

Juvenile Justice Coalition Resource Directory



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Introduction and Acknowledgements

The New York Juvenile Justice Coalition Resource Directory provides information about various programs and services available to court-involved youth in New York City. The organizations listed in this directory are members of the Juvenile Justice Coalition or are affiliated with the Coalition's work.

Like the Coalition itself, this guide has been an evolving project over the past several years. When the Correctional Association's Juvenile Justice Project convened the Coalition in 1997, there were only a handful of organizations at the table. Since then, the Coalition has grown substantially – we now have over 50 member organizations and many more groups and individuals who are involved in the Coalition's advocacy efforts to improve New York's juvenile justice system. In addition to conducting advocacy campaigns, the Coalition provides an important forum for like-minded groups to connect with each other. Our hope is that this document will help organizations continue to make linkages, to identify needed services and programs for young people in their programs, and to build a network of supports for court-involved youth in New York City.

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Advocates for Children
Family Court Education Project

Borough(s)/ area served:

Primarily Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx

Population served:

Youth who have been court-involved or at risk of court-involvement; youth who are currently or have been in detention, placement, or an alternative to detention (ATD) program

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www.insideschools.org

Mission:

To provide direct legal services to court-involved youth and their families as well as training and technical assistance on education-related matters to professionals working with these families. More broadly, Advocates for Children seeks to secure quality and equal public education services for all children under the age of 21 who are at great risk for school-based discrimination and/or academic failure.

Services Provided:

Counseling: referrals to outside agencies for counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and psychological evaluations

Court advocacy: direct educational advocacy to court-involved students after intake and record review

Education: advocacy tips, information, and advice to court-involved youth, parents, lawyers, and judges to help resolve school difficulties and secure education resources; informational publications on a range of educational topics, including special education, due process rights, and school discipline

Other Projects:

Immigrant Rights Project: assists immigrants and English language learners in obtaining high quality, appropriate education services and navigate the special education system

Foster Care Education Project: engages in direct service, training and technical assistance regarding the delivery of educational services to children in foster care

Homeless Education Advocacy: assists homeless families in accessing proper educational services for their children

Center Without Walls: provides training to help parents of children with disabilities or special needs in collaboration with Resources for Children with Special Needs

Andrew Glover Youth Program, Inc.

Borough(s)/ area served:
Manhattan

Population served:
At-risk and court-involved youth ages 13-22; must reside on the Lower East Side or in East Harlem

Location: 100 Center Street Room 1541,
New York, NY 10013
Executive Director: Angel Rodriguez
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Fax: (212) 349-6388
Website: www.agyp.org

Mission:

- To intervene and reclaim young people from lives of crime
- To provide an overloaded court system with a reliable alternative to incarceration for youths
- To make the Lower East Side and East Harlem safe for everyone

Services Provided:

Education: educational and recreational programs (including tutorials) provided at the Robert Siegal and East Harlem Centers

Employment: job readiness training

Legal Services: immediate advocacy and counseling to court-involved youth provided at Center Street office

Mentoring: 24-hour supervision program for youths who have become involved in the criminal justice system. Social service agencies, lawyers, judges, and community members refer court-involved youth to AGYP as an alternative to incarceration. These youth live at home and are assigned a mentor who, along with the young person, develops a rehabilitation plan that may include referrals for academic and employment training and counseling. In addition, the worker maintains contact with the family, probation officer, school, and other key players in the client's life to coordinate and facilitate the rehabilitation process. The worker provides supervision and 24-hour accessibility, as well as advocacy in the courts.

August Aichhorn Center The Aichhorn School

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan,
Queens, and Staten Island

Population served:

Youth aged 12 to 18 in seventh
through eleventh grade; must
be residents of the Aichhorn Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)

Location: 23 West 106th Street,
New York, NY 10025 (Aichhorn School)
15 West 72nd Street, New York, NY 10023(administrative
office)

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Mission:

To provide our youngsters with the academic, social, and vocational skills necessary for them to return to their communities as self-sufficient adults. The Aichhorn School, housed in the RTF, is a secondary special education school chartered by the New York State Board of Regents to service the 32 residents of the Aichhorn RTF. The school offers approved New York State curriculum for grades 7 through 11 in Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, Art, and Physical and Health Education.

Services Provided:

Education: Formal classes are held from 9:00 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. In addition, in order to fulfill our mission, we have incorporated an afterschool program of trips and workshops that enhances and expands the learning experiences of the children at Aichhorn. These activities occur every day from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as well as on weekends.

Other Projects:

Residential Treatment Facility (RTF): see page 7

Youth Adult Supported Living (YASL) Program: see page 8

August Aichhorn Center
Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)

Borough(s)/ area served:
Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, Queens, Staten
Island

Population served:
Youth ages 12 to 15

(referred by NYC Pre-Admission Certification Committee PACC)

Location: 23 West 106th Street,
New York, NY 10025 (RTF)
15 West 72nd Street,
New York, NY 10023 (administrative office)
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Website: www.aichhorn.org

Mission:

To provide residential mental health treatment for adolescents. Also, to study and to teach about the special problems of providing long-term care and treatment to teenagers who were "unplaceable" in any existing facilities except state hospitals or correctional institutions. The Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) is a long-term psychiatric hospital. RTF Residents must be at least 12 and not yet 16 at the time of admission, and must be referred by the New York City Pre-Admission Certification Committee (PACC) operated by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH).

Services Provided:

Mental health: comprehensive psychiatric residential treatment services

Other Projects:

Young Adult Supported Living Program (YASL): see page 8

The Aichhorn School: see page 6

August Aichhorn Center
Young Adult Supported Living (YASL)

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan,
Queens, and Staten Island

Population served:

Youth ages 18 to 21; must have
spent at least two of previous
ten years in congregate living facility; may be directly referred

Location: 311 West 112th Street,
New York, NY 10026 (YASL)
15 West 72nd Street,
New York, NY 10023 (administrative office)
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Website: www.aichhorn.org

Mission:

To help older adolescents and young adults manage the transition from a highly supportive children's inpatient placement to self-supported adulthood. The Young Adult Supported Living Program (YASL) is an independent living with enriched supports and residents participate in a daily program in the community (work, school, vocational training, etc.).

Services Provided:

Housing: 24 hour supervision

Mental health: supervised medication administration and intensive case management

Other Projects:

Residential Treatment Facility (RTF): see page 7

The Aichhorn School: see page 6

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NYC
Juvenile Justice Mentoring Program

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, Queens, and
Staten Island

Location: 223 East 30th Street,
New York, NY 10016

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Population served:

Court-involved youth ages 7 to 17, charged with an offense, sentenced to probation, and/or designated by the courts as a "PINS," or issued a Juvenile Report for delinquent behavior (running away, staying out late, vandalism, truancy, etc.); also, children of incarcerated parent(s). Youth must be directly referred by law enforcement officers, the courts, and other professionals. **

Mission:

To reduce youth violence and prevent re-arrest by incorporating the one-to-one mentoring relationship model collectively with other special support services. The Juvenile Justice Mentoring Program is a prevention program targeting troubled and arrested youth that are referred by law enforcement officers, the courts, and other professionals that work closely with these youth.

