



The Fortune Society

PRISONER RE-ENTRY

Changing Minds & Building Lives

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2005

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The Fortune Society's re-entry service model is of interest to service providers involved in re-entry programming for ex-offenders, researchers and policymakers interested in key components of successfully transitioning ex-offenders from prison to society and State and local governments looking to reduce correctional budgets...

-- National Institute of Justice

Since 1967, The Fortune Society has helped tens of thousands of former prisoners successfully re-enter the community after incarceration. In 2005, our direct services achieved the following milestones:

The **Counseling Services Unit** provided critical services to 1,531 new clients and made 1,813 referrals for additional services.

In the **Education Unit**, 68 students increased their reading or math level by one grade, eight earned their GED, and 85 found jobs.

Our **Career Development Unit** graduated 335 clients from our Job Readiness Workshop and 473 clients were placed in employment.

Fortune's **Alternative to Incarceration** programs enrolled 233 clients and saved the community an estimated \$5.5 million in displaced jail and prison time.

Our **Substance Abuse Treatment Unit** provided crucial outpatient treatment to 273 individuals.

Fortune's **Health Services Unit** enrolled 201 new clients and provided them with a broad range of services. 101 individuals in need of health care were linked to a primary medical care provider and 83 homeless clients were placed in housing.

Fortune's **Peer Education Unit** trained and graduated 64 peer educators who made almost 500 presentations, educating over 8,000 people in their communities.

Fortune's **Family Services Unit** provided services to 385 new clients. 104 former prisoners completed the parenting workshop series.

The **Fortune Academy** housing facility provided 225 homeless individuals with emergency and longer-term housing.

The **Drop-in Center** served specific referrals for services to over 1,000 men and women immediately upon release from Riker's Island jail, including 179 HIV-positive individuals.