

ComALERT (Community and Law Enforcement Resources Together)

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Information: ComALERT (Community and Law Enforcement Resources Together) was created in 1999 by Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes. The program's goal is to aid men and women returning from prison to successfully reintegrate into their Brooklyn communities. This goal is accomplished by providing an effective combination of immediate wraparound transitional services that target individuals returning from prison to Brooklyn who have histories of substance abuse and are currently under mandated community supervision. ComALERT's wraparound service model has been validated as an evidence-based design that supports the reduction of recidivism, thereby enhancing community safety for all Brooklyn residents.

ComALERT currently offers over 20 wraparound transitional services and resources. Its onsite program structure has steadily expanded since 2007, now including a total of 8 full-time and 3 part-time ComALERT staff hired by the Kings County District Attorney's Office, as well as substance abuse treatment clinical staff from the program's onsite partner, Counseling Service for the Eastern District of New York (CSEDNY).

The essence of ComALERT's program design can be found in its attention to its creation and development of solid partnerships with effective, responsible community and faith-based agencies, government entities, and other law enforcement agencies.

Evaluation/Research:

http://www.wjh.harvard.edu/soc/faculty/western/pdfs/report_1009071.pdf
http://www.brooklynda.org/News/pdf/journal_of_court_innovation.pdf