Services Provided:

Mentoring: Youth are matched with volunteers who serve as "Big Brothers" or "Big Sisters" for friendship, support and positive role modeling. The volunteer and youth meet twice a month for activities and outings planned to stimulate, educate and motivate the youth in an effort to surround these young people with positive individuals and experiences that will help keep them from negative behaviors. This may take the form of recreational and educational workshops, trips and groups/conferences.

** Referrals are completed and forwarded to the agency exclusively by the referring officer or worker (not the parent/guardian) who can obtain referral forms by contacting the Big Brothers/Big Sisters office.

The Bronx Defenders

Borough(s)/ area served:
Bronx

Population Served:
Court-involved youth of
all ages. Participants must

be referred through the Bronx Criminal or Supreme Courts, otherwise, youth with warrants for arrest in the Bronx may also contact the office.

Location: 860 Courtlandt Ave,
Bronx, NY 10451
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Fax: (718) 665-0100
Website: www.bronxdefenders.org

Mission:

To create justice for people living in the Bronx by transforming the role of public defenders. Through the dedication of lawyers, social workers, investigators and support staff, The Bronx Defenders has changed the nature of the client-attorney relationship by investing in the communities where clients live and by ensuring that clients have access to the services they need to achieve success, even after their case has closed.

Services Provided:

Holistic, Community Oriented Criminal Defense: Crime is not an issue of character but an issue of circumstance. Every day, our clients grapple with issues like addiction, mental illness, inadequate education, lack of access to social support services, and severe family conflict. The Bronx Defenders' unique model of interdisciplinary and holistic advocacy bridges the gaps among legal services, social services, and community services to address the problems that drive many of our clients into the criminal justice system.

Civil Action Project: From the moment of arrest, people are in danger of losing hard-earned jobs, stable housing, basic public benefits, and even their residence in the United States. The Civil Action Project protects our clients from losing these basic human rights, thereby stabilizing families and mitigating the tragic and counter-productive collateral consequences of criminal proceedings. Through thoughtful advocacy, we help to ensure our clients' successful reentry into the community after an arrest or incarceration.

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Reentry: An innovative clearinghouse of materials on the consequences of criminal proceedings, reentry.net/ny grew out of the Civil Action Project's role as a statewide expert in the field. This new project promotes better outcomes for people returning home from criminal justice involvement. Through an online resource center and live hotline support, reentry.net/ny gives advocates the tools to address undue consequences of incarceration such as: deportation, fractured families, and illegal discrimination in employment and housing.

Family Defense Project: Families in crisis need advocates who will stand with them in Family Court. The Family Defense Project has lawyers, social workers, and parent liaisons who work with parents and families to get them the services they need to keep their families together at home. In a groundbreaking model of advocacy, parents in the Bronx have a legal team that fights for the best services and resources in their community to strengthen and ultimately reunite their families.

Voter Enfranchisement Project: Building civic engagement through education is a critical 'Defender' ideal. Misinformation about voting rights continues to disenfranchise thousands of members of the community and prevents eligible voters from effectively Registering to vote and casting a ballot each election cycle. The Voter Enfranchisement Project strengthens electoral participation by dispelling myths surrounding felon disenfranchisement, informing individuals of their voting rights, and assisting them in navigating the electoral process.

PrYde Project (Promoting Revolutionary Youth Development and Empowerment): Developing tomorrow's civic leaders means real partnership between young people and adult advocates today. At PrYde, youth ages 14 to 21 begin to envision change through peer-led leadership training; they learn to be the change by developing the skills and attitudes integral to personal success; and they are making the change now through working on community-building projects and grassroots organizing.

Community Arts Exchange: Effective social change begins with children who believe in themselves. Increasing self-confidence through creativity and exploration, 'Defenders' spend their afternoons reading, painting, and exploring with the young people at Public School 29. Our partnership culminates in a striking mural production – a reflection of the beauty of the Bronx through the eyes of young artists. Installed outside The Bronx Defenders' office, the murals are sources of pride for the children and the whole neighborhood.

**Center for Alternative Sentencing and
Employment Services, Inc. (CASES)**
Court Employment Project

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, and Queens

Population served:

Court-involved youth ages
13 to 20; Family Court females; Supreme Court males and females..

Location: 346 Broadway, 3rd Floor West,
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Mission:

The Court Employment Project (CEP) is a non-residential alternative-to-incarceration program for teenage felony offenders. CEP combines a strength-based, youth development approach with accountability to the courts. Youth development emphasizes skills and abilities - rather than focusing on deficiencies or problems - and helps young people set high expectations for their own educational, vocational, and social development. CEP works closely with judges, probation officers, defense attorneys, and prosecutors to serve 350 participants annually.

Services Provided:

Art: The Art in Public Spaces project allows interested participants to apply for paid positions in which they design and make mosaic tables that are placed in Starbucks stores throughout the city, as well as works commissioned for profit by individuals and businesses.

Case Coordination: Case Coordinators provide ongoing counseling and supervision, as well as with linkages to services in the community.

Education: CEP provides educational advocacy and placement, as well as Pre-GED, GED and Literacy Classes. CASES is a state certified GED testing center. We offer the predictor test and GED exam every three months to current participants and alumni.

Employment: The Career Exploration Project (CEP) provides employment skills training, career awareness activities, internships, college awareness activities for youth in the Court Employment Project.

Girls Programming: CEP maintains separate staff and programming for young women through our GirlRising Program. In GirlRising young women take part in group counseling, art classes, and health & physical education designed to meet their unique needs.

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Mental Health: Staff social workers and art therapists provide mental health assesment and group counseling, and referrals to community-based mental health services.

Substance Abuse Services: Substance abuse counselors provide drug testing, substance use assessment, individual counseling, and referrals to outpatient & inpatient drug treatment programs. CEP also offers a group intervention for marijuana users that follows a Stages of Change model.

Recreation Activities:

CASES Summer Program and Camp CASES: CEP offers a year

Stages of Change: in-house intervention designed to teach participants methods to reduce and abstain from marijuana use, and referrals to outside drug treatment programs, both outpatient and residential.

Center for Community Alternatives
Family Court CSP, Youth Advocacy Project

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, Queens, and
Staten Island

Population served:

Family Court involved youth through the age of 15 facing a pending delinquency case or cases or at risk of placement through the Office of Children and Family Services; youth in the adult criminal justice system between the ages of 12 and 16, indicted in Supreme Court as an adult or adjudicated on a delinquency matter and detained at a juvenile facility.

Mission:

To provide a client-specific alternative-to-detention plan and intensive supervision to help youth lead a healthy, productive, law-abiding life.

Services Provided:

Arts: after school arts enrichment programs.

Community service

Counseling: group and individual counseling and intensive case management including help with school re-entry, housing, and health care and referral to community based services as needed

Education: life skills groups and tutoring

Legal services: court advocacy for juvenile delinquents and juvenile offenders.

