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INDEPENDENCE IN THE COMMUNITY
IS THE CONSISTENT GOAL

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**OFFENDER
REENTRY
PROGRAM
[ORP]**

[ORP] WHO ARE WE?

Offender Reentry Program (ORP) is a voluntary program designed to assist adults diagnosed with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, returning to the five NYC boroughs from NYS Department of Correction and Community Supervision (DOCCS) prisons [primarily Sing Sing and Bedford Hills] after serving a minimum sentence of 6 months for a felony.

Re-entering individuals navigate significant challenges and barriers transitioning from incarceration to the community, which often include limitations on employment prospects, public housing, and access to clinical and social services.

ORP aims to improve community reintegration and reduce recidivism for this highly vulnerable population through evidence-based practices, intensive case management, clinical care coordination, Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS), and linkage to NYC's extensive programs/resources.

ORP Case Managers/Care Coordinators engage returnees in a working relationship while incarcerated and sustain engagement beyond release (for at least 9 months) to identify healthy/appropriate coping skills, expand problem-solving techniques, and develop an Individual Service Plan (ISP), featuring person-centered goals targeting individualized challenges related to the immediate reentry process.

Upon **DOCCS** approval, participants are also connected to a full range of vocational and training opportunities (e.g., educational and/or skills training, career interests, goals for family responsibilities, job preferences, transportation, networking), by EAC's Vocational Specialist.

ORP is a five-year award (January 15, 2020, to January 14, 2025, funded by SAMHSA/CSAT, targeting a total of 55 unduplicated and additional individuals fitting this demographic per year, for a total of 275 for the grant period. As of April 2023 (Year 4), ORP has now proudly served 161 returnees.

[ORP] POST-RELEASE SERVICES

On the day of release, participants are met by **ORP** staff and OMH Forensic ICM/Housing at their designated parole office to make their initial community report, meet their assigned PO/SPO, and review their initial supervision plan (including general and/or special orders and parole conditions).

- ✓ **ORP** staff provide case management/care coordination transition planning to effectively link and secure access to appropriate physical & behavioral health intervention(s), if not yet addressed by others. We accommodate initial escort needs, provide functional skills or transportation training, one-on-one peer counseling, participation incentive, and most often, access to generously donated new or gently used clothing.
- ✓ **ORP** ensures returnees maintain weekly contact with OMH Forensic ICM, housing providers, AOT/FACT and appropriate treatment/recovery supports to maintain compliance and reduce risk of violation or absconding from parole until 9-month discharge. ORP staff gladly assists with reengagement efforts, warm-handoff to new providers, diligent search efforts, and accommodating initial escort needs.
- ✓ Participants will review their ISP (initial goal plan) by the end of month 1 with their **ORP** CC/CM and PRSS, OMH Forensic, and DOCCS to make any necessary revisions to reflect the realities of life in the community.

**Currently Enrolled, Refused/Lost Contact,
or Successfully Graduated? We're still here for you.**

Call 718-975-0180 or visit our office (walk-in hours) for help finding a new PCP; dentist; neurologist; sober supports/group therapy (e.g., grief, anger management); family reunification; job readiness workshops; high school equivalency courses (GED); free Naloxone, Fentanyl Test Strips; life skills workshops; HIV/AIDS counseling; STD/STI testing; Medicaid reenrollment; as well as follow-up inquiries or HRA or SSI/SSDI cases; to obtain copies of your personal documents we have on file; and/or learn more about navigating child support and rental arrears.

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To: Offender Reentry Program

To whom this may concern,
I'm writing this letter to say that Mike and the team at ORP are Excellent People to work with. They all focus on their work of helping you to get the necessary programs and benefits you need to be successful in your reentry into society. They are persistence and reliable. They are also easy to work with. Mike and the team at ORP work together as a team to help those who may need extra help.

I am truly Satisfied with all they have done for me at ORP. The Program Works.

Thank you ORP for setting me up for success in my future. Thank you and may God bless the whole organization.

Sincerely