

WPA at a Glance

- Founded in 1844, the Women's Prison Association is the nation's oldest service and advocacy organization working exclusively with criminal justice-involved women and their families.
- WPA offers services to address women's needs in five key areas: livelihood, housing, health and well-being, family, and criminal justice compliance.
- Most of our clients are New York City residents who have been involved in the New York state prison system; we also serve women in the city and federal criminal justice system.
- WPA programs serve women in prisons and jail, as well as in the community.
- WPA's services include case management, counseling, discharge planning, education and training; our programs include alternatives to incarceration, supportive and permanent housing, family preservation, neighborhood-based services, as well as prison and jail-based, and reentry services.
- WPA serves approximately 2500 women and their families each year.
- WPA serves one of every three women in the New York state prison system and New York City Jail.
- WPA founded the Institute on Women & Criminal Justice to help foster a national conversation on women and criminal justice. The Institute works in partnership with colleague agencies and institutions, public officials, and jurisdictions around the nation.
- The Institute on Women & Criminal Justice works to add gender to the criminal justice conversations on sentencing, corrections and reentry. Its work also focuses on the role of other public systems in creating barriers and opportunities for criminal justice-involved women to succeed in the community.
- WPA is a not-for-profit organization funded through both public and private sources.