Mentoring

Youth leadership: CHOICES educates high-risk youth about HIV and how to reduce risky behavior through peer education by formerly incarcerated youths and has a special program for girls.

Family Therapy for selected families and court involved youth. It provides crisis intervention, family mediation and family support services.

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The Children's Aid Society Community Reentry Program

Borough(s)/ area served:
Bronx, Manhattan

Population served:
Youth returning from
Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) facilities around New York
State

Location: 14-32 West 118th Street,
New York, NY 10026
Executive Director: C. Warren Moses
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Mission:
To provide a network of services and support to youth returning from placement
in OCFS facilities and their families, through a community-based approach
designed to prevent a relapse into old patterns of behavior.

Services Provided:

Community Linkages: participants are connected to neighborhood-based
Boys and Girls Clubs to facilitate their connection to various services and
supports, including substance abuse prevention and job training programs

Education: transitional schools in Manhattan and the Bronx work in
conjunction with the NYC Board of Education to provide education to
returning youth until the appropriate educational setting is identified

Family support services

Health services: network of health, mental health, eye care and dental
clinics, as well as health education programs

Mentoring

Other Projects:

YLA/City Challenge Aftercare Collaboration: serving youth returning
from the Youth Leadership Academy

Citizens' Committee for Children
YouthAction NYC

Borough(s)/ area served:

Manhattan, Brooklyn,
Queens, the Bronx and
Staten Island

Location: 105 East 22nd Street,
New York, NY 10010

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Population served:

Male and female high school students (private and public school)

Mission:

To transform conscious and committed youth into active and empowered community advocates.

Services Provided:

Education/Peer Training: The Peer Training Program offers a fact-based advocacy approach that teaches youth to collect a broad array of verifiable information as a foundation for structuring arguments and advocacy efforts. Within this process, participants learn to use Keeping Track of New York City's Children, CCC's own data resource, to locate relevant data and to identify pressing local issues. Lastly, Peer Trainings demonstrate how New York City's budget process can serve as a vehicle for understanding collective decision-making, identifying power-holders, exploring the process by which priorities are translated into spending, and identifying entry points for youth-led civic participation.

Youth leadership: YouthAction NYC members teach high school age youth at community-based organizations and public and private schools in New York City how to effectively advocate for the needs of children and families. Peer Trainings are delivered through hour-long sessions that are designed to uncover and address specific issues, challenges, and interests of local communities and participating youth.

Community Healthcare Network

Teens P.A.C.T (Positive Actions and Choices for Teens)

Borough(s)/ area served:
Manhattan, Brooklyn, the
Bronx, and Queens

Population served: Youth ages
13 to 20

Mission:

Teens **P.A.C.T.** is dedicated to preparing young people for success through empowerment, understanding, and the provision of realistic, relevant and accurate information. Teens **P.A.C.T.** provides young people with opportunities to establish relationships and explore attitudes and beliefs in a community of guidance, support, and acceptance.

Services Provided:

Counseling: counseling and support services

Education: educational workshops on topics such as values and self-assessment; healthy relationships; sexual values, communication and decision making; abstinence; adolescent development; peer pressure; sexuality; contraceptives, safer sex, STD's, HIV and reproductive health

Teen Lounge: weekly teen rap sessions by teens, for teens, and about teen issues

Health services: reproductive health services, including gynecological exams, pregnancy testing, STD screening and treatment, HIV counseling and testing and contraceptives

Recreational Activities: bowling, ice-skating, movies, parties, conferences, etc.

Youth Development: our Peer Education program trains young people between the ages of 14 to 18 to engage youth through outreach, workshops, and education to youth throughout New York City. Our peer educators are highly skilled and have been invited to present as experts at conferences locally and nationally.

Other Projects:

Teens PACT has produced an educational video series entitled "**Somethin' To Think About.**" Trailers for the videos and more information about the program, including workshop request forms, are available on our website at www.chnnyc.org.

Location: 260 Broadway, 3rd floor,
Brooklyn, NY 11211
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New York, NY 10026 (Harlem site)
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Correctional Association of New York
Each One, Teach One Youth Leadership Program

Borough(s)/ area served:
Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island

Population served:
Youth ages 13 to 18

Mission:

1) To train young people to become activists and leaders in juvenile justice reform efforts; 2) to involve young people in the public debate and decision-making regarding youth and juvenile justice issues; 3) to affect positive, far-reaching changes in juvenile justice policies in New York, specifically to reduce the use of jails and prisons as a response to the social problems facing youth in New York City.

Services Provided:

Political Education: Each One, Teach One offers a 15-week training program to help young people develop the skills and knowledge to advocate for changes in the juvenile justice system. The program provides specific information about how youth can become engaged in the political process and public decision-making regarding juvenile justice policy issues.

Youth Leadership: Participants in Each One, Teach One organize workshops, events and campaigns to change juvenile justice policies. Youth who complete the training program become EOTO organizers and conduct workshops for other youth affected by jails and prisons.

Other Projects:

Juvenile Justice Project: Each One, Teach One is a project of the Correctional Association's Juvenile Justice Project. The Project engages in research, advocacy, public education and coalition-building to reform juvenile justice policies.

Juvenile Justice Coalition: coordinated by the Juvenile Justice Project, the Coalition is an alliance of organizations committed to making the juvenile justice system in New York more fair and effective.

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The DOME Project, Inc.
Juvenile Justice Program

Borough(s)/ area served:
Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, Queens, and
Staten Island

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New York, NY 10024 (b/w 83rd & 84th)
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E-mail: elizabeth@domeproject.org
Fax: (212) 724-6982
Website: www.domeproject.org

Population served:
Court-involved or at-risk youth ages 13 to 19

Mission:

The Juvenile Justice Program addresses the problem of juvenile crime by offering court-involved and at-risk young people diversion services aimed at preventing further delinquent behavior and ensuring that they receive constructive intervention. The program will serve youngsters at the earliest stages of involvement in crime after the youths have been suspected of or observed in criminal activity, but before they have been officially apprehended and have reached dispositional stages. The Juvenile Justice Program will also serve as an alternative to incarceration for young people who have been arrested for serious crimes. The program's aim is to help youngsters avoid repeat criminal activity and prevent at-risk youths from ever becoming involved in crime. Another goal is to help our young people to function better in the community, in school and within their families.

Services Provided:

Alternative to incarceration

Community linkages: referral to a wide range of services including mental health, educational and legal within The DOME's extensive network of organizations; some of these referrals may also help family members get appropriate aid.

Counseling: individual counseling and case management; group counseling through subject-specific workshops (anger management, substance abuse, etc.)

Court advocacy: provides assistance in understanding the legal process to youth as well as their family members; advocates for youth in court and promotes alternative to incarceration and detention

Other Projects:

The Academic Tutoring Program
College Prep School Program

The Door: A Center of Alternatives

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island

Population served:

Youth ages 12 to 21

Location: 555 Broome Street,
New York, NY 10013

Executive Director: Michael Zisser, PhD

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Mission:

To empower young people to reach their potential by providing free, accessible, and comprehensive youth development services, health care, counseling, education and career development, legal services, food and nutrition, arts and recreation in a diverse and supportive environment.

