

Who are we and what do we do?

We at COTA have the benefit of having a direct link to the Terrace/Bedell Service Provider Team which assists us with jobs, housing, emergency services, including a fast track to Department of Social Services (DSS). We can help you get what you need. We also have the full support of the Nassau County District Attorney's Office.

We know what it takes to be better than you were yesterday because we are doing it!

We have built a playground at Lincoln Park, handed out turkeys and Christmas presents to our neighbors and school supplies in September. Be a part of something positive. We believe that you will only make us better. So join us.

Brotherly and Sisterly Yours,

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Nassau County
District
Attorney's Office



COUNCIL OF THOUGHT AND ACTION



Council of Thought and Action "COTA"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you may know Terrace and Bedell has undergone a transformation. It is nothing like it used to be. Out of that transformation came an initiative which has helped ex-offenders and others move their lives forward in a positive manner. Out of the initiative came a group of men and women who came together to be a part of the transformation and change. Now, we are the men and women of Council of Thought and Action (COTA).

We, the members of the Council of Thought and Action, cordially invite you to join us and participate in our weekly meetings now or when you return to the community. We range in age from 14 to 65. Many of us have records; some have never been arrested. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm to 8pm at the Hempstead Resource and Redirection Center, 9 Centre St., Hempstead, NY. tel. no. 516-317-1478.

Hempstead Resource and Redirection Center

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Resources

When you come to a COTA meeting you will be met by friends who are making or have made the transition to success.

We have available our Re-entry Coordinator, Drew Williford of Family and Children's Assoc. He will immediately help you create a written individual "Corporate Plan" of action for your next 45 days. This Corporate Plan will include contact information for the necessary resources.

We have our Job Developer, Mr. Kevin Robinson of Education Assistance Corp., who is available to help you complete your resume, provide job leads, interview workshops and moral support.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Support

District Attorney Kathleen M. Rice and the District Attorney's Office are at the forefront of this movement of improvement. Attending every COTA meeting is District Attorney Risco Mention-Lewis, "The Problem Solver," who Coordinates the Service Provider Team so that when COTA members need services, the services are available.

COMMUNITY ACTION

We don't just improve ourselves, we improve our community. If you travel down S. Franklin St. in Hempstead you will find a new playground in Lincoln Park that COTA members built with the help of Home Depot and the

community.



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Member Celebration!

We don't just work on ourselves and in our community, we have fun! In January we had our first annual COTA Awards Night and New Years Party. Over 70 COTA members attended. We honored those members who are now COTA Conductors, and have changed their lives and are now changing the lives of others. We had food and good times.



COTA Leaders Meeting the Leaders

We went to Manhattan to Al Sharpton's National Network Conference and met the leaders. We talked, we learned and we got new ideas!

