth Avenue Committee**

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

## **Fortune Society**

53 W. 23rd Street, 8th Floor  
New York, NY 10010  
212-690-6202

## **Frequent User Service Enhancement Program**

2006 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10037  
212-979-8800 ext. 377

## **Greenhope for Women**

414-418 East 119th Street  
New York, NY 10035  
212-860-6650

## **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

443 39th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11232  
718-686-7946

## **Peter Young Housing Industries & Treatment**

South Road Supportive Living  
145-53 South Road  
Queens, NY  
718-297-3484

## **Parole Residential Stabilization Program**

147 Arlington Terrace  
Queens, NY 11434  
718-206-0397

## **The Redemption Center**

1186 Herkimer Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
718-922-1627

## **Women's Prison Association**

Brooklyn Community Office  
175 Remsen Street, 9th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
646-336-6100

# OBTAINING MEDICAID



## Getting Medicaid

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

### **Boerum Hill Medicaid Office**

35 4th Avenue  
718-623-7427/7428

### **Coney Island Medicaid Office**

30-50 West 21st Street  
718-333-3000/3001

### **Kings County Hosp. Medicaid Office**

441 Clarkson Ave. T Bldg. Nurses Residence, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl.  
718-221-2300/2301

### **East New York Medicaid Office**

2094 Pitkin Avenue (Basement)  
718-922-8292/8293

### **Woodhull Hospital Medicaid Office**

760 Broadway (Ground Floor)  
718-630-3397/3398

# MEDICAL SERVICES

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

**Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health**  
450 Clarkson Ave., Box 1232  
Brooklyn, NY 11203  
718-270-3101

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

**Bergen Family Health Center**  
502 Bergen Street  
Brooklyn, NY 1121  
718-622-2910

**Brooklyn AIDS Task Force**  
25 Chapel Street, Room 605  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-596-3635

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

**Bronx Health Center**  
975 Westchester Avenue,  
Bronx, NY 10459  
718-320-4466

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Harm Reduction Coalition**  
22 West 27th Street, 5th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
(212) 213-6376

**ODA Primary Care Health Center**  
14-16 Heyward Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11211  
718-277-8303

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

**Sunset Park Family Health**  
150 55th Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11220  
718-630-7095

**Watchful Eye**  
20 New York Avenue, Suite 100  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
347-533-4300

# MENTAL HEALTH & COUNSELING



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

**Brooklyn AIDS Task Force**  
25 Chapel Street, Room 605  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-596-3635

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

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

**Community Healthcare Network**  
CABS Health Center  
94-98 Manhattan Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11206  
718-388-0390

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

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

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

**The Exodus Transitional Community**  
161 East 104th Street  
New York, NY 10029  
917-492-0990

**F-E-G-S NYCLink**  
315 Hudson Street  
New York, NY 10013  
212-886-0330

**Girls Reentry Assistance Support Program**  
Kings County District Attorney's Office  
350 Jay Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-250-3804

**The Network Program of Episcopal Social  
Services**  
653 Schenck Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
718-257-5020

**Ready, Willing, and Able**  
520 Gates Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
718-622-0634

**Realization Center**  
175 Remsen Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-342-6700

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

**Life Experience and Faith Sharing Assn.**  
45 East 126<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10035  
212-987-0959

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE & ADDICTION TREATMENT



**Addiction Research and Treatment Corp.**  
22 Chapel Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-260-2900

**Alpha School Center for Progressive Living,**  
2400 Linden Blvd. (Montauk St.)  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
718-257-5800

**Anchor House**  
1041 Bergen Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
718-771-0760

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

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

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

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

**New York Therapeutic Communities**  
977 Bedford Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11205  
718-398-0096

**Serendipity II (for women)**  
944 Bedford Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11205  
718-802-0572

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

**Phoenix House**  
174 Prospect Place,  
Brooklyn, NY 11238  
718-789-4616

**Project Samaritan**  
803 Sterling Place,  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
718-804-0900

**Realization Center**  
175 Remsen Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-342-6700

**The Brooklyn Tabernacle**  
17 Smith Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-290-2000

**UCAS**  
(Urban Center for Alcoholism and  
Addiction Services)  
937 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11238

# FAMILY SERVICES

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

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

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

Greenhope for Women  
414-418 East 119th Street  
New York, NY 10035  
(212) 860-6650

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

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

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



# SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
279 Lafayette Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11238  
718-622-1107

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

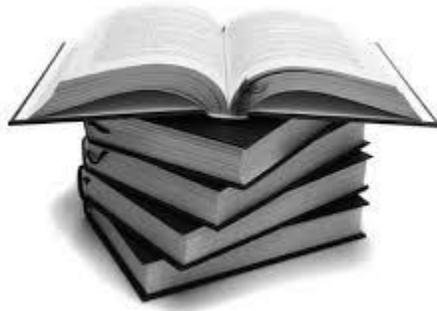
Masjid At- Taqwa  
1226 Bedford Avenue  
Brooklyn NY 11216  
718-622-0800