Services Provided:

Arts: art classes in a variety of subjects including video, drawing, painting, photography, graphic arts, music and recording; creative art therapy

Counseling: individual counseling and case management, with counselors trained to work with youth in foster care, LGBTQ youth, HIV affected youth, youth with substance abuse problems, and court-involved youth. There are also group and family counseling, crisis and life stabilization services (anger management, recent immigration, abuse, homelessness) and creative art therapy. The Door also provides assistance with housing

Education: a range of academic programs from remediation to enrichment, including GED, ESL, computer skills, college prep, and tutoring

Employment: career development and job placement

Food and Nutrition: daily evening meal and snacks; crisis food packages available as needed

Health Services: general health care; dental services; nutrition counseling services; physical exams for school and sports; entitlements (including WIC & Medicaid) information and assistance; sexual health education and medical services; pre-natal care and counseling

Legal Services: individual counseling and representation on cases concerning family law issues such as paternity, child support, divorce, domestic violence, child custody and visitation rights; juvenile matters including emancipation and the rights of youth in foster care; immigration issues for undocumented clients; access to public benefits for teen parents and young people; and employment issues, such as unpaid wages. The Door does not handle criminal or juvenile delinquency cases but the Legal Services Center acts as a referral service to other community-based organizations.

Other Services:

Family Planning Benefits Program: provides free health care for youth

School of Second Opportunities (SOS): Working with the Department of Education, SOS provides a supportive school environment for students that have received a one-year suspension for major infractions. Smaller class size, intensive counseling and support services for both the student and his or her family enable students to successfully return to the general population after their suspensions.

Weekly support and info meetings: Sex @ Six, Mom's Group, Male Empowerment, Female Empowerment, LGBTQ groups and more.

Friends of Island Academy Adolescent Link Program

Borough(s)/ area served:
Manhattan, the Bronx and
Queens

Population served:

Youth ages 10 to 17 who
have spent time in a juvenile detention facility, Riker's Island or who have prior
or current involvement with the criminal justice system.

Location: 330 West 38th Street, Suite 301,
New York, NY 10018

Executive Director: Beth Navon, ACSW

Contact Person: Mr. Adrian Sandoval

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Website: www.foiany.org

Mission:

To provide transitional services (counseling, after school programming,
employment, mentoring, legal and educational advocacy) by providing case
management and referral services to youth with legal and mental health issues.

Services Provided:

Case Management: linking youth to services within their communities
through individualized case management for a period of 2 years.

Counseling: providing individual assessments (Social Worker on-site) along
with referrals to psychiatric and counseling centers throughout New York
City.

Education: on-site Pre-GED/GED classes for youth 16 and older;
referrals and educational advocacy for youth who are having difficulty
enrolling back into school..

Employment: on-site job preparation and placement.

Legal Advocacy: Case-managers provide legal advocacy for youth enrolled
in the program through letter writing and frequent contact with probation
officers, lawyers and judges.

Mentoring: group activities for youth and members of the community who
have gone through the mentoring training program.

Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS)

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island

Population served:

Young women ages 13 to 21 who are at-risk for or involved in sexual exploitation and violence

Mission:

To provide preventative and transitional services that educate and empower young women through with holistic case management, long-term mentoring and specialized supportive services, designed to help them find practical and viable alternatives to sexual exploitation and violence.

Services Provided:

Arts

Counseling: individual and group counseling as well as peer counseling, crisis counseling and short-term family therapy; intensive case management to connect young women with necessary housing, health, and education services

Education: referrals to schools, GED programs and vocational training programs; artistic, recreational, and therapeutic activities and programs

Female specific programming

Health services

Legal services: court-advocacy

Mentoring

Youth leadership: peer mentoring, youth led projects and peer presentations

Location: New York City, call for address
Executive Director: Rachel Lloyd
Contact Person: Julie Laurence
Phone: (212) 926-8089 x 25
Fax: (212) 926-7984
E-mail: Julie@gems-girls.org
Website: www.gems-girls.org

**Hunter College Center for Community and
Urban Health**
Project L.I.G.H.T. (Living in Good Health and Tranquility)

Location: 425 East 25th Street,
New York, NY 10010

Executive Director: Beatrice J. Krauss, Ph.D.

Contact Person: Saundra Williams

Phone: (212) 481-4533

E-mail: scurtain@hunter.cuny.edu

Fax: (212) 481-5015

Website: <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/~cadch/>

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx, and
Manhattan

Population served:

Young women ages 10 to 15 (can turn 16 in program) currently in placement at a New York City Department of Juvenile Justice Facility

Mission:

To strengthening the capacity of individuals, families, organizations and populations to address and resolve contemporary community and urban health issues and concerns.

Services Provided:

Female specific programming: Project L.I.G.H.T. seeks to teach general and reproductive health education, lifestyle and relationship workshops to young women in detention, in the effort to offset the rate of recidivism and encourage healthier life choices. Project L.I.G.H.T. is also focused on making the young women aware of the supportive services in their respective communities and how accessible these organizations are. Ultimately we want to help the young women become and remain in healthy: mind, body, and spirit.

Other Projects:

Health Link: provides jail-based groups, discharge planning and community follow-up with adolescent males and adult females from Manhattan and the Bronx who are incarcerated at Rikers Island.

Families in Transition (FIT): a collaboration with Beth Israel Medical Center, FIT combines community-based outreach and the resources of a hospital to address the planning, mental health and legal needs of families with minor children and a chronically ill parent.

Men's Jail Health Project: provides health education and planning for release to hard-to-reach men in jail.

“REAL MEN,” Striving to Reduce HIV-Risk through Ethnic Pride and a Healthier Masculinity: developed specifically for adolescent males who are returning to their communities after serving sentences in New York City jails, the program offers a pathway to racial and ethnic pride and a healthier definition of masculinity.

Peer Project: an adolescent HIV prevention education program that trains peer educators to deliver health education to peers in jail and in their communities.

Kings County District Attorney's Office
Girls Re-entry Assistance Project (GRASP)

Borough(s)/ area served:
Kings County, Brooklyn

Population served:
Girls ages 14 to 18; must be re-entering after placement in a New York City or State Juvenile Justice Facility

Location: Juvenile Crimes Bureau, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
Executive Director: Joan Gabbidon
Contact Person: Joan Gabbidon, Deborah Lashley
Phone: (718) 250-2219 or (718) 250-3804
Fax: (718) 250-2314
Email: gabbidoj@BrooklynDA.org; LashleyD@BrooklynDA.org
Website: www.brooklynnda.org

Mission:

To address the unique needs of female adolescents as they re-enter their communities through intensive mentoring and comprehensive services, with the goal of reducing recidivism and other negative behaviors.

