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.

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 & Q - 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

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

A partnership between

NYC Health + Hospitals
Gouverneur
Sanctuary for Families
EMPOWER CENTER
A Comprehensive Health Center for People in the Sex Trade & Survivors of Sexual Violence
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.

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.

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