



DEE KENNEDY PROJECT

Boston Municipal Court – Dorchester Division



PURPOSE



The Dee Kennedy Project (DKP) helps justice-involved adults find supportive pathways to exit commercial sexual exploitation (CSE). The DKP offers a variety of services - from offering a supportive ear, to speaking with a peer advocate and recovery coach, to helping individuals to achieve short- and long-term goals at their own pace. The DKP offers advocacy, peer support, connection to social and clinical services, and interdisciplinary collaboration to best serve and assist survivors of CSE as they navigate the criminal justice system.

The framework for the DKP is to provide trauma-informed and client-centered interventions provided by a Peer Advocate/Recovery Coach working with North Suffolk and a supporting team.

Cases are discussed during weekly team meetings, and each referral is assigned an ID number to ensure anonymity and confidentiality when the case is being discussed outside of the Advocate and Project Coordinator.

SUPPORTS PROVIDED



- Court accompaniment
- Safety planning
- Crisis intervention
- Exiting strategies
- Harm reduction
- Transportation to appointments
- Employment
- Food Access
- Clothing access and hygiene product access through Dee's Closet in Dorchester Court
- Peer support
- Support groups
- Support and advocacy
- Access to treatment programs for addiction and mental health supports
- Support and connections around housing search and more.

ELIGIBILITY



In order to be eligible for the DKP, the individual must have a history or current involvement with CSE, be 18 years of age or older, and have justice involvement with any Boston Municipal Court (e.g., open cases, warrants, on probation/parole, filing for a restraining order, etc.).

MAKING A REFERRAL



Referrals can be made by contacting **Sandra Andrade**, Peer Advocate/Recovery Coach, via email or phone and providing the referral's name, date of birth, contact information, next court date, charges, and whether it is safe to leave a voicemail on their phone. (Note: Currently DKP is only accepting referrals with justice-involvement in Suffolk County.)

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Engagement with DKP is voluntary, and exiting is not a requirement for referral. Information about a referral's history or activity are not shared without their consent. We believe that people are experts of their own experiences and in meeting people where they are in the journey to recovery.

CORE TEAM



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