Services Provided:

Arts

Community linkages: referrals to social service agencies for help with housing, health services, employment and school

Counseling

Entrepreneur Program

Mentoring: mentoring and services through community advisors and monitored by on-staff social workers

Legal service: when necessary

Pre-release planning

Substance abuse counseling: provided by two mental health service providers.

Other Projects:

Youth and Congregation in Partnership (YCP): see page 25

Kings County District Attorney's Office
Youth and Congregations in Partnership (YCP)

Borough(s)/ area served:
Kings County, Brooklyn

Population served:
Youth ages 13 to 22
involved in Brooklyn
Family, Criminal, and
Supreme Courts; no
pattern of violent felony offenses, no major psychiatric disturbance or illness

Location: Juvenile Crimes Bureau, 350 Jay Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Executive Director: Joan Gabbidon

Contact Person: Joan Gabbidon, Deborah Lashley

Phone: (718) 250-2219 or (718) 250-3804

Fax: (718) 250-2314

Email: gabbidoj@BrooklynDA.org; LashleyD@BrooklynDA.org

Website: www.brooklynda.org

Mission:

To provide mentoring and comprehensive services to court-involved youth and lower recidivism through intervention by working with the faith community to assist youth in changing their lives.

Services Provided:

Arts

Alternative to Incarceration

Community Linkages: referrals to social service agencies for help with housing, health services, employment and school

Counseling: case management

Entrepreneur Program

Health education: training in basic first aid and certified skills programs such as the First Responder program

Legal services: court advocacy

Mentoring: provided by faith based organizations

Substance abuse counseling: provided by two mental health service providers.

Other Projects:

Girls Re-entry Assistance Project (GRASP): see page 24

Legal Action Center/ H.I.R.E. Network
Youth Re-entry: Employment Rights and Barriers

Borough(s) served:

City-wide and nationally

Population served:

Youth ages 16 to 24 who have been involved with the juvenile or criminal justice systems

Location: 225 Varick Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10014

Executive Director: Paul Samuels

Contact Person: Laurie Parise

Phone: (212) 243-1313

Fax: (212) 675-0286

Email: lparise@lac.org

Mission:

To educate young people with conviction histories and those who work with them on the barriers to employment and how they can lessen or, in some cases, alleviate those barriers.

Services Provided:

Legal services: Educate youth who have been involved in either the juvenile or criminal justice systems and those that work with them on the challenges they may face when they seek employment and how they might lessen or in some cases alleviate some of those barriers.

Youth rap sheet program: Obtain DCJS rap sheets for youth with conviction histories and explain how best to answer questions on employment applications about criminal histories according to their particular record. Also, help ensure that any rap sheet errors are corrected.

Direct Representation: Represent young people who have been illegally discriminated against by an employer due to their criminal history.

The Legal Aid Society
Brooklyn Re-entry Transition Team

Borough(s)/area served:
Brooklyn Supreme and
Family Court

Population Served:
Any youth represented by
Legal Aid who is placed
with the Department of
Juvenile Justice (DJJ) or
the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); youth must be charged or
convicted of his or her first serious, violent offense (robbery, assault, weapons
offense, sex offense, B felony drug sale) in either Brooklyn Family Court or
Brooklyn Supreme Court.

Location: 111 Livingston Street, 8th floor,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Executive Director: Tamara Steckler, Attorney-in-
Charge
Contact Person: Theresa Esposito
Phone: (718) 250-4217
E-mail: dmdepalma@legal-aid.org
Fax: (718) 250-4243
Website: www.legal-aid.org

Mission:

To reduce youth placements in NYC's OCFS facilities and to prevent recidivism
for youth returning home from DJJ and OCFS facilities.

Services Provided:

Community linkages: assessments and referrals to community-based service
providers; coordination and work with government agencies and
community-based service providers.

Court advocacy

Education: educational advocacy to assist youth with re-enrolling in
community schools and securing appropriate school placements

Family Support Services: short-term family and individual counseling;
family engagement and linkage to appropriate services; continued
involvement and a supportive role for the youth and the family once the
youth is released from DJJ or OCFS custody.

Legal Services

Pre-release planning

Other Projects:

P.E.A.K. (Providing Educational Assistance to Kids): see page 28

Juvenile Rights Division (JRD): see page 29.

The Legal Aid Society
Juvenile Rights Division

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, Queens, and
Staten Island

Population served:

Youth in delinquency, P.I.N.S. and child protective proceedings in New York City courts

Mission:

To provide high quality representation to children in Family Court and appellate proceedings

Services Provided:

Legal Services: The Trial Offices represent children in Family Court, primarily in juvenile delinquency, P.I.N.S. and child protective proceedings; the Appeals Unit provides continuing representation through all stages of the appeals process; the Special Litigation and Law Reform Unit undertakes legislative and policy advocacy and engages in affirmative litigation in the areas of juvenile justice and child welfare.

Social Work: Juvenile Services Unit provides forensic social work services and makes referrals to community-based agencies for ongoing services.

Other Projects:

P.E.A.K. (Providing Educational Assistance to Kids): see page 29

Brooklyn Re-entry Transition Team: see page 27

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Project: advocates for undocumented immigrant youth in foster care to obtain Lawful Permanent Resident status

Kathryn A. McDonald Education Advocacy Project (E.A.P.): obtains appropriate education services for children in child protective proceeding through the Department of Education or the Early Intervention Program

Location: 199 Water Street, 3rd Floor,
New York, NY 10038
Attorney in Charge: Tamara A. Steckler
Contact Person: Theresa B. Moser
Phone: (212) 577-3284
E-mail: tbmoser@legal-aid.org
Fax: (212) 577-3520
Website: www.legal-aid.org

The Legal Aid Society
P.E.A.K. (Providing Educational Assistance to Kids)

Borough(s)/area served:

Manhattan, Brooklyn,
Queens, the Bronx and
Staten Island

Location: 199 Walker Street, 3rd floor,
New York, NY 10038

Executive Director: Tamara Steckler, Attorney-in-
Charge

Contact Person: Rita Horvath

Phone: (212) 577-3300, (212) 250-4510 (Horvath's line)

Fax: (212) 577-3520

Population Served:

youth ages 5 to 21 with active cases in Family Court, where educational problems impact their Family Court matters.

Mission:

To provide education advocacy that will facilitate appropriate school placements and develop education plans for court disposition.

Services Provided:

Court advocacy: representation in suspension hearings and special
education impartial hearings

Education

Other Projects:

Brooklyn Re-entry Transition Team: see page 26

Juvenile Rights Division (JRD): see page 27

**The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender
Community Center**
Youth Enrichment Services (Y.E.S.)

Borough(s)/ area served:
Manhattan, Brooklyn, the
Bronx, Queens and Staten
Island

Population Served:

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth ages 13 to 21

Location: 208 West 13th Street,
New York, NY 10011

Executive Director: Richard Burns

Contact Person: Bridget Hughes, Carla Silva

Phone: (212) 620 - 7310

E-mail: yes@gaycenter.org

Fax: (212) 924-2657

Website: www.gaycenter.org and www.centeryes.org

Mission:

To offer free and confidential support services, leadership training, discussion groups, creative arts workshops and social activities to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people in a safe and affirming, alcohol and drug-free environment, with programming focused on building and strengthening community, creativity and confidence among LGBTQ youth and their allies.

