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Overcoming Community Resistance to Reentry Housing

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www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org

- The resource center is continually updating its website with materials relevant to the reentry field.
- Sign up for the monthly NRRC newsletter to receive news about upcoming distance learning and funding opportunities.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Reentry Resource Center. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About, Library, Topics, Training & TA, Reentry Facts, and What Works. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a sidebar with links for Audiences (States/Locals, Community and Faith-based Organizations, People Returning Home) and Tools & Resources (Calendar, Funding, Reentry Service Directories, Program Examples, Second Chance Act, Forums/Networking, Announcements). The main content area features a welcome message, a description of the center's mission, and a list of popular topics (Housing, Substance Abuse, Juveniles, Employment, Starting a Reentry Initiative). On the right, there is a 'What's New?' section with several news items, including 'The National Reentry Resource Center is Hiring!', 'Register Now for Webinar: The Essential Elements of Reentry Webinar: Primary Care and the Transitions Clinic Approach', 'Updated Version of Back to School: A Guide to Continuing Your Education after Prison Now Available', 'Watch "From Arrest to Homecoming—Addressing the Needs of Children of Incarcerated Parents" Webinar', and 'Watch "Local Governments Role in Reentry" Webinar'. At the bottom of the page, there is a logo for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and a link to 'View All Topics'.

Overcoming Community Resistance to Reentry Housing: Panelists

- **Ann Jacobs, Director, Prisoner Reentry Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice**
 - Website: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/centers/prisoner_reentry_institute/2704.htm
- **Alvin Entzminger**, resident, Castle Gardens and former resident of *The Castle*
- **JoAnne Page**, President and CEO, *The Fortune Society*
 - Website: <http://fortunesociety.org/>
- **Bob Dougherty**, Executive Director, *St. Leonard's Ministries*
 - Website: <http://slministries.org/>

The Toolkit: In Our Backyard: Overcoming Community Resistance to Reentry Housing

- Background: The reentry and housing issue
- The toolkit helps organizations develop the skills to address “not in my backyard” community resistance (NIMBY) when developing housing for formerly incarcerated people.
- NIMBY has the potential to create significant program delays or even shut down a program.
- Toolkit provides theoretical context and Fortune’s story.

Partnership

- The Fortune Society and the Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice partnered to create this toolkit.
- With contributions from the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution at Teachers College, Columbia University
- Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Available here:
 - http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/TOOL_KIT_1-NIMBY_FINAL.pdf or
 - http://fortunesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/TOOL-KIT-1-NIMBY_FINAL_Email-able_110413.pdf

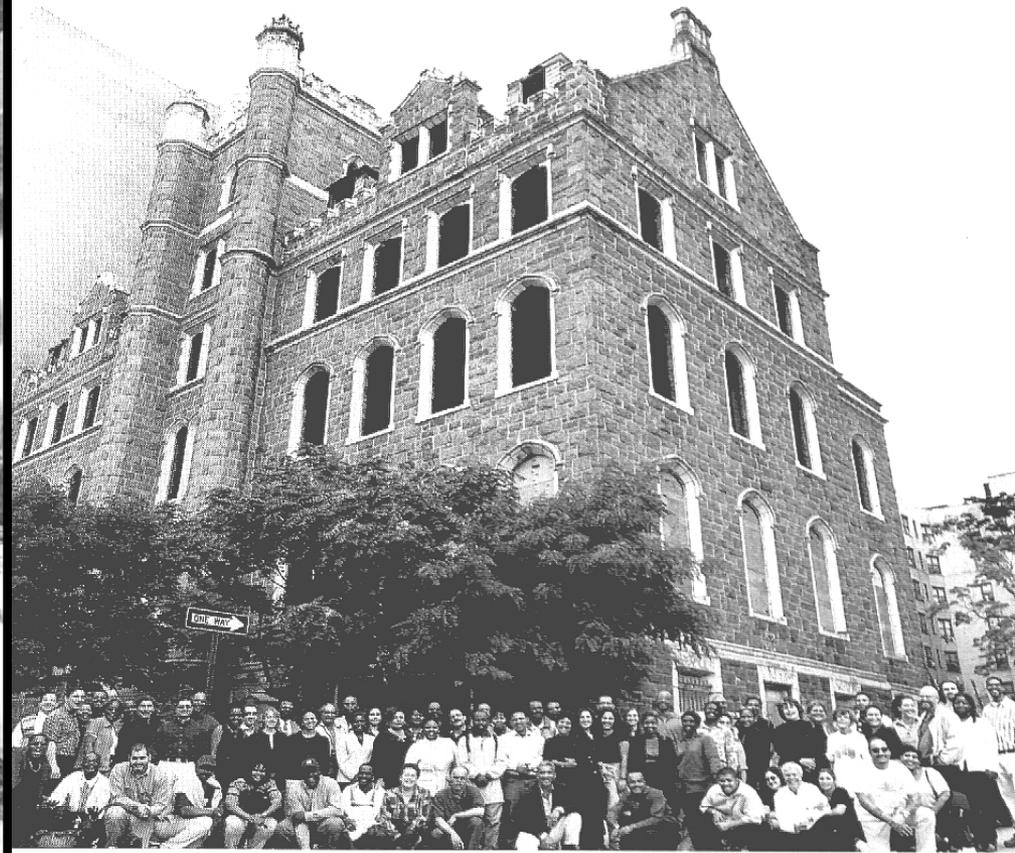
NIMBY: A Tale of Fortune's Two Buildings and Two Five-Year Plans

