FROM FIRST CONTACT IN THE PRISON, TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IN THE COMMUNITY IS THE CONSISTENT GOAL

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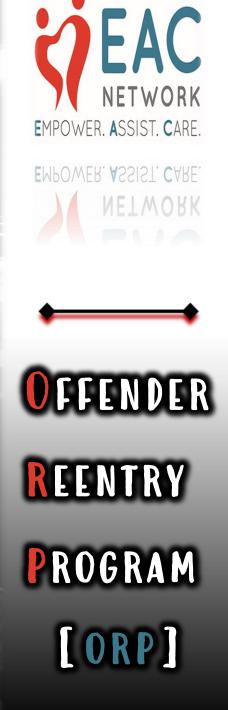
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[ORP] POST-RELEASE SERVICES

Offender Reentry Program (ORP) is a voluntary program designed to assist adults diagnosed with cooccurring 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 personcentered 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.

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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	with. They all focus on their work
	of helping you to get the
	necessary programs and benefitr
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	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 and truely Satisfy
	with all thing have done for me
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	at ORP. The Program Works. Thank you ORP for Setting Me up for success I in my future,
	The la hair and man God pless
	the whole providential
	Thank you and may God bless the whole organization, Sincerly