

Summary of Services Available at The Fortune Society

The Fortune Society's mission is to support successful reentry from prison and promote alternatives to incarceration, thus strengthening the fabric of our communities.

We do this by:

- **Believing** in the power of individuals to change,
- **Building lives** through service programs shaped by the needs and experiences of our clients, and
- **Changing minds** through education and advocacy that work to rectify unjust and brutal criminal justice policies.



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BUILDING PEOPLE, NOT PRISONS

Alternatives to Incarceration: Our court advocates obtain non-incarcerative sentences for defendants in exchange for rigorous participation in Fortune's services. Successful participants receive sentences requiring no further incarceration.

Career Development: We provide our

clients with the tools to prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment through our two-week job readiness workshop, job placement assistance and two years of post-placement support and follow-up.

Admissions Services: Our counselors provide crisis intervention services, needs assessments, one-on-one and group counseling, and make referrals to other programs within and outside of The Fortune Society.

Drop-In Services: Monday through Friday, from 6:00am-5:00pm, we provide needs assessments, crisis intervention services and immediate linkage to services for people released from Rikers Island jails.

Education: Our in-house-school – with a library and a computer lab – provides programs in Adult Basic Education, Math, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and General Equivalency Diploma (GED) among other offerings.

Family Services: We offer parenting classes and support groups for custodial and non-custodial parents. Our full-time family law attorney works individually with clients, assists with custody and family reunification issues, and runs weekly workshops on clients' legal rights and financial responsibilities as parents.

Health Services: We offer a range of HIV/AIDS-specific services to people who are currently and formerly incarcerated, including outreach, case-management, supportive counseling and treatment adherence.

Housing Services: We provide housing placement assistance for individuals with criminal justice backgrounds who are living with HIV/AIDS and/or have histories of substance dependency. Our nationally-recognized Fortune Academy provides short and long-term housing to individuals who are homeless after release from incarceration (limited space available and by application only).

RIDE (Rikers Island Discharge Enhancement): We assist city-sentenced adults and youth transition back to the community through pre- and post-release planning that connects them to Fortune's services and others that are available.

Substance Abuse Treatment: Our licensed outpatient substance abuse treatment program includes a wide array of supportive services for men and women who are in recovery.

Public Policy and Advocacy: The David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy (DRCPP) advocates for Fortune's program models and for policies focused on changing punitive laws and policies that create unfair barriers to successful re-entry of men and women with criminal justice histories.

