



WOMEN'S PRISON ASSOCIATION



>WPA in the News

The Daily Beast explores the issue of shackling pregnant inmates. WPA's executive director comments. (September 2011)

NY Times Letter to the Editor responding to the rising rate of female incarceration in Mexico. (August 2011)

The Daily News features a story on women at Rikers Island receiving fewer visits than male inmates. WPA's executive director comments. (August 2011)

MSNBC discusses re-entry in light of Casey Anthony's release from jail. WPA's executive director talks about what women face when coming home. (July 2011)

To view the articles, please visit:
www.wpaonline.org/press/news.htm

WPA Receives Department of Justice Grant

WPA is pleased to announce that we are one of 118 programs nationwide to receive funding under the Second Chance Act. The selection process was highly competitive; according to the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, DOJ received more than 1,000 applications for Second Chance funding this year.

WPA's mentoring program, WomenCare, will now be offered to women on Rikers Island. The program will connect women to volunteer mentors in the community. Mentors will provide support to women as they transition back into the community and pursue their goals.

Did you know that 96% of women who participate in our current mentoring program stay out of prison?

If you are interested in becoming a WomenCare volunteer, please contact us at volunteer@wpaonline.org.

Success Story: Starz Closet



Noting a particular lack of affordable clothing for women size 12 to 22W, WPA started Starz Closet to cater specifically to plus-sized women. Jacqueline attends our Steppin' Up Intervention group, which addresses issues such as harm reduction, domestic violence, sexual health, anger management, nutrition, and other health-related topics. To prepare for a job interview, Jacqueline was fitted with business appropriate attire. Now she feels prepared and confident.

If you would like to donate to Starz Closet, please contact us.

>Tell Us a Story

Want to help make WPA's year-end appeal a success? We're collecting 6-word stories about criminal justice, second chances and WPA.

The six-word story should provide conflict, action, and a resolution that give a sense of a complete story transpiring in a moment's reading: Pen to paper, a writer emerges.

Submit your story today and it might be featured in this year's appeal!

>Did You Know

On October 15, 1848 there were 19 women and 2 children living at Hopper Home? The same East Village building is still used by WPA.

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The Back to School Appeal & Upcoming Film Screening



The 2011 Back-to-School Appeal was a great success. Thank you to all who made a contribution!

See more pictures of the kids receiving their backpacks at: www.flickr.com/photos/wpaonline



Tuesday, November 8th at 6 p.m.
IFC Film Center

323 Avenue of the Americas
at W. 4th Street
www.wpaonline.org

as part of the DOC NYC Film Festival

Please join us at a screening of the documentary Mothers of Bedford

Get Involved:

- Donate to this year's holiday toy drive.
- Do you work for a corporation? We have volunteer opportunities!
- Make a financial contribution to WPA at www.wpaonline.org.

Email us at info@wpaonline.org for more information.

Hopper Home circa 1930 and Today