The Fortune Society

- Founded in 1967
- Annually serves about 3,000 formerly incarcerated men, women and youth
- Mission includes both direct services and advocacy
- Self-help model
- Staffing and management reflects history and values, including predominance of formerly incarcerated staff and managers
- Commitment to an open door policy (despite challenges of funding it)
- One stop shopping model with broad (and growing) array of services

Why we opened the Fortune Academy, our first congregate housing facility:

- Desperate clients needing housing assistance
- Rejection of those with violent convictions, no “clean time”
- Absence of needed resources outside the agency
- Decision based upon results of three year strategic planning process
- The opportunity for deeper intervention with 24/7 clients



The Academy (AKA The Castle) Opened in 2002

- Three phases of housing
 - In The Castle:
 - Emergency, lasting a few days or weeks, in rooms shared with 1-4 roommates
 - Phased permanent, lasting for as long as needed until clients are ready to move into the community on their own (anticipated to be 6-18 months for most residents), living in single and double studio apartments
 - In the community
 - Permanent housing, with supports and follow-up

Dealing with NIMBY

- BANANA vs. fair share
- active opponents and “enemies in the mist”
- past history of exploitation and powerlessness
- Fortune’s strategy
 - “as of right”
 - be a good neighbor
 - be present from the very beginning
 - Community Advisory Board
 - Community Board and other meetings
 - what we didn’t realize

Where do people go after the Castle?

- Barriers faced by individuals seeking permanent housing
 - Lack/shortage of income
 - Stigma of criminal history
 - Need for far greater supports

Next Leg on the Journey: Castle Gardens

- The need for permanent housing for our clients
- The role of the Community Advisory Board and Community Board
- The Vision



YIMBY



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Building People, Not Prisons

THE FORTUNE ACADEMY COMPLEX

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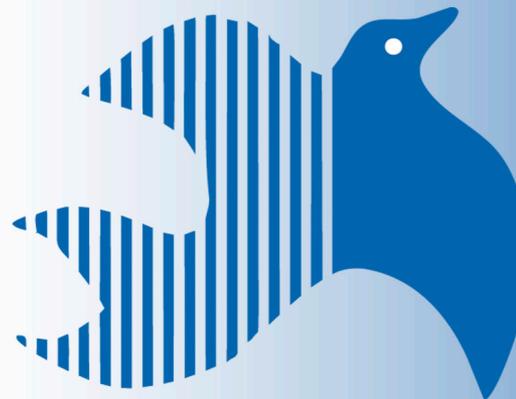
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St. Leonard's Ministries Mission Statement

Believing individuals want to lead productive and whole lives, St. Leonard's Ministries provides a community-based setting in which formerly incarcerated men and women can achieve such a life.

Residents are provided with an array of program services designed to help them better understand themselves and society as they transition to successful independent living.

Through St. Leonard's House, Grace House, St. Andrew's Court and the Michael Barlow Center, program participants are engaged in the process of reassessing value systems, reordering priorities and developing socially and legally













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