Linking Promise with Opportunity

A New Way of Life RE-ENTRY PROJECT

2016 Annual Report
Following the tragic accidental death of her five-year-old son, Susan Burton’s world collapsed. Her loss snapped the final tether of resilience burdened by a past of pain and trauma. She descended into an emotional abyss of darkness and despair, yet was not offered the treatment needed to heal. Without support, she turned to drugs and alcohol which led to nearly 20 years revolving through cycles of incarceration.

Drawing on her personal experiences, she founded A New Way of Life Re-Entry Project (ANWOL) in 1998, dedicating her life to helping others break the cycle of incarceration. ANWOL provides resources such as housing, case management, employment, legal services, leadership development and community organizing on behalf of, and with people who struggle to rebuild their lives after incarceration.

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...to advance multi-dimensional solutions to the effects of incarceration.” ~ Susan Burton
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ANWOL Case Study: Innovative Female Re-Entry Project
Go [here](#) to read
or call 323-563-3575 to request a copy

A New Way of Life Re-Entry Project:
A Case Study

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies
You may tread me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I’ll rise.

— Maya Angelou

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RE-ENTRY
DIRECT SERVICES
Surrounded by the despair of incarceration, but desperate for change, a woman sits to pen a letter to A New Way of Life - a letter spelling out her desire for support with staying sober, getting a job and reuniting with her children. Little does she know that once accepted into the program, she will get that and so much more!

Not only is she greeted with a smile, respect, dignity and a place to heal, she’s provided with assistance in obtaining identification, opportunities for enlightenment, 12-step programs, counseling, enrollment in school, job/career/ leadership development and/or anything required to help her accomplish HER definition of success.

Our 18 years of success comes from meeting the direct needs of each woman.

We nurture an authentic, up close and personal experience that speaks directly to the heart and goals of each woman that crosses the threshold of our door.

To date, we have walked with over 1,000 women. We help them understand that their yesterdays need not define, but can refine. Like uncut diamonds, healing reveals a treasure of clarity and self-worth.

RE-ENTRY HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

Re-Entry Family Re-Unification Pilot Program:
We screened one-hundred forty-one (141 clients); six (6) qualified. Two (2) families successfully completed a year of case management services.

We served 75 women and 115 children through our five re-entry homes for less than half the cost of incarceration. (This included adult children of women who have served decades in prison. We were able to help facilitate family reunification.)

On average, 8 out of every 10 women who received services were able to meet annual benchmarks identified as crucial to successful community re-entry after periods of incarceration.

While all women were provided with employment services, as part of their self-identified re-entry goals, fifty-five (55) women opted to work toward accessing employment. Out of that number, 62% (34) were able to access employment.

Twenty-three (23) women were able to move to permanent housing.

Ninety-nine percent (99%) of women served were not re-incarcerated.
Monthly Re-Entry Legal Clinics are held in Watts & Long Beach, along with weekly “Walk-In Wednesday” clinics in Long Beach. We help those who qualify clean up their records, receive occupational licenses and access relief as allowed under criminal justice reforms. Through our litigation department, we represent individuals who have experienced discrimination through violation of current laws. Many lives are positively affected by our legal team’s work. Services are provided free of charge.

Traffic Ticket Amnesty: We provided assistance to 153 individuals to help with time-limited enrollment in California’s Traffic Ticket Amnesty Program.

Litigation: We filed a dozen new individual cases, two impact litigation cases and presented our first 9th Circuit appeal. We settled 4 individual cases, 3 class actions, and 1 writ of mandamus. Notable Cases (settled): • All of Us or None v. Registrar Logan and Sheriff McDonnell. (Voting rights of people in county jail-settled for injunctive relief.) • Roe v. Frito-Lay. (FCRA class action.) • Rubio-Delgado v. Aerotek. (FCRA class action.)

LEGAL CLINICS:

We served 351 clients at 23 clinics, which included:

1,143 petitions for expungement filed
  - Of those with known outcomes, an 86.9% success rate

122 petitions for reduction under PC 17 filed
  - Of those with known outcomes, a 77.5% success rate

Prop. 47:

We filed for reduction of 200 eligible offenses
  - Of those with known outcomes, a 94.2% success rate

Occupational Licensing:

We initiated 23 new licensing cases
We concluded 12 licensing cases
  - 7 from 2016
  - 5 from pre-2016

In September, we welcomed a new legal fellow to work on issues that families impacted by incarceration face as they navigate dependency court and reunification.

TRANSITIONAL SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT (TSE)

Ten (10) individuals participated in this program. ANWOL provided one full-time, short-term employment opportunity for an enrollee.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS DISTRIBUTION CENTER

We assisted nearly 300 formerly homeless individuals with furnishing their new residences.
Most notable accomplishments:

- L.A. City passed a landmark Fair Chance Initiative ("Ban the Box") law covering private employers.
- We sponsored a justice fair in Long Beach.
- We advocated for the right for family members to have physical visitation with incarcerated relatives.
- We began efforts to advocate for the restoration of a basic right: JURY SERVICE.

