

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 street-based, 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:

- F - East Broadway
- B & D - Grand St.
- J & M - Delancy/Essex St

By Bus:

- M9
- M15
- 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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EMPOWER CENTER

A Comprehensive Health Center
for People in the Sex Trade &
Survivors of Sexual Violence

A partnership between

NYC
HEALTH+
HOSPITALS

Gotham Health
Gouverneur



Sanctuary for Families

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

SOCIAL SERVICES



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

**EMPOWER • MOTIVATE •
PROTECT • ORGANIZE •
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 gender-based 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.