

**“FROM FIRST CONTACT IN
THE PRISON, TRANSITION
TO 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] 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 individuals fitting this demographic per year, for a total of 275 for the grant period. As of January 2024 (Year 5), ORP has now proudly served 215 returnees.

[ORP] POST-RELEASE

On the day of release, participants are met by **ORP** staff and Forensic ICM/Housing at their designated parole office to make their initial community report, meet their reporting PO/SPO, and review their initial supervision plan (including general and/or special orders and mandated 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 provide functional skills or transportation training, one-on-one peer counseling, participation incentive, and access to generously donated new or gently used clothing.
- ✓ **ORP** ensures returnees maintain weekly contact with their PO/SPO, Forensic ICM/Housing, AOT/FACT, as well as any appropriate treatment/recovery supports to maintain compliance and reduce risk of violation or absconding from parole until 9-month discharge.
- ✓ **ORP** staff gladly assist with reengagement efforts, after-care coordination, warm-handoff(s), diligent search efforts, and accommodating escort needs (determined case-by-case).

Participants will review their **ISP** (goals/objectives initially outlined in their personalized individual service plan) on a rolling basis with **ORP** staff, DOCCS, Forensic ICM/Housing, among other treatment team providers to identify any concerns/barriers, promote participant self-advocacy, reinforce self-preservation skills, as well as make necessary revisions to reflect the realities of adjusting to life in the community.

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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 satisfy 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

Currently Enrolled, Refused/Lost Contact, or Successfully Graduated? WE'RE STILL HERE FOR YOU.

Call us at **718-975-0180** or visit our office (walk-ins welcome) for help finding a new PCP; dentist; neurologist; sober supports/group therapy (e.g., parenting, grief, anger management); employment training/GED); family services (reunification/co-parenting); life skills workshops; HIV/AIDS & STI testing; Naloxone (Narcan®) kits; Fentanyl Testing Strips; as well as help with your HRA (SNAP/Medicaid/ Supportive Housing) application(s), SSI/SSDI follow-up inquiries, and/or to obtain copies of any personal documents we have gathered on your behalf during the course of your 9-month enrollment.