



FORTUNE'S RE-ENTRY SERVICES

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The process model for The Fortune Society is a never-ending loop because the Society never gives up on an ex-offender and will offer support and services for as long as a client needs.

-- National Institute of Justice

Since 1967, The Fortune Society has helped people successfully re-enter the community after incarceration. Our direct services include:

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).

Career Development: Clients can prepare for, obtain and maintain employment through our two-week work-readiness workshop, job placement assistance and two years of post-placement support and follow-up.

Substance Abuse Treatment: Our licensed outpatient substance abuse treatment program includes a full array of support services.

Housing: The Fortune Academy, our residential housing facility with a staff of full-time housing specialists, provides emergency and longer-term re-entry housing incorporating extensive social supports.

Counseling Services: 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.

Alternatives to Incarceration: Court advocates obtain non-incarcerative sentences for defendants who instead come to Fortune five days a week for services. Successful participants receive sentences requiring no further incarceration.

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

Family Services: Fortune offers parenting classes and support groups for custodial and non-custodial mothers and fathers. A 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.

Drop-In Services: Fortune's 24-Hour Drop-in Center provides needs assessments, crisis intervention services and immediate linkage to services for people released from Rikers Island jails.

Advocacy: Through the David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy (DRCPP), Fortune advocates for Fortune's program models and for policy work focused on changing punitive laws and policies that create unfair barriers to successful reintegration.