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Dedicated to empowering justice-impacted women, mothers, and their children

Our Mission

New Hour provides services to promote successful community re-entry and family reunification for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women. Women who participate in our programming have a 2% recidivism rate opposed to the 65% statewide rate.



Our Founders

With the vision of a group of founding volunteers and our Executive Director Serena Martin, Patty and George Kraus provided the support to launch what is now New Hour. Since 2015, we have helped over 12,000 women and children.

Patty Kraus, while volunteering in the Riverhead jail, recognized few resources for women and mothers after release. Since then, the Kraus's have dedicated ongoing support to present day.



Our Services

New Hour provides gender and trauma informed programs offering 15-weekly workshops in the Nassau, Riverhead and Yaphank jails including: parenting, conflict management, reentry planning, health and wellness, creative writing and art therapy.



*"Knowing New Hour cared enough to support me gave me the courage I needed to begin again."
- Carol*

We believe in dignity and respect for all people behind bars. We provide clothing and essentials upon release allowing women to re-enter their communities with less stigma and shame.

Children With a Bright Future



We hold safe space events to support children with a justice-impacted parent. We offer back to school supplies, a Friendsgiving celebration and more to provide justice-impacted families with support for the holidays. We offer an annual toy drive in the jails for children visiting their incarcerated loved ones.

Our Leaders

Empowering Methods for Effective Reentry, Growth and Engagement

EMERGE is a 12-week leadership and advocacy training program for justice impacted women. EMERGE provides the tools and resources needed to become successful advocates for women in reentry. EMERGE 2.0 is an 8-week financial wellness program.



EMERGE members learn about the systemic reasons women become incarcerated and how mass incarceration has impacted our communities. EMERGE creates contacts and resources to navigate successful re-entry, all while working to combat racial disparities and engaging women in social justice activism.

