

Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
Office of Transitional Services
Local Law 103 of 2016 Report
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I. Introduction and Reporting

This report, submitted by the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ) to City Council in compliance with Local Law 103 of 2016, serves as an annual progress, and biennial report in New York City. The narrative report and data are reflective of re-entry services and expansion within city programming. This report as a requirement of Local Law 103 of 2016 will highlight populations served, types of programs created, geographic areas served, and outreach efforts with the reporting period of fiscal year 2023.

II. Populations Served/Demographics

The CJRN was able to complete 4,558 intakes by the end of fiscal year 2023. This figure is up from the 3,868 intakes, previously reported in the Local Law 103 report for 2022. Intakes across the city increased on an average of 18%, with 87% being male re-entry participants and 11% being female re-entry participants (*1% of individuals chose not to identify as either woman or male*).

43% of individuals recorded an age of 55 or older, 29% recorded that they were between the ages of 35-54, 14% recorded that they were between the ages of 25-34 and 13% individuals recorded that they were between the ages of 18-24. 63% of participants served identified as being African American, 24% of participants identified as being Latino, 4% were identified as white, 3% were identified as being multiracial, 2% identified their race as other, 1% were identified as being Asian. (*3% either indicated their race as unknown or declined to answer*)

III. Types of Programs

A. CJRN (Community Justice Re-entry Network)

In the second fiscal year of the Community Justice Re-entry Network, the city has continued to see an impact on the vocational, educational, and therapeutic resources that have been dedicated to those returning home from prison and jail. With a fully developed service network that includes non-profit providers such as Bronx Connect, Exodus Transitional Community, FedCap, Fortune Society, Housing Works, Osborne Association, The Center for Court Innovation (Staten Island Justice Center), Women's Prison Association, Youth Justice Network, and Center for Community Alternatives all

provide discharge planning inside of Rikers Island, in addition to in community planning for justice impacted individuals.

The sole focus of the CJRN has always been to establish an offramp of expedited services for those seeking community stabilization upon release. The CJRN has continued to offer rehabilitation through case management support and an expansive array of employment opportunities. Individuals who are engaged with our providers receive an extensive service plan through clinical support, onsite planning, and in community referrals. Addressing vital needs such as, but not limited to, mental health, substance abuse treatment, housing assistance, legal services, and benefits assistance will continue to be the main objective as this network expands its reach across NYC.

B. John Jay College- Institute for Justice and Opportunity (IJO)

The John Jay College Institute for Justice and Opportunity (IJO) was spawned in 2017 with the direct intention of offering educational, career readiness, and reentry support tailored for justice-impacted individuals. Using a holistic, trauma-informed approach IJO assists folks with long term success through programs focused on digital literacy, leadership training, student success initiative programming, pathways to receiving a GED, and employment opportunities.

C. Visiting Families Assistance Program

The Visiting Families Assistance Program was introduced to mitigate concerns arising as it pertains to incarcerated women within the confines of NYC. Administered by The Osborne Association and Hour Children, VFAP focuses on counseling, advocacy concerning the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS), family visit coaching, and reentry planning for incarcerated women and their families.

IV. Geographic Areas Served

Re-entry providers were able to engage and enroll participants from across the five boroughs. 33% of individuals recorded that they resided in the borough of the Bronx, 28% residing in the borough of Manhattan, 20% residing in the borough of Brooklyn, 15% residing in Queens, 2% residing in Staten Island at the point of engagement with our service providers. There were also 2% of individuals who recorded a residence outside of city limits but received services within the city.

V. Outreach Efforts

According to data 4,558 intakes were completed across the five boroughs with 54% of outreach occurring in the community and 44% taking place while individuals were in

custody. For this reporting period we have noticed that in-custody outreach was up by 17%. 2% of outreach was completed in other areas outside of community offices or in custody of DOC and DOCCS.

There were a total of 1,574 job placements ranging from short term to long term employment, this number is up from the 1,250 job replacements reported on the Local Law 103 report for fiscal year 2022. Re-entry providers conducted a total of 1,926 training courses with participants within the CJRN, which led to vocational and employment opportunities.

VI. FY24 Intake Data by Provider

Provider	Intake Total
FedCap	211
Fortune	1,055
Exodus	932
WPA (Women's Prison Association)	52
Center for Community Alternatives	297
SIJC (Staten Island Justice Center)	24
Housing Works	402
Urban Youth Alliance	675
Youth Justice Network	247
Osborne Association	663
Grand Total	4,558