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The Women’s Prison Association (WPA) applauds the decision to grant Judith Clark parole. Judy has been a force of positive transformation and a beacon of hope for countless women at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

Judy was part of the founding collective of the ACE Education program in 1988, designed to provide AIDS counseling, education, and post-release support to incarcerated women. Judy was also instrumental in bringing college, motherhood, and prenatal classes to Bedford Hills. To all who served with her, she has been a model of self-efficacy and restoration.

Board determinations are meant to look to the future and ask whether an individual is willing and able to make a positive contribution to their community. Judy has spent decades within the walls of Bedford modeling accountability and fostering hope in those around her. WPA looks forward to a community that includes her - and to one that honors the resiliency and capacity of all women to redefine their lives.