Message From the Executive Director

As our organization marks its third year of helping families, I want to share news about additional services and programs we now offer to formerly incarcerated women and their children to continually deepen the impact we have on the lives of our members.

New Hour for Women and Children’s transitional support services include implementation of a personalized re-entry plan, direct services, and connection to external services, such as housing services, individual and family counseling, benefits enrollment, employment and educational programs, domestic violence services, and much more. When our mothers try to reunite with their children, we help them proactively participate in their cases, navigate Department of Social Services systems, and acquire visitations with their children. With family reunification as the goal, our family court advocate, retired attorney Eileen Morgo, helps navigate the court process at every stage.

Our transitional support services also include family-friendly events and workshops that deepen our engagement with our members; build community and connection; and offer safe, fun, and celebratory gatherings for women and their children to facilitate healthy and positive activities (like our annual children’s holiday party pictured right). New Hour has provided personalized support, skills, opportunities, and hope to women who face enormous obstacles in their efforts to return to their communities, reconnect with their children and families, contribute to their communities, and rebuild their lives. Our work not only supports successful re-entry for these women, but—through the many family-focused services we offer—contributes to breaking the cycle of intergenerational criminal justice involvement.

I thank everyone who continues to support our work and services. Your generous and ongoing devotion to helping families is greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Regards,
Angela Delcid
Executive Director
Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for upcoming New Hour events:

Monday, April 24
Women’s Restorative Justice Symposium
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Touro Law Center
225 Eastview Dr.
Central Islip, NY 11722

For details, visit newhour.org

Contact Us

We’re here for you.
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To our donors, we greatly appreciate your support. Please send monetary and in-kind donations to the address above or visit our website. With approximately 200 incarcerated women, of whom 60 participate in our weekly jail programming and over 70 mothers, caregivers, and children are receiving wraparound services in the community, your generous ongoing support is greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Hear Directly From Our Mothers

Last year, four members worked with a filmmaker from the Tribeca Film Institute to share their stories and create a short documentary. Take a look to learn more about our services:

bit.ly/newhourli

A Special Thanks to Our Supporters From Social Ministry

The Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood, Christ Church and St. Boniface Episcopal in Lindenhurst and Brentwood, as well as the parishes of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lindenhurst and Assumption in Centerake, have all supported our members by offering us the use of space for our events, adopting our families during the holidays, delivering food to our families in most need, donating clothing and baby items to our mothers and caregivers with infants, donating toys for our toy distribution at the jail during Christmas, and so much more. So much of our community efforts are successful because of their deep understanding of our work and their generosity.

Meet Rebecca Anderson

Please join us in welcoming Rebecca Anderson as New Hour’s latest addition to our staff. She has expertise in the issues affecting our service population (such as crisis intervention, benefits advocacy, housing and shelters, probation, domestic violence, chemical dependency, parenting, etc.). Rebecca is also familiar with Long Island’s health and human services infrastructure. She is a tireless client advocate, committed to women’s empowerment. In addition, she has overseen the children’s visiting pilot program at the Riverhead Correctional Facility and meets with New Hour mothers in jail to allow them to spend valuable time with their children.

Mentoring Matters

Last summer, New Hour launched a mentoring program for our members who are post-release. Such initiatives help reduce recidivism rates and have rewarding outcomes for mentors, members, and our communities. Mentoring is how our organization truly came to be. In 2013, one of our dedicated board members, Patty Kraus, began mentoring the women at the Suffolk County jail. Upon learning about the limited resources available to them, she realized that something needed to be done to better support the 200 women in the facility. Shortly after, New Hour for Women and Children—LI was founded, and our mentoring program is the result of Patty’s continued dedication. Our mentors are women who come from diverse cultural and social economic backgrounds. They understand the unique challenges that formerly incarcerated women face upon re-entry and help model healthy interpersonal and family relationships. Please contact New Hour if you would like to know more.

Patty Kraus (pictured above left with her New Hour mentee)