# **ABOUT US**

The EMPOWER Center is a multi-service, walk-in center designed to **support people in the sex trade\*** 

The Center is open to all regardless of:

- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Immigration or documentation status

Those seeking support can easily access **free**, high-quality, and trauma-informed medical, social and legal services, as well as intensive case management.

\*The sex trade includes but is not limited to streetbased, brothel, and web, gang and family-facilitated prostitution; stripping, sexual massages, pornography, and escort service.



## **COME VISIT US**

The EMPOWER Center is located within NYC Health + Hospitals/Gouverneur

227 Madison Street, Manhattan, NY 10002

Access by appointment or drop in Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM

By Subway:	By Bus:
🕝 - East Broadway	M9
🖪 & 🖸 - Grand St.	M15
<b>J</b> & <b>M</b> - Delancy/Essex St	M22

## **Preparing for your visit**

When you visit, our staff will review your medical history, examine you, order any necessary tests or provide referrals to other services you may need.

#### To get the most out of your visit, please bring:

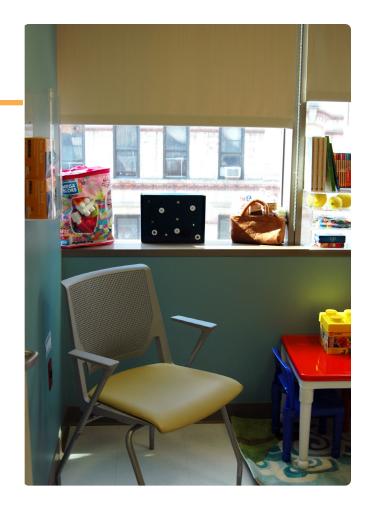
- A list of the medications you are taking
- The name, address, and phone number of your pharmacy, and any other medical records you wish to transfer from another doctor

# **CONTACT**

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Nosotros hablamos español 我们说普通话 Professional phone interpretation services available for other languages

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## **OUR SERVICES**

## **HEALTHCARE**



#### MENTAL HEALTH

- Referrals for substance use disorders
- Medication prescription/management
- Individual & group counseling led by a licensed psychologist



#### OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY

- Routine gynecological care
- Prenatal care
- Contraception
- Asylum affidavits for female genital mutilation/cutting and other scars
- Affidavits for gender violence immigration matters



#### PRIMARY CARE

- Routine check-ups
- Vaccinations
- Sick visits
- Management of chronic health conditions
- Referrals to sub-specialists as needed





### CASE MANAGEMENT

- Public assistance support
- Safety planning, information & referrals
- Advocacy and accompaniment
- Crime victim compensation and/or HHS Certification



#### **LEGAL SCREENINGS &** CONSULTATIONS

- **Immigration**
- Conviction vacatur
- Orders of Protection
- Family law, child custody & support
- Public benefits & housing
- Name change
- Support & advocacy for criminal cases against abuser/exploiter(s)

Full representation and referrals will be provided/ made on a case by case basis.





#### PEER CARE NAVIGATION

Guidance and support from people with lived experience in the commercial sex trade including client accompaniment and mentorship



#### THRIVING PROGRAM

Community building and self-exploration through:

- Art workshops
- Yoga and Muay Thai
- Nutrition and cooking classes
- Support group



#### **WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

- Resume development & interview prep
- Job placement assistance for both career-track and service-sector employment
- Referrals to Sanctuary's Economic **Empowerment Program**

# **EMPOWER**

**E**MPOWER • **M**OTIVATE • **P**ROTECT • **O**RGANIZE • SELF-WORTH • EDUCATE • RESPECT

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Culturally and Linguistically Sensitive
- Respectful and Empowering Services Delivered Without Judgement
- Trauma-Informed Services
- Client-Focused
- Strengths-Based

# **COLLABORATION**

Launched in 2020, the EMPOWER Center is a new collaboration between NYC Health + Hospitals - Gouverneur, a New York City hospital located in the Lower East Side, and Sanctuary for Families, a service provider and advocate for survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking and related forms of genderbased violence.

The Center is an expansion of the EMPOWER Clinic which was founded in 2013 by Dr. Veronica Ades. By integrating medical, social, and legal services, we hope to provide people with any experience in the sex trade with a "one-stop shop," a hub where they can access all the services they need to lead healthy and independent lives.

