



WPA Program Descriptions and Contact Details

WPA's client services are organized into four categories:

1. Children and family services
2. Alternative to incarceration
3. Reentry services
4. Public policy and advocacy

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Sarah Powell Huntington House is WPA's homeless shelter for formerly incarcerated women and their children. In its 20th year of operation, this unique residence gives recently reunified families the chance to access services designed to promote long-term health, stability and self-sufficiency. WPA staff works with families to achieve goals such as securing safe and stable housing, enrolling in school, seeking employment, finding a healthcare provider and managing the full range of day-to-day household and family challenges. Kids get homework help and recreational activities through WPA's youth services.

For more information or to make a referral, please contact: Thomas Phillips, Program Director at 646.292.7710 or tphillips@wpaonline.org.

The **Family Treatment Rehabilitation Program** provides intensive home-based preventive services for families at risk of having children placed in foster care due to family instability related to Mom's drug use and/or mental illness. The program aims to strengthen families by working with Mom to treat mental illness and get drug free while managing her children's needs and day-to-day home life such as getting kids ready for school, ensuring a good breakfast, dressing them in weather-appropriate clothes and getting to school on time. These services are based in East New York and Brownsville, neighborhoods characterized by societal barriers that impede successful family connectedness, stability and functioning, such as low educational attainment and high rates of poverty, unemployment and drug use.

For more information or to make a referral, please contact: Rose Hall at the Community Linkage Unit at 646.292.7751 or rhall@wpaonline.org.

ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION

JusticeHome is a unique, community-based program designed specifically for women who are facing a minimum of six months of incarceration as a result of felony charges. WPA staff assesses a woman's specific risks and strengths, promotes healthy coping strategies to address histories of trauma and employs evidence-based cognitive behavioral group interventions. The program features additional opportunities to benefit families and communities including intensive home-based interventions, ongoing assessments of child and family well-being and the promotion of positive parenting skills. Women facing a minimum of six-months of incarceration as a result of felony charges (Class B (non-predicate and predicate), Class C (non-predicate and predicate), and Class D predicate felony charges with some non-violent Class A (non-predicate) felonies). WPA will accept women from across the New York State court systems in the City, with a focus on women involved in Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Manhattan courts. Average participation is 6-8 months.

For more information or to make a referral, please contact: Jennifer Singleton, Managing Director of Programs at 347.227.4242 or jsingleton@wpaonline.org.

REENTRY SERVICES

HIV Services ensure that women have access to HIV testing, health care and the information they need to protect themselves and partners. In Taconic and Bedford Hills Correctional Facilities, WPA offers educational services and trains women to be peer educators on HIV and other health issues.

Emergency Assistance includes emergency food, hygiene supplies, emergency shelter assistance and Metrocards for travel to critical services.

WPA Law Project staff offer on-site legal services, primarily in family law, including child custody cases. WPA also offers assistance in understanding and navigating other civil legal issues clients may encounter, including employment and housing discrimination and domestic violence.

Case Management staff work collaboratively with women to define their short- and long-term goals and create action plans to achieve them.

WomenCare pairs WPA clients with volunteer mentors from the community. By strengthening each woman's network of pre- and post-release support, the program helps participants successfully return to their communities and establish law-abiding lives. The WomenCare program operates in the Rikers Island's Rose M. Singer Center, Taconic and Bedford Hills Correctional Facilities.

Hopper Home Transitional Shelter is a 36-bed homeless shelter for women with or at risk for criminal justice involvement. The program provides transitional housing and case management to help women identify permanent community housing. WPA staff help women achieve long-term stability through access to mental health services, education, sobriety, stable housing, employment and reunification with their children.

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PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY

Women's Advocacy Project trains formerly incarcerated women to craft policy recommendations and advocate for rational system reform. Institute staff identify priority topics for research and issue periodic policy reports.

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