Services Provided:

Arts: arts programming and computer lab

Counseling: short-term counseling and referral if long-term counseling is necessary

Health education: sex education and substance abuse prevention education

Mental health services

Youth leadership: through socialization activities

Other Projects:

Peer Education Programs and Internships

Safe School Campaign

Summer Community Camp: a summer camp whose program is designed to empower lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people with the support, knowledge and skills they need to take charge of their own health and well-being

Life Force: Women Fighting AIDS, Inc.

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn

Population Served:

Men and women ages 13 and older

Location: 175 Remsen Street, Suite 1100, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Executive Director: Gwen Carter

Contact Person: Thomasina Stallings

Phone: (718) 797-0937

Fax: (718) 797-4011

Website: www.lifeforceinc.org

Mission:

To reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS and to support women and families who are HIV positive or affected by AIDS, as well as to address the other broad range of health care issues facing women of color in Brooklyn. Life Force educates, empowers, advocates for and provides support services to HIV/AIDS infected and affected women and their families in neighborhoods most at risk for infection.

Services Provided:

Counseling: support groups for HIV infected and affected women, children, and families; facilitated peer educators; referrals to other AIDS service providers for things like housing, nutrition, etc.

Health education: HIV/AIDS & STI (sexually transmitted infection) prevention and risk reduction workshops, including special workshops for adolescents and senior citizens; breast cancer awareness workshops

Health services: HIV/AIDS antibody testing, including pre- and post-test counseling

Youth leadership: opportunity to become a peer educator and conduct workshops about HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment

Manhattan Neighborhood Network Youth Channel

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, Queens, and
Staten Island

Population served:

Youth under the age of 25

Mission:

To provide an alternative to mass media and offer equal access to all young people, regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or social status. The Youth Channel strives to build confidence, establish role models, inform, educate and entertain, as well as empower youth to create change within their communities and the world.

Services Provided:

Arts: video production training

Community linkages

Education: media literacy training, facilitated production

Location: 537 West 59th Street,
New York, NY 10019
Executive Director: Cyrille Phipps
Contact Person: Hye-Jung Park (x 328)
Phone: (212) 757-2670
E-mail: youth@youthchannel.org
Fax: (212) 757-1603
Website: www.youthchannel.org

Midtown Community Court
Times Square Ink

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, Queens &
Staten Island

Location: 314 West 54th Street,
New York, NY 10019

Executive Director: Courtenaye Jackson-Chase

Contact Person: Dan Salemsen

Phone: (646) 264-1338

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Fax: (212) 664-7940

Website: www.timesquareink.org

Population served:

Times Square Ink is an employment placement and training program for non-custodial parents, aged 21-59, who are currently involved in the criminal justice system (open case or on probation or parole). For clients between the ages of 17-21, the Midtown Community Court operates a program called Times Square Youth that combines education and job skills preparation.

Mission:

Times Square Ink provides job skills preparation, resume development, interviewing practice, and training in basic computer and office services for individuals currently involved in the criminal justice system. Times Square Ink is part of the Midtown Community Court, an innovative partnership between the State of New York and the Center for Court Innovation that combines punishment with social services to break the cycle of criminal behavior.

Services Provided:

Alternatives to Incarceration

Community Linkages: referrals to social service agencies for help with housing, health services, education, and other needs

Community Service

Counseling: On-site clinical staff of social workers

Education: GED preparation for individuals 17-21

Employment: Times Square Ink and Times Square Youth programs.

Midtown Community Court
Times Square Youth

Location: 314 West 54th Street,
New York, NY 10019
Executive Director: Courtenaye Jackson-Chase
Contact Person: Omari Gay
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E-mail: gomari@courts.state.ny.us
Fax: (212) 664-7940

Borough(s)/area served:

Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx,
Queens and Staten Island

Population Served:

Male and female out of school youth, 17 to 21 years old

Mission:

To prepare participants for the workforce and help them find employment and educational advancement.

Services Provided:

Work readiness
Job development
GED classes
ATI
Community Service
Counseling
Education
Employment
Mentoring

Neighborhood Defender Service
Students Taking Action Towards Empowerment (STATE)

Borough(s)/ area served:

Upper Manhattan

Population served:

Youth ages 14 to 21 who attend school and/or reside in heavily policed neighborhoods

Location: 317 Lenox Avenue, 10th floor, New York, NY 10027

Executive Director: Leonard Noisette

Contact Person: Joselina Fay

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Fax: (212) 876-5586

Website: www.ndsny.org

Mission:

To build healthy, inclusive communities in Upper Manhattan through youth-centered initiatives that provide educational enhancement, create progressive social change and develop lifelong competence.

Services Provided:

Community Linkages: S.T.A.T.E. participants conduct *Know Your Rights* workshops that address constitutional law from the perspective of the New York City arrest to trial process for youth in Manhattan and other boroughs. S.T.A.T.E. executive interns co-facilitate S.T.A.T.E.'s twelve-session curriculum, *Conflicts with Cops* in local public high schools

Education: S.T.A.T.E. participants are trained in the *Conflicts with Cops* curriculum in order to lead the *Know Your Rights* workshops for their peers. Participants are also trained in video production so that they may create short films and PSAs dealing with criminal and social justice issues relevant to teens.

Youth Leadership: S.T.A.T.E.'s main objective is to build leadership skills in youth through training in criminal law and procedure as well as conflict resolution.

The Osborne Association

Borough(s)/area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island

Population served:

Youth and adults involved in the adult criminal justice system

Location: 175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Executive Director: Elizabeth Gaynes

Contact Person: Stacey Bisignano

Phone: (718) 637-6560

Fax: (718) 237-0684

Email: sbisignano@osborneny.org

E-mail: Website: www.osborneny.org

Mission:

To provide individuals who have been in conflict with the law with the opportunity to transform their lives through innovative opportunity.

Services Provided:

Alternative to incarceration

Community linkages: appropriate referrals to mental health, HIV, substance abuse, anger management, and sexual behavior treatment services, as well as educational and vocational placements

Employment services: comprehensive vocational services to people with criminal records; training in job and life skills for currently incarcerated persons

Family support services: parenting education and counseling, Children's Centers, and other services for incarcerated fathers and their children; services for children and their mothers incarcerated at Albion C.F.; a toll-free information hotline for families with relatives in New York State prisons

Health services: treatment and care management for people at risk for or coping with substance use and HIV/AIDS; HIV counseling and testing; court-based treatment readiness services

Legal services: court advocacy encouraging the use of community based punishment and treatment, especially referrals to alternative to incarceration programs (ATIs) and with special emphasis on advocacy for Youthful Offender adjudication for eligible clients; specialized services for defendants under the age of 16 charged in the adult criminal justice system, including those above and education placements and referrals for clients' families

Mental health services: services for people whose mental health has been affected by incarceration

Pre-release planning: discharge and aftercare planning and links to services for men released from jail

Prison Reentry and Family Services Family Works: Mends and strengthens the ties that are broken when a father is incarcerated. This program reduces the trauma for children left behind through comprehensive prison based parenting education programs, child oriented visiting centers for incarcerated fathers and their families at men's state prisons (Sing Sing and Woodbourne), and community based services for families affected by incarceration.

