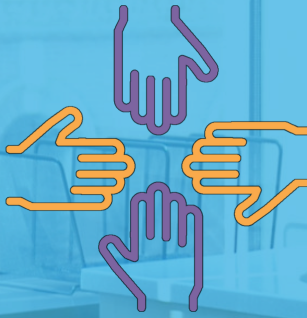




Sanctuary  
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**EMPOWER  
CENTER**

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

## WHO WE ARE

The EMPOWER Center is a comprehensive multi-service program for people with any experience in the commercial sex trade and/or sex trafficking. It is a collaboration between NYC Health + Hospitals- Woodhull and Jacobi, and Sanctuary for Families. Our multi-disciplinary team includes an attorney, peer care navigator, case manager, economic empowerment specialist, primary care physician, psychologist, psychiatrist, ob/gyn, and interns. When a client is referred for a particular service with EMPOWER, they will be contacted to complete an intake to assess all their needs. The EMPOWER Center works holistically as a team to assess suitability and availability for service provision.

## WHAT WE DO

**Eligibility for services at EMPOWER:** Any person with experience in the commercial sex trade or sex trafficking. The sex trade includes but is not limited to street-based, brothel, web, gang and family-facilitated prostitution, stripping, sexual massages, pornography, and escort service. The Center is open to all regardless of: • Gender • Sexual orientation • Immigration or documentation status. Services are provided in person or virtually.

**Legal Attorney:** Immigration Relief, Criminal Defense, Family Law, Family Defense (Administration of Children's Services), Collateral legal services and courtroom advocacy, and Referrals to specialists.

**Peer Care Navigation:** Guidance and support from people who have been in the sex trade (e.g. accompaniment to appointments, outdoor wellness events, self-empowerment art workshops).

**Case Management:** Comprehensive support and advocacy, including suicide risk assessment, safety planning, follow-ups, accompaniment, and assistance with public benefits and housing applications.

**Economic Empowerment Specialist:** Trauma-informed services such as career exploration, employment assistance, financial management, vocational training, professional counseling, mentorship, and entrepreneurship support.

**Primary care, Mental Health, Obstetrics & Gynecology provided by H&H:** All care coordinated by EMPOWER team in different Health and Hospital locations (Brooklyn, Bronx and Manhattan) for clients 18+ years old except OBGYN 16+.



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