

Westchester Connections

A guide, for persons incarcerated,
persons formerly incarcerated,
and others similarly in need,
to assist their re-entry back into society,

including helpful resources
throughout Westchester County.

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he’s my brother”*

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Preface

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2. "Connections, A guide for ex-inmates to information sources in New York City," written by Stephan Likosky and produced by Correctional Library Services, Mid Manhattan Library, The New York Public Library, New York City.
3. "On Your Own, Information and Resources for Persons formerly incarcerated, the Convicted and their Families in the Capital District", produced by the Center for Law and Justice, Albany, NY.
4. "Starting Out, Starting Over, Staying Out, A Guide for District of Columbia Ex-Offenders: Housing, Food, Employment and Other Resources," produced by DC CURE, Washington, DC.
5. The Westchester County social service, mental health, health, housing and probation web sites, and NYS and federal websites.
6. "Family Information and Referral Service Teams, (FIRST)," "The First File," Westchester County health and human service programs.

Other key information is derived from:

- Department of Correction, Westchester County.
- Department of Probation, Westchester County
- Division of Parole, New York State.

The format of this guide follows that of the New York City Public Library's *Connections* booklet, and – because of the nearness of Westchester to New York City, - many New York City references from that source are used. Legal rights and information are drawn largely from the Albany publication of the Center for Law and Justice. A number of references to Westchester agencies were derived from the FIRST File. WCCD thanks all of the above organizations for their cooperation and support in producing this document. Excerpts from

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Wherever possible, credits for sources used are provided by numbered references to citations in footnotes in each chapter.

The large number of resources in Westchester County, cited in this booklet, constitute a powerful *re-entry service-providers network*. It's hoped that this booklet will facilitate wider use of these services and further cooperation among them in the support of reentry.

Westchester Connections is also available on line at www.wccdinc.net. An extended re-entry network is formed there by links to the websites of the organizations cited.

All Westchester Libraries offer free internet access to many of the references in this booklet, besides offering another broad variety of sources. Librarians may also be able to help find or explain many of the items herein. See: <http://www.wls.lib.ny.us/>

Further free referrals to other helpful agencies can be found via the
Westchester United Way
Information and Referral Line at
(914) 949 4636

The nature of a directory like this is that things change constantly. While all the materials herein are believed to be accurate at the time of writing, and all the agencies cited are believed to be of high caliber, the producers of this directory obviously cannot be responsible for either. So - when possible - confirmation of information is advisable. Any known corrections or additions should be sent to:

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