Family Ties facilitates visit for children whose mothers are incarcerated at Albion Correctional Facility, the largest women's prison in New York State and the farthest from New York City. Family Ties offers parenting education to incarcerated mothers and family re-unification services upon release.

Working Fathers provides men who will soon be released from prison with transitional planning that will assist them in resuming parenting roles and providing their children with emotional and financial support.

Children's services alleviates the negative impact incarceration has upon children with parents in prison. Through individual/family counseling, support groups, speak outs, supervised visitation, academic tutoring, the children of promise mentoring program and peer led youth development activities. Osborne Children's Services enables youth to overcome isolation, affirm their potential for full lives and bring greater attention to the rights of children of prisoners.

Other Projects:

AIDS in Prison Project: services and collect-call information for people in New York State prisons

El Rio: licensed, intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment

Peer Education and Empowerment Training Program (PEETP): combines classroom education with administrative skills training for individuals living with HIV/AIDS

Family Resource Center helps people with family and friends in prison through a toll free hotline staffed by formerly incarcerated individuals, their family members and other volunteers. The FRC provides information, support, and link ages to services during incarceration and continues to offer assistance to formerly incarcerated men and women and their families after release.

Safe Landing provides intensive case management, supportive counseling and transitional planning to men and women struggling with mental health challenges, especially when those challenges have been made worse by long term incarceration.

In Prison Services include HIV counseling, testing and education support services and discharge planning for incarcerated people living with HIV/AIDS at several N.Y.S. prisons. Educational and transformational program offerings are provided for men in prison, including Men's Health Alternatives to Domestic Violence, and Framework for Breaking Barriers.

Partnership for Family Health
Adolescent Initiative Project

Borough(s)/area served:
Manhattan

Population served:
Youth ages 13 to 24

Location: 722 West 168th Street,
New York, NY 10032
Executive Director: Emily Nishi
Contact person: Dawn Dickerson, Saba Jearld
Phone: (212) 305-1189; (212) 342-5164
Email: dd433@columbia.edu,
saj2002@columbia.edu
Fax: (212) 305-0506
Website: www.pffh.org

Mission:

To work with youth and AIDS service organizations across the city to link young people with social, medical and HIV-related services in upper Manhattan.

Services Provided:

Community linkages: coalition building among youth providers; connects youth to the services they need

Community service

Health education

Health services

Youth leadership: training to be a health care educator and advocate to peers; youth driven projects

Other Projects:

Youth Board: a group of young people whose mission is to promote leadership, empowerment and change in the areas of health, social justice and community wellness for the young people of upper Manhattan

The Guide: a service directory listing youth-friendly organizations in Northern Manhattan, especially health care providers; for organizations that wish to become more youth-friendly, the Youth Board can provide technical assistance and consultation

Promesa Systems, Inc.
Drop-in Center

Borough

(s)/area served: City-wide, national, and international

Population served:

Homeless or run-away youth ages 13 to 20 (up to the day they turn 21); facility is LGBTQ friendly

Mission:

To serve the under-served by providing concrete and immediate services to the clients in need and utilizing all of the Promesa programs to provide health, education, employment, economic, and community development and housing services prior to referring the client to an outside source.

Location: 500 Bergen Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455

Executive Director: Raul Rodriguez

Contact person: Edwin Cruz

Phone: (888) 804-4092 (toll-free hotline)
(718) 732-8900 (main)

(718) 299-1100 x7501 (Cruz's direct line)

Email: edcruz@promesa.org

Fax: (718) 401-5956

Website: www.promesa.org

Services Provided:

Community linkages: referrals to other Promesa, Inc. service providers or outside sources, including housing, medical, social service, substance abuse or transitional living programs and services

Counseling: clinical and counseling support and crisis care for situations of homelessness, family relationship issues, domestic violence, behavior, LGBTQ concerns, health, mental health and chronic illness; group and/or individual counseling

Education: independent life skills workshops; GED programs; computer skill training programs; recreational programs

Employment: job corps and general support and assistance through the facility resources.

Health services: a range of health services provided by Promesa and other community-based health centers.

Housing

Other Projects:

Residential Youth Treatment Program: services to men ages 16 to 21 who have a history of chemical dependency, alcohol use, or a dual diagnosis of mental illness combined with alcohol or drug use

Transitional Independent Living Program (TILP): One year residential program that prepares adolescent homeless male youths ages 16 to 20 to live on their own with services including independent living skills training, housing assistance, educational/vocational training, social work services (short-term individual and group counseling), AIDS/health education, medical and parenting/family planning, recreational programs and related services.

Unity Fellowship
Breaking Ground Program

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, and Queens

Population served:

Court-involved African-
American and Latino youth ages 18 to 25

Location: 2578 Atlantic Avenue,
Brooklyn NY 11207

Executive Director: Bishop Zachary Jones

Contact Person: Min. Deborah Rice

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E-mail: UFCNYC@aol.com

Fax: (718) 399-3149

Website: <http://members.aol.com/ufcnyc/>

Mission:

To assist youth who need help to navigate through the criminal justice system
and to ensure that first-time offenders do not become repeat offenders.

Services Provided:

Community service: volunteer services

Family support services

Health education: HIV/AIDS education and training

Mentoring

Youth leadership

Urban Justice Center
Peter Cicchino Youth Project

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, Queens, and
Staten Island

Location: 666 Broadway, 10th floor,
New York, NY 10012

Executive Director: Doug Lasdon

Contact Person: Susan Hazeldean

Phone: (646) 602-5600 (x 5636)

E-mail: shazeldean@urbanjustice.org

Fax: (212) 533-4035

Website: www.urbanjustice.org

Population served:

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth under age 24

Mission:

To provide representation, advocacy and support to poor and homeless LGBTQ young people in New York City and, ultimately ensure no young person endures harassment or discrimination, in the juvenile justice system, the foster care system, in school or in the community, based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

Services Provided:

Community linkages: referral to social services for help with housing, education and employment, including for youth who are about to “age out” of the foster care system

Legal services: representation in areas of foster care, immigration, public benefits, and most other civil matters.

Other Projects:

Domestic Violence Project: direct legal representation and social services support to victims of domestic violence

Homelessness Outreach Prevention Project (HOPP): public benefits advocacy services to low- and no-income New Yorkers

Mental Health Project: addresses the specific needs of people with mental illness who are navigating New York City's mental health, psychiatric, welfare, and criminal justice systems

Sex Workers Project: works to ensure that the criminal justice system appropriately responds to the needs of sex workers; that victims of trafficking in persons have access to legal and other benefits; and that community-based service providers who work with sex workers have the expertise to assist them.

