

Judge Learned Hand, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1944, at a naturalization ceremony in Central Park, NYC – on “I Am an American Day” gave an amazing speech. An excerpt is below.

*“What then is the spirit of liberty? I cannot define it; I can only tell you my own faith. The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias; **the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded**; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, near two thousand years ago, taught mankind a lesson it has never learned, but has never quite forgotten; that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest.”*



# The Sparrow Project



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You have been referred to the Sparrow Project because of the circumstances of your case. The Sparrow Project is a resource designed to help you. The case manager will meet with you to discuss and identify what you want to change for yourself and help connect you with the right people to make it happen. The case manager's role is to advocate for you and the changes you want to make. Your relationship with the case manager is confidential and will not be used against you.

Your involvement with the Sparrow Project will begin after your arraignment (first court appearance) and end when your case is resolved. All of the effort that you put into making positive changes in your life will have a positive effect on the resolution of your case.

## Some of the Changes You May Want to Make For Yourself Include

- Not drinking
- Not using drugs
- Finding a place to live
- Finding a job
- Learning to handle stress
- Getting support with your kids
- Learning to set boundaries
- Managing daily responsibilities
- Help with transportation
- Learning how to manage and budget your money
- Getting medical insurance
- Getting connected to social services
- Learning new parenting skills

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- Windsor County State's Attorneys office
- Public Defender's office
- Probation and Parole for the Springfield and Hartford Districts
- Field Service Division of the Agency of Human Services for the Springfield and Hartford Districts

