

What is the Restorative Response Program?

Following the deaths of George Floyd and Walter Wallace, Philadelphia saw both widespread protest and significant civil unrest. The Restorative Response Program was established to create an alternative path to resolve approximately 700 of the arrests which occurred during this period. This program draws on the tenets of Restorative Justice and emphasizes community re-engagement over criminal punishment.

Details about the program, requirements, and resources can be found at www.philadefender.org/rr.

What Is the Process?

Step 1: Participants **MUST COMPLETE** a two-hour Educational Session to begin the program. Defender is hosting several online sessions and will take attendance to submit to defense attorneys and the DA office. Please register on the website. (If you have already completed the 2-hour educational session about this program, skip this step and keep going.)

Step 2: Participants **MUST SIGN** the Restorative Response Program Acceptance Form.

Step 3: Once you have completed the 2-hour education session completed in Step 1, please choose 8 hours of additional programs. Participants **MUST COMPLETE 8 additional hours of programming and complete a time sheet** with one of the many Community Re-engagement Opportunities listed on the website or through an approved outside nonprofit organization.

Step 4: The defense attorney must provide the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office with proof of completion, along with name, birthdate, and docket number. At the next court date (which will be held remotely and **attended by attorneys only** unless COVID protocols change), all charges will be dismissed and the case will be withdrawn.

Step 5: The Defender Association will ask the court to expunge the case from the participant's record **free of charge**.

Community Re-Engagement Opportunities for Step 3

(Updated list can be found at www.philadefender.org/rr)

Restorative Justice Training & Circles

MCCP Restorative Cities Initiative – Restorative Justice Training (6 hours) + 2 Circles (2 hours) = 8 hours
Location: Can be virtual or in-person. For virtual trainings, client must be visible on screen with camera on.
Time: Trainings are held 9 AM – 4 PM (6 hour day with 1 hour lunch break) + 2 hours scheduled after training.
Contact: Rev. Dr. Donna Jones, djones@mccpphilly.org

Parenting Support/Classes

Dear Black Fathers – Support Group for Fathers
Location: Virtual
Contact: Mabari Byrd, dearblackfathers@gmail.com

Dear Black Fathers – Math group for parents supporting children in grades K-8
Location: Virtual
Contact: Mabari Byrd, dearblackfathers@gmail.com

IDAAY – Young Fathers United parenting program (with stipend)
Location: 2305 North Broad St. 19132
Contact: Archye Leacock, aleacock@idaay.org, 215-901-6976

Maternity Care Coalition – Parenting class for parents with children under 5
Location: Virtual
Contact: Colette Green, CGreen@MaternityCareCoalition.org, 267-514-6679

Mentoring/Peer Support Groups

Broad Street Ministry – Peer Support Group
Location: 315 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19107
Contact: Michael McKee, michael@broadstreetministry.org

Institute for Community Justice @ Phila Fight – Peer Support through Mannup program
Location: 1207 Chestnut St., 2nd floor Philadelphia, PA 19107
Contact: Mike Butler, mbutler@fight.org

Frontline Dads – Mentoring
Location: 410 N 34th St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
Contact: Reuben Jones, frontlinedads@aol.com

Mothers In Charge – Mentoring Program
Location: 2839 W. Girard Ave. 1st Floor, 19130
Contact: Dr. Dorothy Johnson-Speight, momsforpeace@aol.com

New Leash on Life – Life Skills/Career Readiness/Restorative Justice workshop + access to Pet Food Pantry

Location: 4326 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA. 19124

Time: Mondays 9am-3pm, June 21-September 21

Pet food Pantry: every 3rd Monday of each month 10am-11am.

Contact: rob@newleashonlife-usa.org and jenna@newleashonlife-usa.org or sign up here: <https://www.newleashonlife-usa.org/> under the “GET INVOLVED” section.

Employment & Education Support

Impact Services – employment support, including work readiness workshops, job referrals, vocational training (such as automotive, construction, and HVAC), connection with benefits, and access to other resources

Location: Could be virtual or in-person in Kensington, based on specific interests

Contact: Pending (Please check back)

Impact Services – training in real estate development and creation of generational wealth

Location: Kensington area

Contact: Jon Arrieta, jarieta@impactservices.org

Impact Services Launch Code program – computer coding apprenticeship for adults – Starts in June

Location: Pending

Contact: Pending (Please check back)

E3 (Employment, Empowerment, and Education) – Professional Boot Camp, including resume workshop, job application/job referral support, and possible professional certifications

Location: Virtual

Contact: Jamier Jones, jamier.jones@temple.edu

Trauma Support

Sankofa Healing Studio – Trauma specific group therapy

Location: virtual

Contact: Jacqui Johnson, therapy@sankofahealingstudio.org

Food/Clothing Distribution

Chosen 300 – Food distribution

Location: 3959 Lancaster Ave Philadelphia, PA 19104 OR 1116 Spring Garden Street Philadelphia, PA 19123

Time: see link on website

Contact: Brian Jenkins, brianjenkins@chosen300.org

Hope 4 Every Living Person – Food distribution

Location: Victory Outreach Church 735 Westmoreland St. PA 19134

Time: Wed 11am-4pm

Contact: Pastor Joseph Bishop, opepastorjoseph@hope4everylivingperson.org, 267-339-4190