Urban Word NYC
TRUCE

Borough(s)/ area served:

Brooklyn, Bronx,
Manhattan, Queens, and
Staten Island

Population served:

Teen writers of New York City

Mission:

To provide free, safe, ongoing, and uncensored writing and performance opportunities for city youth.

Services Provided:

Arts: writing and performance workshops, open mics, slams, presentations
Education: writing and performance workshops
Youth leadership: event production, teacher training, youth mentoring,
youth leadership board

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New York, NY 10001

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Urban Youth Alliance
BronxConnect

Borough(s)/ area served:
Bronx

Population served:
Youth ages 13 to 19 with
open court cases; specifically:

- Youth charged as juvenile offenders with cases in Supreme Court
 - Young adults 16-19 facing felony charges eligible for Youthful Offender status
- Youth ages 13-15 with open delinquency cases in Family Court

Limitation: no youth charged with sex offenses, or who have a pattern of violent behavior, psychotic disorder, or serious chemical addiction.

Mission:

To connect Bronx court-involved youth with positive resources found in the local Bronx community through a faith-based alternative to incarceration that establishes mentoring relationships that prevent recidivism and address youth-initiated goals in the areas of education and employment.

Services Provided:

Court Advocacy: works with judges and probation officers to design alternative-to-incarceration plans for youth pre- and post-sentencing; ongoing written and in-person reports to judges, probation officers, etc.

Counseling/Case Management: works with each youth to develop a personalized plan to address their educational, employment, and social needs; weekly life skills sessions; individual counseling.

Mentoring: youth are matched with trained mentors from local congregations who meet with youth two hours per week

Educational Support: works to get youth re-enrolled in school, or enrolled in GED/vocational training; monitors attendance and provides tutoring.

Other Projects:

Workforce Development Institute: meets the pre-employment and post-employment needs of adult ex-offenders and returning prisoners through employment and training services, customized short-term occupational training, and direct placement in jobs.

Location: 442 E. 149th Street, 4th Floor;
Bronx, NY 10455 (street address);
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The Vera Institute of Justice
Adolescent Portable Therapy (APT)

Borough(s)/area served:

Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx,
Queens and Staten Island

Population served:

Adolescents and families involved
with the justice system and/or
involvement with other government systems

Location: 80 Broad Street, Suite 1700,
New York, NY 10004

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Mission:

To provide family-focused and strength-based drug and mental health treatment
to multiple-system involved adolescents

Services Provided:

Community linkages

Counseling: individual and family therapy

Family support services

Health services: direct drug and alcohol treatment services

Mental health services

Pre-release planning

Other Projects:

Adolescent Reentry Initiative: collaborates with local partners to make
career-training, employment, and substance-abuse services accessible to
youth leaving Rikers and their families in a way that bridges the gaps in
local services. The project is currently still in development.

Esperanza: see page 45

The Vera Institute of Justice
Esperanza

Borough(s)/area served:
Manhattan, Brooklyn,
Bronx, and Queens

Location: 636 Broadway, 4th floor,
New York, NY 10012
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Website: www.vera.org/esperanza

Population served:
Youth receiving dispositions in delinquency cases in Family Court

Mission:
To reduce the use of custodial placements by encouraging probation officers, prosecutors, and judges to rely on other responses ranging from straight probation to intensive programs that operate in the community. The project is also operating an innovative intensive program that serves youth and their families at home to build strength within the family rather than fostering dependence on the program.

Services provided:

Alternative to incarceration: Youth live at home and attend school during the day as well as participate in a schedule of other activities geared toward addressing their needs and interests developed by parents/guardians and Esperanza field staff, who also develop a system of graduated sanctions to insure quick and appropriate responses to truancy, a broken curfew, and other lapses.

Counseling: individual and family counseling
Family support services

Other Projects:

Adolescent Portable Therapy: see page 44

Adolescent Reentry Initiative: collaborates with local partners to make career-training, employment, and substance-abuse services accessible to youth leaving Rikers and their families in a way that bridges the gaps in local services. The project is currently still in development.

Voices Unbroken

Borough(s)/area served:

Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Queens

Population served:

We work primarily with young people and have a specific focus on working with incarcerated youth and adults.

Mission:

Voices UnBroken is a community-based organization dedicated to providing under-heard members of the community with the tools and opportunity for creative self-expression. Through creative writing workshops in jails, prisons, group homes, residential treatment facilities and various other transitional and alternative settings, Voices UnBroken nurtures the inherent need in all people to tell their stories. It is our belief that through this telling of stories and sharing of dreams community growth becomes possible.

Services Provided:

We offer creative writing workshops at our office/workshop space (please call the office -718.292.3018 for more information) and make workshops possible at community sites.

Voices Beyond Bars is a program geared specifically towards working with currently incarcerated youth and adults with the goal of exploring self-expression through the art of creative writing.

Speaking Our Voices is an initiative that reaches into a variety of community and transitional settings that are often outside of mainstream educational systems. Workshops and special programs are designed to serve as a catalyst for the creative process.

The Voices Network is a collective of former workshop participants, young people, teachers, writers and other artists dedicated to the incorporation of student voices in a learning community. The network involves trainings, workshops, conferences and countless informal networking forums.

Voices Ink is the critical element that focuses on having the voices of our participants heard in a larger community. This includes publication in journals, anthologies, newsletters and our website (www.voicesunbroken.org)

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Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.
New York City Advocate Program

Borough(s)/ area served:
Manhattan, Brooklyn, the
Bronx and Queens

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New York, NY 10007
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Website: www.yapinc.org

Population served:

Mostly African American and Latino/a youth, though open to serving anyone in need, regardless of race, sex, gender, etc.

Mission:

To help acquaint children coming out of institutions with proper and positive outlets within their communities and to provide advocates to work with and serve as positive mentors to them.

Services Provided:

Arts
Alternative to Incarceration
Community Linkages
Counseling
Court Advocacy
Education
Mentoring

Other Information:

The organization is located in about 8 to 10 states throughout the United States, as well as in England and Ireland.

Y.M.C.A. Flushing
YouthBuild Program

Borough(s)/area served:

Manhattan, Brooklyn,
Queens, the Bronx, and
Staten Island

Population served:

Youth ages 17 to 24; must
not have completed high school,
live in a low-income household and have an interest in building trades
(carpentry, painting, plastering, tiling, plumbing or building maintenance)

Mission:

To offer unemployed and unskilled young men and women a second chance to obtain the educational, occupational, social, and leadership skills they need to become economically self-sufficient, and to assume full responsibility for themselves and their families by learning to serve their communities and expanding the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless and low-income people through the renovation and rehabilitation of single-room transitional housing.

Services provided:

Community service

Counseling

Education: GED preparation; vocational training in carpentry, painting,
plastering, tiling, plumbing and building maintenance

Employment: job readiness and placement; internship opportunities

Youth leadership

Location: 138-46 Northern Blvd,
Flushing, NY 11354

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