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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a citywide resource navigator for women and gender-expansive persons

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 9-310 to read as follows:

§ 9-310 Resource navigator program. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Gender-expansive. The term “gender-expansive” means a person whose gender identity or gender expression, or both, expands beyond gender stereotypes and roles including, but not limited to, persons who identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, non-binary and intersex.

Gender expression. The term “gender expression” means the way in which a person expresses their gender identity.

Gender identity. The term “gender identity” means a person’s sense of their own gender which may be the same as or different from their sex assigned at birth.

Resource navigator program. The term “resource navigator program” means the program established by this section to assist women and gender-expansive persons in custody, as well as relevant government agencies, in locating available and appropriate reentry programs.

b. The office shall establish a resource navigator program that shall:

1. Maintain a database on alternatives to incarceration, transitional and permanent housing and reentry programs, and services that specifically serve women and gender-expansive persons, which database shall include up-to-date information on services offered by the programs, eligibility, and availability;

2. Provide referrals to such programs and services and provide follow-up;

3. Provide outreach and education on such programs and services to women and gender-expansive persons in custody, district attorneys, city-funded indigent criminal defense attorneys, the office of court administration, the department of correction, and any other relevant agencies; and

4. Make recommendations to the mayor and the council to improve diversion and reentry resources for women and gender-expansive persons in custody.

c. The office shall include persons who have direct lived experience in the criminal justice system in the administration of the resource navigator program.

§ 2. Section 9-307 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 220 for the year 2019, is redesignated section 9-308.

§ 3. This local law takes effect in 90 days.

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