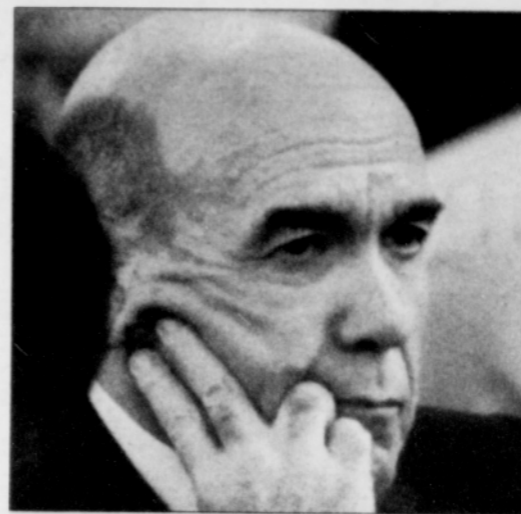


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Louise Wedge (right) and Waynette Dodson are peer mentors and licensed drug and alcohol counselors who are advocating for a new transitional home for women just out of prison. The site is near the Highland Christian Center in northeast Portland, sponsors of the Highland Access Recovery Reentry Program.

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Transitioning Futures

Challenges rise for women after prison

BY MINDY COOPER
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With the number of homeless women throughout the city on the rise, one local non-profit organization, in association

with a historically African-American church, is dedicated to provide additional transitional housing for women just out of prison.

The non-profit Highland Access Recovery Reentry Program (HARRP) will be renovating an eight-bed residence near the campus of Highland Christian Center in northeast Portland to become a part of a six-month residential program, which will emphasize clean and sober living with strict rules, 24-hour supervision, a vegetable garden, counseling and

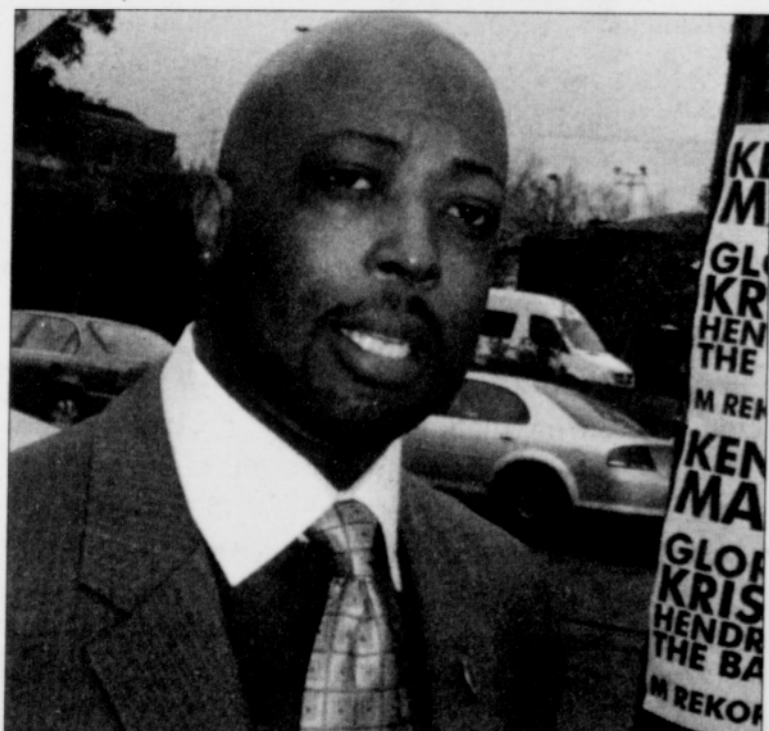
mentoring.

"We keep seeing more and more women coming out of prison with no place to go," said Louise Wedge, a licensed drug and alcohol counselor and peer mentor at HARRP. "There has always been a need for transitional housing, but there is just more of a need now."

Wedge, who was in and out of prison for a number of years while battling drug and alcohol addiction, said she knows what it's like first-hand.

"It's like wearing the Scarlett Letter," she said. "Women get out of prison, and they feel alienated, left behind and that no one understands them."

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Youth Violence Prevention Advocate Dies

Rob Ingram life's work remembered

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Rob Ingram, director of Portland's Office of Youth Violence and Prevention, died on Sunday after suffering a heart attack at

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Robert Ingram addressed gang shootings near North Killingsworth Street in this 2009 photo. Ingram died of a heart attack Sunday at the age of 38.

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Ingram's life work was dedicated to helping local youth live healthy and safe lives. He helped youth achieve while directing programs in various capacities, including as president of the Urban League of Young Professionals, and former executive at the Blazer Boys and Girls Club.

"Sadly, we lost a friend and public servant Rob Ingram, who was passionately dedicated to the success of all Portlanders, especially our youth of color," said Mayor Sam Adams. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his spouse Dana and his entire family."

The husband and father of five worked diligently as the

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