IDAAY – Food distribution (must be able to lift 30 lbs)
Location: 2305 North Broad St. 19132
Time: Sat 9am-3pm
Contact: Archye Leacock, aleacock@idaay.org, 215-901-6976

Philadelphia Auto & Parole – Food distribution
Location: Southwest Philly, 19143
Contact: Jermaine Womack, phillysautoandparole@yahoo.com, 267-255-8834

Frontline Dads – Food distribution
Location: 410 N 34th St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
Contact: Reuben Jones, frontlinedads@aol.com

Mothers In Charge – Food distribution
Location: 2839 W. Girard Ave. 1st Floor, 19130
Contact: Dr. Dorothy Johnson-Speight, momsforpeace@aol.com

Bible Way Baptist – Food/clothing distribution
Location: 1323 North 52nd Street, 19131
Contact: Rev. Dr. Damone Jones and Rev. Dr. Donna Jones, poimen77@aol.com, info@mccpphilly.org

Why Not Prosper – food distribution
Location: 717 E Cheltenham Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144
Time: Monday and Tuesday
Contact: Rev. Michelle Simmons, whynotprosper@aol.com, 610-715-1113

Community Clean Up

Impact Services – Community Clean Up
Location: Kensington Area
Time: every other Saturday in April/May
Contact: Jon Arrieta, jarrieta@impactservices.org

First Stop Recovery – yard clean up
Location: 2414 Kensington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125
Contact: Frank Aikens, frankaikens7@gmail.com, 267-600-7305

Institute for Community Justice @ Phila Fight – community restoration with Mannup program
Location: 1207 Chestnut St., 2nd floor Philadelphia, PA 19107
Contact: Mike Butler, mbutler@fight.org

Bible Way Baptist – church custodial work
Location: 1323 North 52nd Street, 19131
Contact: Rev. Dr. Damone Jones and Rev. Dr. Donna Jones, poimen77@aol.com, info@mccpphilly.org

Why Not Prosper – community clean up and restoration
Location: 717 E Cheltenham Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144
Contact: Rev. Michelle Simmons, whynotprosper@aol.com, 610-715-1113

Village of Arts and Humanities – neighborhood beautification

Location: 2544 Germantown Avenue, 19133 (Germantown and Lehigh areas)

Time: two 4-hour shifts

Contact: Michaela Pommells, Michaela@villagearts.org

Village of Arts and Humanities – Farm area cleanup and planting

Location: 2544 Germantown Avenue, 19133 (Germantown and Lehigh areas)

Time: two 4-hour shifts

Contact: Michaela Pommells, Michaela@villagearts.org

Office Assistance for Nonprofits

People's Paper Coop – 2021 Mama's Day Bailout – Help organize, sort, pack, ship, and scan artwork, or help fold and cut handmade paper made from criminal records

Location: 19143

Time: two 4-hour shifts or one 8-hour shift

Contact: Courtney Bowles, courtney@villagearts.org

Hope 4 Every Living Person – Packing door hangers

Location: Victory Outreach Church 735 Westmoreland St. PA 19134

Time: Thursdays

Contact: Pastor Joseph Bishop, opepastorjoseph@hope4everylivingperson.org, 267-339-4190

PAR Recycle Works - Sorting, deconstructing, loading and unloading recyclables

Location: 2024 W Hunting Park Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19140

Contact: Maurice Jones, mqjones@par-recycleworks.org, 267-335-5455

IDAAY – distribute health department flyers (requires walking long distances)

Location: 2305 North Broad St. 19132

Time: Sat 9am-3pm

Contact: Archye Leacock, aleacock@idaay.org, 215-901-6976

Philadelphia Unemployment Project - Call center services for unemployed individuals

Location: Virtual

Contact: Andrew Lee, alee@philaup.org

Valley Youth House – packing bags

Location: 1500 Sansom St.

Contact: Alyssa Weinfurtner, aweinfurtner@valleyyouthhouse.org

Mothers In Charge – clerical services

Location: 2839 W. Girard Ave. 1st Floor, 19130

Contact: Dr. Dorothy Johnson-Speight, momsforpeace@aol.com

PA Prison Society – learning about PPS's work and responding to letters from incarcerated individuals

Location: 230 S Broad St #605, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Contact: Kristin Cornell, kcornell@prisonsociety.org

Philadelphia Citywide Coalition Project (PCCP) – Pop-Up Community Resource Centers – assist citizens at resource tables and through door-to-door information sharing about unemployment, voter registration, property

sales, business planning, and other resources. (*NOTE: There is a required 2-hour volunteer training that counts toward your total community engagement hours.*)

Location: Various (Nicetown/Tioga, North Philly, Susquehanna, Fairhill, Allegheny West, West Philadelphia, Point Breeze, Port Richmond, Overbrook, Strawberry Mansion, Poplar, Logan)

Time: Begins June 1st, Various Shifts (8 AM-12 PM, 2 PM-4 PM, 4 PM-8 PM, 8 PM-12 AM)

Contact: info_pccp@aol.com or 215-839-6130 with your name, message, and email address

Assisting Youth Sports

Rebuilding a Village Foundation – coaching girls' basketball (requires PA children's clearance)

Location: Shepard Recreation Center, 5700 Haverford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131

Contact: Mustafa Clement, eclmnt@yahoo.com