



About NeON

The NYC Department of Probation (DOP) has shifted from a punitive, deficit-based model to a more holistic, strengths-based model - **Neighborhood Opportunity Network**. In an effort to better deliver resources to people on probation in the neighborhoods in which they reside, DOP mapped the neighborhoods in which their clients lived in order to determine where resources were needed. There were seven neighborhoods: Bedford Stuyvesant, Brownsville, East New York, Harlem, Jamaica, Northern Staten Island and the South Bronx. Six of these neighborhoods had previously been identified as having disproportionately high rates of incarceration and concentrated disadvantage some 40 years earlier, in what became known as the "Seven Neighborhood Study" researched and written by Eddie Ellis and other incarcerated men in "The Think Thank" at Green Haven Prison.



Evidence-based practice in community corrections says you have to work on community engagement, making sure people are really connected to and invested in their communities in part because then they are less likely to cause harm in those communities.

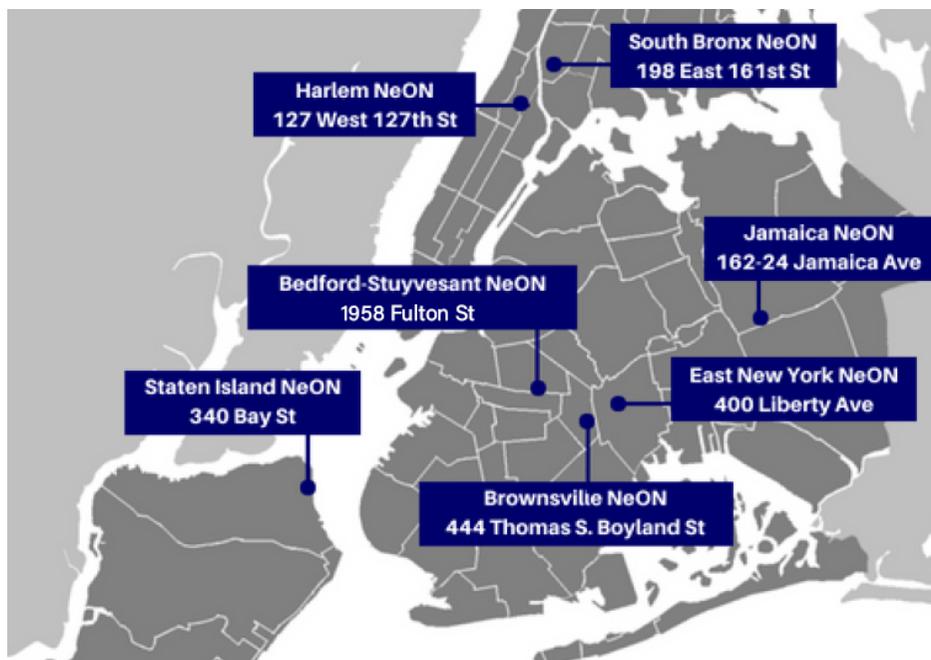
EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES

In Community Corrections

The NeON helps to strengthen the communities that people on probation call home because for decades these neighborhoods have experienced high rates of incarceration and lower rates of investments and resource-development as other NYC neighborhoods.

A growing empirical literature supports the influence of neighborhood context on justice system outcomes, with individuals residing in disadvantaged and under-resourced areas at higher risk for a new arrest or violation of community supervision (Kubrin and Stewart 2006; Mears et al. 2008; Hipp et al. 2010).

Moreover, the geographic concentration of justice-involved residents, coupled with high rates of policing and incarceration in some of these same neighborhoods can have negative consequences for the community as a whole (Sampson and Loeffler 2010; Henmen 2017). With respect to community corrections, this implies that not just individuals, but also neighborhoods can be high risk (Byrne et al. 2009).



Based on this information, the Neighborhood Opportunity Network (NeON) took shape, and NeONs were established as resource hubs in each of these seven communities, as shown in the map above.