Lubavitch Youth Organization  
305 Kingston Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
718-953-1000

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

Youth and Congregations in Partnership  
Kings County District Attorney's Office  
350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-250-3804

# EDUCATION



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

**College & Community Fellowship**  
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1626  
New York, NY 10115  
646-380-7777

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

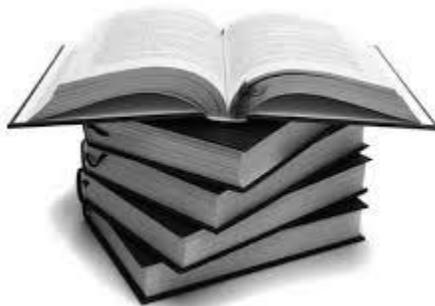
**Fifth Avenue Committee**  
621 DeGraw Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11217  
718-237-2017

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

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

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

**Office of Adult and Continuing Education**  
475 Nostrand Avenue, Room 329  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
718-622-3000



# LEGAL ADVOCACY

**Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro NY**  
377 Broadway, 9th Floor  
New York, NY 10013  
212-346-7600

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

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

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

**Kings County District Attorney's Office**  
350 Jay St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-250-2000

**Legal Action Center**  
225 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014  
212-243-1313; 800-223-4044

**Legal Aid Society Brooklyn**  
111 Livingston Street, 7th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-722-3100

**Legal Aid Society of New York**  
Prisoners Rights Project  
199 Water Street,  
New York, NY 10038  
212-577-3530



**Legal Services NYC (The Wright Group)**  
151 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street,  
New York, NY 10001  
212-216-0683

**Mobilization for Youth Legal Services, Inc**  
Illegal Boarding House Project  
299 Broadway, New York, NY 10007  
212-417-3700 Fax: 212-417-3891

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

**Urban Justice Center**  
123 William Street 16th Floor  
New York, NY, 10038  
646-602-5600 Fax 212.533.4598

# FREE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



## Brooklyn Workforce Innovations (BWI)

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

621 DeGraw Street Brooklyn, NY 11217 / Phone: 718.237.2017

Offers free vocational training and job training in a variety of industries. Train to become a network cable technician, woodworker or cabinetmaker, production assistant in the film and television industry or commercial driver. Most require a valid driver's license, but BWI's "New York Drives" program provides free driving instruction and job readiness training.

## The Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES)

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

346 Broadway, Third Floor New York, NY 10013 / Phone: 212.732.0076

Provides alternative sentencing options for young adults and mentally ill offenders; connects parolees with community-based treatment options; and helps young people enter the educational system after detention.

## Center for Community Alternatives

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

25 Chapel Street, Seventh Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 / Phone: 718.858.9658

Provides young offenders approaching release with post-release case management, employment and educational services, and legal assistance via the Re-entry Clinic. Special programs for HIV-positive and at-risk women.

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## Center for Employment Opportunities

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

32 Broadway, New York, NY 10004 / Phone: 212.422.4430

Provides job readiness and placement services to men and women returning from prison to NYC. The Neighborhood Work Project offers immediate, paid, short-term employment and prepares participants with needed skills to reenter workforce.

## The College Initiative

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

29-76 Northern Boulevard Long Island City, NY 11101/ Phone: 347.669.2864

Affiliated with the Fortune Society, the College Initiative assists formerly incarcerated men and women in the metropolitan area in beginning or continuing their education at public universities and private colleges. College preparation classes, assistance with financial aid forms, tutoring, and one-on-one educational counseling and guidance are provided.

## The DOE Fund Ready, Willing and Able Program

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

520 Gates Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11216 / Phone : 718.628.3223

89 Porter Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11237 / Phone: 718.417.2500

Provides ex-offenders with employment, mentoring, job training, substance abuse counseling, housing and other services to assist participants in overcoming joblessness and homelessness. Must be referred by probation or parole officer.

## Exodus Transitional Community

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

2271 Third Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor New York, NY 10035 / Phone: 917.492.0990

Offers workshops about attitudes, life skills, employment assessment and basic computer skills. Ex-offenders have mock interviews, develop resumes and are sent out on job interviews. Provides assistance to ex-offenders who committed violent crimes as well as other ex-offenders.

## Exponents

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

151 West 26th Street, Third Floor New York, NY 10001 / Phone: 212.243.3434

Provides drug abuse treatment, HIV counseling, life skills training, mentoring, outreach and risk reduction services, and hosts a Former Prisoner Symposium five times per year that teaches life skills and job readiness.