Eleven (11) woman graduated, all equipped with a critical analysis of the justice system and a belief in themselves as agents of change in the struggle for social justice. Two women were also awarded paid internships.

ANWOL is the fiscal agent of the Los Angeles and Long Beach Chapters, which together form the Southern California Chapter of All of Us or None (AOUON-SC).

AOUON-SC participated in over 50 meetings/organizing/community events and mobilized allied organizations inspiring over 200 individuals to participate in civil rights advocacy campaigns.
PRESS AND PUBLICITY

The A2A Alliance: Susan Burton

LA Times: This South L.A. Corner is No Place for Ex-Inmates to Reenter Society, Critics Say


Fight Looms as Governor Brown Slashes Prop. 47

89.3 KPCC: Prop 47: Tracking lawmakers’ promise of drug treatment over prison

ANWOL Skadden Fellow Theresa Zhen: How Court Debt Erects Permanent Barriers to Reentry

KQED News: Demand Grows for L.A. Group Guiding Women Just Out of Prison

6/1/16 Long Beach Justice Fair

Subject Matter Expert Susan Burton’s presentation to the Board of State and Community

Corrections (BSCC): Prop 47 Funding Recommendations.

ANWOL YouTube: How ANWOL’s Legal Services Helped Ingrid

Filming to Partner with John Legend’s #FreeAmerica Campaign

ANWOL Attorney Joshua Kim: WHY BLACK LIVES ALSO MATTER OUTSIDE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

LA Times: Individuals Sue Court Over DL Suspensions


https://www.laprospective.com/plea-bargaining/

Prisoner rights activists push #SB1157 to protect right to face to face #RealVisits instead of video only @KPFANews http://bit.ly/2cONK3B

PETITIONERS SEEK TO ENFORCE VOTING RIGHTS OF PEOPLE IN JAIL


Foundations to Support Women’s Mass Incarceration Storytelling Project

L.A. Enacts Landmark ‘Ban the Box’ Law Covering Private Employers

Up & Out A New Way of Life PSA

Ingrid Archie: PADNET.tv Prop. 47 PSA

LAist: Angelenos Are Losing Their Driver’s Licenses Because They’re Poor, Suit Says

FB Chat with Fox 11 Christine Devine (JOT Film Fest)


For Immediate Release: All of Us or None Seeks to Stop Riverside Superior Court from Publishing Criminal Records for Profit... - http://eepurl.com/cl4HxH

After Empire Christine Devine and Leah Daniels-Butler talking about ANWOL

Susan Burton, Channel 4 - About Voting

Life Connected: South LA Nonprofit Helps Women Just Out of Prison Rebuild Their Lives
MEMORABLE EVENTS

JOHN LEGEND
visited A New Way of Life with his
#FreeAmerica campaign
FOURTH ANNUAL EVENT
SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2016
Loyola Marymount University

18th ANNUAL GALA & AWARDS
Passing the Torch...
Igniting the Spirit of Leadership

Co-hosted by
Fox 11’s Christine Devine
KPFK’s Margaret Prescod

View Highlights Here

Carolyn Robinson
Vasanté Bailey
Flozelle Woodmore Memorial Award

Michelle Alexander
Movement Builder Award

Tessa Blake
Emma Hewitt
(Actor Lennie James accepted on Emma’s behalf)
Industry Impact Award

Dr. Cheryl Grills, Ph.D.
Community Champion Award
Gala Highlights

Recovery Convention
L to R: Carletha Sterling, Vinny Green, Barbara Osborn, Regina Jones, Marta Lopez-Garza, Tami Warren, LisaRaye McCoy, Susan Burton, Gregory Burkes, Julia Meltzer, Mark Burman, Keren Goldberg, Whitney Davis-Houston and Judith Sydner-Gordon
(Not in photo: Barbara Rohr - Leah Daniels-Butler shown below with husband Henry Butler)
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Finances 2016

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2016

Revenue and Support
Resident/Agency Pays 61,514
Contracts 170,520
Miscellaneous Income 45,601
Legal Service Revenue 16,116
Grants 1,237,362
Board Contributions 25,050
Donations - Individuals 67,632
Donations - Organizations 66,904
Donations - In Kind 2,931,012
Special Events 106,889
Other Income 772
Total Income 4,729,372

Expenses
Program Services 4,441,206
Management & Administrative 113,592
Fundraising 81,601
Total Expenses 4,636,398

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2016

Assets
Cash and Equivalents 1,092,471
Accounts Receivable 56,080
Contracts & Grants Receivable 646,939
Property & Equipment (Net) 318,319
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits 29,429
Total assets 2,143,239

Liabilities
Accounts Payable 57,050
Accrued Vacation 12,682
Other Accrued Expenses 43,588
Deferred Revenue 947,102
Mortgage Payable 145,802
Total liabilities 1,206,224

Net Assets
Unrestricted Net Assets 937,014
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Total Liabilities & Net Assets 2,143,239
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