The NeONs host several support services onsite through public/private partnerships and with local community-based organizations to weave together a network of quality opportunities for community members regardless of their justice involvement. These services include employment, health insurance, nutrition kitchens, housing assistance, clothing closets, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence programs, parent & family support groups, mentoring, art, sports and more.



NeON Vision

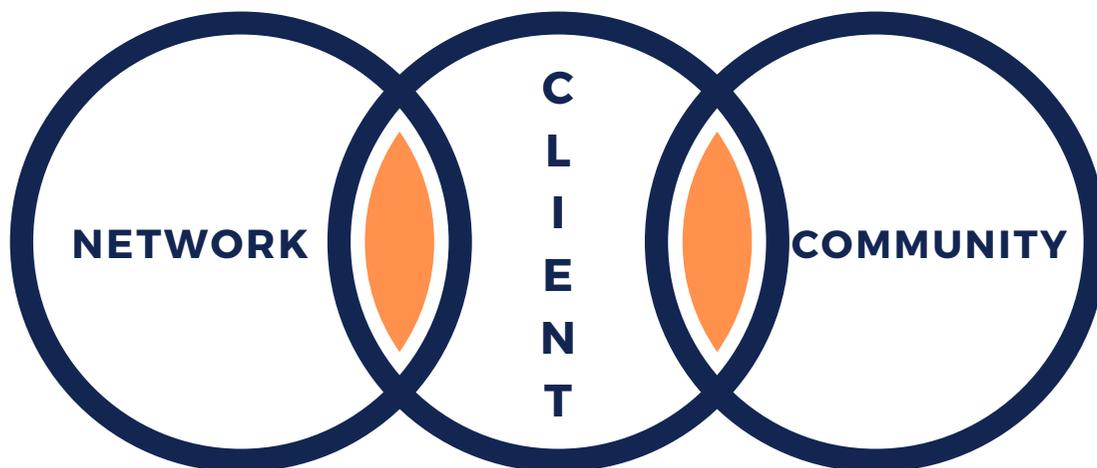
NeON Probation clients will pursue successful life pathways and engage in their community, enabling communities to be stronger and safer. NeON programs and services respond to client and community inputs and needs, resulting in client success in life and reduced recidivism as well as community member benefits and improved community public safety and criminal justice.



NeON Mission

NeON is a model of client and community engagement which creates opportunities for probation clients to connect with positive life pathways and their community, while strengthening the seven NeON communities in New York City. This Department of Probation model of service delivered in the seven NeON communities has three pillars:

3 MAIN PILLARS



Network

At the heart of the NeON is a network of partners – individuals and organizations, public and private – working together to improve public safety and promote the success of people on probation by working with them in neighborhood settings. DOP has renovated existing space where their offices were already in NeON neighborhoods (ex. South Bronx), moved into multi-service centers (ex. Harlem), or created a NeON satellites (ex. Castle Hill YMCA) where clients can access additional services. At NeON satellites, probation officers are co-located within community based organizations once or twice a week to serve residents in the neighborhoods where they live.

Client Engagement

NeON staff supervise and work with clients and their families in neighborhood settings to promote pro social life choices, attitude and behavior change, educational achievement, career advancement and active civic engagement.

Community Engagement

By working collaboratively with and within a network of partner organizations and individuals, DOP aimed to involve the community to find good solutions to complex client problems. In order to do this, NeON Stakeholder groups were formed enabling the department to work collaboratively with and within a network of partner organizations and individuals including residents, parents, clients, clergy, and business owners. NeON Stakeholders participate in a number of community-centered activities, for example; NeON Stakeholders determine the selection of NeON Arts and NeON Sports programs through a participatory grant distribution process.



LOCATIONS

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Daytop Village, Inc.
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NeON Satellite
Camelot
Counseling Center
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Richmond Avenue
Staten Island, NY
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BRONX

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***NeON Satellites are
partnerships with
Community Based
Organizations where
Probation Officers provide
services 2 times a week.**