## Fifth Avenue Committee Developing Justice

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

621 DeGraw Street Brooklyn, NY 11217 / Phone: 718.237.2017

Offers vocational training, housing assistance and peer counseling services to ex-offenders and those with a pending criminal case. Also organizes Community Justice Workshops for family and friends of offenders.

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## Fortune Society

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

39 West 19th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10011 / Phone: 212.206.7070

Provides counseling, tutoring and job placement, and serves as a referral agency for drug/alcohol addiction programs and other social services. Offers HIV services and information about housing in shelters. Intake services available at the counseling department in Manhattan at 53 West 23rd Street on the 7th Floor, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Individuals must show up at 8 AM. Provides assistance to ex-offenders who committed violent crimes as well as other ex-offenders.

## ”The Getting Out & Staying Out (GOSO)

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

91 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029 / Phone: 212-831-5020

Assists ex-offenders age 16-24 by providing counseling and giving referrals for mental health and drug treatment needs, anger management, and emergency housing.

## Greenhope Services for Women, Inc.

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

435 East 119<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10035 / Phone: 212.996.8633

Residential and day treatment and counseling for substance abuse for women parolees. Also offers vocational counseling, training and workshops for female ex-offenders.

## Hour Children

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

13-07 37th Ave Long Island City, NY 11101 / Phone: (718)-433-4724

Supports children of incarcerated women and empowers currently or formerly incarcerated women to find education and employment. Provides childcare, housing, counseling and matching services.

## Legal Action Center

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

225 Varick Street New York, NY 10014 / Phone: 212.243.1313

Provides legal assistance to ex-offenders and others who feel discriminated against in employment. Will help in the process of obtaining and correcting “rap sheets.” Extensive information available on Web site.

## MFY Legal Services, Inc.

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

299 Broadway, Fourth Floor New York, NY 10007 / Phone: 212.417.3700

Free legal services to those in need, including ex-offenders.

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## New York City Justice Corps (Two Locations)

[nycjusticecorps.org/](http://nycjusticecorps.org/)

127 West 127th Street, Room 123, New York, NY 10027 / Phone: 917.243.7000

1409 Fulton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456 / Phone: 347.329.4004

Recruits recently incarcerated residents age 18 to 24 from Harlem and South Bronx for a program which includes case management and job readiness programs. Places them in internships in their field and provides ongoing support once they have joined the workforce fulltime.

## New York Public Library's *Connections*

[www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/correctional-services-program](http://www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/correctional-services-program)

An online directory of organizations that help with the adjustment back into the community.

Includes counseling, substance abuse, housing, job training and education services. Hard copies of the directory are available at many Brooklyn Public Library locations.

## Osborne Association

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

175 Remsen Street, Suite 800, Brooklyn, NY 11201 / Phone: 718.637.6560

809 Westchester Ave., Bronx NY, 10455 / Phone: 718-707-2600

Offers programs on adopting healthy lifestyles, reconnecting families, achieving economic independence and workforce development, including job placement assistance. Also offers programs for children of incarcerated parents.

## Providence House

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

703 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 / Phone: 718.455.0197

Provides temporary housing for women on parole and their children, and includes referrals for permanent housing and job training.

## Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center

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

62 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217 / Phone: 718.622.7166

Substance abuse rehabilitation and counseling for ex-offenders and others.

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## Streetwise Partners

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

594 Broadway, Suite 510, New York, NY 10012 / Phone: 646.705.0029

Builds mentoring relationships between low-income individuals age 18-50—including ex-offenders—and volunteer business professionals to develop workplace skills and experience. Online application and basic computer skills required.

## STRIVE

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

240 East 123<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10035 / Phone: 212.360.1100

A 3-4 week program focused on developing the proper attitude, communication skills and basic computer skills for employment, followed by assistance with placement into full-time employment.

## Wildcat Service Corporation

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

2 Washington Street, New York, NY 10004 / Phone: 212.209.6000

Provides job training, skills building and advisement to ex-offenders and others. Clients must be referred by a correctional program or legal service provider.

## Women in Need, Inc.

[www.women-in-need.org](http://www.women-in-need.org)

115 West 31st Street, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 10001 / Phone: 212.695.4758

Offers transitional housing, alcohol and substance abuse counseling to homeless and disadvantaged women and their families, including ex-offenders. Also provides referrals for employment services and training.

## Women's Prison Association (WPA) Re-entry Services

[www.wpaonline.org/services/reentry.htm](http://www.wpaonline.org/services/reentry.htm)

110 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10003 / Phone: 646-292-7740

Contact: Yolanda Johnson-Peterkin, 718-637-6877

Provides a variety of services for female ex-offenders, such as job readiness programs, HIV counseling, peer mentoring, and assistance in finding housing.



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**If you require further assistance with your reentry process or help obtaining resources, please contact my office.**

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