

To inquire about the reentry referral program or to become involved as a participating provider, please call the Fair Chance Initiative hotline:

**212-335-9435**

**(Interpreters are available)**

**Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 5:00pm**

You may also write to:  
New York County District Attorney's Office  
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# Fair Chance Initiative

Reducing Recidivism Through Reentry Services



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Dear Friends,

The New York County District Attorney's Office believes its mission of maintaining public safety includes the prevention of crime. In 2008, I created the Fair Chance Initiative as an effort to reduce criminal recidivism. In cooperation with the New York State Division of Parole and many reentry service providers, the Office will connect recently-released inmates with appropriate social services to help them re-enter society and live productive, law-abiding lives. By assisting former inmates adjust to life outside of prison, this initiative aims to break the cycle of recidivism within Manhattan. Please review this brochure to learn about the services available.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Morgenthau

The Fair Chance Initiative aims to increase public safety by ensuring that recently-released inmates quickly receive the social services they need to help them adjust to life outside of prison. To provide this assistance, the New York County District Attorney's Office has created a database of available services for ex-offenders. Former inmates who are released to Manhattan are encouraged to contact the Fair Chance Initiative directly to receive referrals to appropriate reentry service providers. Participating providers offer reentry services in the areas of substance abuse treatment, job training, and housing.

In an effort to address the problem of high recidivism rates amongst offenders, the initiative is also working with State Parole to provide an alternative to re-incarceration for people who have violent felony offenses in their pasts and are re-arrested for non-violent crimes. To help realize this goal, the initiative is working with providers, by placing eligible people into community based treatment. The Fair Chance Initiative will track referrals and progress of program participants who will enter the program through the initiative's collaboration with the Manhattan Misdemeanor Treatment Court.