

# THREADS: Donate New or Gently Used Clothes To Help JRP Clients



Ruthlyn "Connie" Belnavis in her element.

**THREADS FOR SUCCESS**, an innovative and exciting new project in the Manhattan office of the Juvenile Rights Practice, assists young people who are involved with Family Court and in need of clothing for job interviews, court appearances or for any other reason. This staff driven project offers JRP clients weekly access to a "clothes closet" filled with donated new and gently used clothes. Clients who are in need can "shop" with the assistance of a Legal Aid staff member and choose an outfit.

As with any great project, there is always one major star — the person that makes it all happen. And with **THREADS** that person is Ruthlyn "Connie" Belnavis, a member of the support staff in Manhattan JRP. "Connie was instrumental in getting the project off the ground and remains integrally involved in its great success," said Tamara Steckler, Attorney-in-Charge of the Juvenile Rights Practice. "**THREADS** is now a project of the entire Manhattan office with many staff participating in its success." Connie and the **THREADS** program have helped to improve the appearances of many young people and the outcome has been positive.

To donate clothing — new or gently used — please contact Connie at the Manhattan Juvenile Rights Office at **212-312-2260**, or email at [rbelnavis@legal-aid.org](mailto:rbelnavis@legal-aid.org).

The logo for "Threads FOR SUCCESS" features the word "Threads" in a large, elegant, cursive script font. Below it, the words "FOR SUCCESS" are written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is enclosed within a thin, circular outline.