

The PROGRAM

"It's About Change"

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Community Center

The **Community Center** is located in the south Allison Hill section in the city of Harrisburg, PA. The Community Center provides community-based services and programs to any woman 18 or over who has been involved in the criminal justice system or has had a drug/alcohol or substance abuse history.

Adult Programming

The primary objective of the Community Center is to provide women in the Greater Harrisburg area community and the agency's residential clients with the necessary tools and support to reduce recidivism and increase their employability and self-sufficiency.

The menu of comprehensive services and Day Programs includes (but is not limited to):

- Case Management & Support Services
- Life Skill Training
- HIV/AIDS Prevention/Education and Case Management
- GED Training conducted by Harrisburg Area Community College
- Tutoring/Literacy conducted by Tri-County OIC and PA Literacy Council
- Computer Training
- Job Readiness/ Job Search/ Job Placement Assistance
- Crisis Intervention

Children's Programming

The Community Center offers programs to assist the children of offenders to reduce the probability of intergenerational crime.

Saturday Sessions is a program funded by the United Way of the Capital Region provides remediation, tutoring, and cultural enhancement for the children. The mother also gains from this project because her participation gives her the opportunity to see how important she is to her child. She helps her child to learn (while she is learning); she helps her child to develop intellectually (and she develops intellectually).

Female offenders have great difficulty accessing community resources and arranging services for themselves and their families. The educational system presents its own set of problems for these families. Too often the children of offenders have academic, behavioral, developmental and/or emotional problems which are acted out in the classroom.

Contact Information

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Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Any woman that has had a brush with the law and/or drug or alcohol history can walk in and receive services.