

## OUR APPROACH

The Parole Restoration Project (PRP) was created in 2001 to reduce the length of stay on Rikers Island for technical parole violators with substance abuse problems and/or mental illness. The program reduces costs associated with detaining high-need individuals who pose no threat to public safety.

PRP assesses the mental health and drug treatment needs of eligible individuals to create discharge plans that include linkages to community treatment providers. PRP works with the NYC Department of Correction and NYS Division of Parole to review inmate records, interview potential PRP clients, and expedite the release of technical parole violators who agree to seek appropriate care.



### ABOUT CASES

CASES develops innovative programs that provide the justice system with sentencing options and rehabilitative services for court-involved youth and adults with special needs.

The mission of CASES is to increase the understanding and use of community sanctions that are fair, affordable, and consistent with public safety. By addressing factors that underlie criminal behavior, such as lack of education, unemployment, and untreated mental health and substance use problems, CASES' programs provide humane and cost-effective alternatives to jail, prison, juvenile placement, and detention that are client-centered and community-focused.



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## PAROLE RESTORATION PROJECT

A Community Linkage Program for Technical Parole  
Violators with Special Needs

## PROGRAM SERVICES

### Screening

PRP staff on Rikers Island review files of all technical parole violators and identify those who meet the program's criminal justice eligibility criteria.

### Assessment

Parole violators with treatment needs are assessed using validated mental health and substance use instruments to determine an appropriate community treatment plan.

### Linkage

PRP works with an extensive network of community mental health and substance abuse service providers employing a diverse range of treatment modalities. Parole violators are linked with providers based on their individual treatment needs, to assist participants in achieving long-term stability and improving health and mental health.

### Advocacy

PRP presents discharge recommendations to defense attorneys, the parole revocation specialists, and the administrative law judge, who makes a final decision whether to restore individuals to parole with community supports in place.

### Escort

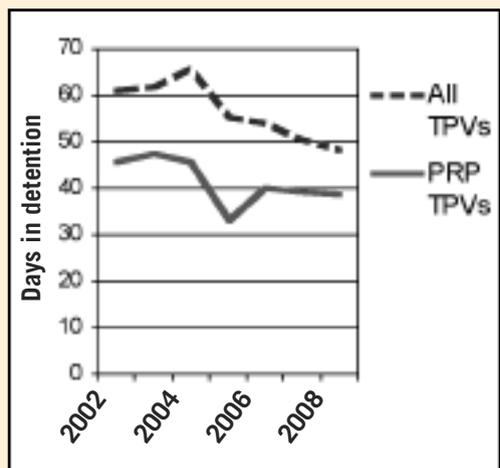
Participants accepted into the program are escorted by a PRP staff member directly from detention to a community treatment provider.

### Follow-up and Compliance

PRP maintains regular contact with partnering providers for six months after the initial linkage. The program ensures that the NYC Department of Correction and NYS Division of Parole are informed of PRP participants' ongoing engagement in treatment services. In cases of non-compliance, PRP's compliance team is available to help re-engage participants in treatment.

## OUR RESULTS

### Average Length of Stay for Technical Parole Violators (TPVs) on Rikers Island



- More than 2,000 technical parole violators have been restored to parole through CASES PRP since the program began in 2001.
- In 2008, PRP reduced the average length of stay on Rikers Island for high-need technical parole violators released through the program by 20%, for a cost savings of more than \$450,000.
- The average length of engagement in community treatment services for all parole violators who have been linked to programs through PRP is nearly three months. New peer support services created in 2009 aim to further increase the retention of clients with persistent needs in community treatment programs.

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