



Celebrating Partnerships

New Destiny collaborates with a wide range of organizations to help us meet the often complicated needs of domestic violence survivors. By offering a range of specialized services – legal, mental health, employment – these organizations help us to ensure that the tenants in our buildings remain stable in their apartments, safe and more financially independent.



Isa Martinez (3rd from right) and Anne Nacinovich, Attorney, Legal Services of NYC (3rd from left) with participants in a legal workshop.

Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence Family Justice Centers (FJC)

Affordable housing is one of the most pressing needs of the thousands of domestic violence survivors who access services at the FJCs. To address this, we launched Project HOME, which links domestic violence survivors who are clients at the FJCs to apartments in privately-owned, safe, affordable, permanent housing and offers one-on-one assistance that improves an individual's or family's likelihood for obtaining high-quality housing that they most likely would not be able to secure on their own.

At our partnering FJCS in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan, the FJC self-sufficiency coordinators work closely with our Project HOME team, making client referrals, helping to coordinate workshops, and facilitating relationships with other on-site service providers. Our thanks to...

- Molly Mangus, self-sufficiency coordinator, Manhattan FJC
- Carmen Beltre, self-sufficiency coordinator, Bronx FJC
- Joscelyn Truitt, self-sufficiency coordinator, Brooklyn FJC

Urban Justice Center – Domestic Violence Project

Legal assistance is a critical need for many of our residents. We've partnered with the Urban Justice Center – Domestic Violence Project to conduct legal clinics workshops on-site at our buildings. The workshops, provided by supervising attorney Afua Afriye-Fullwood in the Bronx and her colleague Mark Hager in Brooklyn, help our tenants to address a range of family court

issues such as custody, child support and visitation as well as consumer issues, immigration and financial challenges.

Legal Services NYC – Bronx

Each month, directors and attorneys from Legal Services NYC – Bronx provide 2-hour workshops on-site at our buildings in the Bronx. Co-sponsored by New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Sauti Yetu Center for African Women, these 2-hour workshops provide information on a range of topics including public benefits, consumer law, family and immigration, eviction prevention and education. Legal Services staff also provide one-on-one assistance to our tenants.

Lawyers Alliance for New York

Hedy O'Hara, Senior Staff Attorney at Lawyers Alliance, has been New Destiny's go-to legal advisor since 1999. Generous with her time and experience, she has been part of the team that has helped New Destiny to grow and expand our capacity to serve more victims of domestic violence.

Elected Officials

Our elected officials play a pivotal role in our success, providing important community-based assistance through their local offices as well as through State and City funding. Our thanks to...

- Council Member Fernando Cabrera
- Council Member Elizabeth Crowley
- Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson
- Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal