Join a sisterhood of justice-involved women dedicated to your success.

Who We Are
College & Community Fellowship helps women with criminal justice involvement earn their college degrees so that they, their families, and their communities can thrive.

What is Uplift Mentoring?
As an organization working with justice-involved women, we provide the support you need to successfully achieve your educational, career, and personal goals no matter where you are in your college journey. Through one-on-one and community mentoring, our program empowers a network of women supporting women.

How It Works
- Match participants strategically to ensure compatibility
- Prepare matches for success through comprehensive orientation
- Guide mentee’s educational journey through 1 year mentorship (1-on-1 & group mentoring)
- Participate in college and career workshops and other specialized programming
- Support mentoring pairs in monthly 1-on-1 meetings with CCF staff

COVID-19 Update
All of our services are accessible remotely due to COVID-19. Technological support is also available to those who qualify. Eligibility is not helped or hindered by your ability to come into our office.
For Mentees

You're eligible if:

- You are 18 years and older, identify as a woman and have had direct involvement with the criminal justice system.
- You are interested in or currently pursuing a college degree no matter where you are in the process.
- You are able to commit one full year to attending program activities, workshops, and meetings.

Mentees will receive:

- Support for designing a personalized career and educational plan.
- Connections to resources that will help you thrive academically and personally.
- Holistic network of support from CCF staff, and mentoring community.
- Monthly $50 stipend and metrocard.

For Mentors

Program requirements:

- You are 18 years and older, identify as a woman and have had direct involvement with the criminal justice system.
- Have a college degree.
- Be dedicated to the educational and professional success of mentees.
- Able to commit to a one full year of service, including required trainings and supervision.

As a mentor you will:

- Serve as a guide and motivational support to mentees as they navigate higher education through monthly 1-on-1 check-ins and group mentoring activities.
- Give back to your community while while engaging with a circle of driven justice-involved women.
- Receive a monthly $50 stipend and metrocard.

Ready to take the next step?
Contact Whitney Vairin at wvairin@collegeandcommunity.org.