



pproximately 600 women are currently incarcerated on Rikers Island, New York's notorious jail. Fewer than 10% of these will ultimately be sentenced to state prison, but more than 80% of them (many charged with only a misdemeanor) face long-term detention because they are unable to post bail.

The Women's Community Justice Project (WCJP) is a consortium of five agencies that has developed a pilot program that will immediately divert women from Rikers and provide them with shelter and community-based services.

On Saturday, September 17, WCJP will discuss the program, plans, and innovations, and will answer audience questions.

Free and open to the public.

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