

Overview

The Staten Island Justice Center aims to reduce crime and incarceration by providing court-involved individuals with supportive services and engaging the community in innovative prevention programs.

Criminal Justice Programs

Project Reset

A citywide pre-arraignment diversion program that responds to low-level offending in a proportionate, effective, and supportive way. Provided by the Staten Island Justice Center in partnership with the Richmond County District Attorney’s Office, Staten Island’s Project Reset gives participants the opportunity to avoid a criminal record by completing community-based programming. Programming options include interactive groups grounded in the tenets of procedural justice and cognitive behavioral therapy, as well as individual sessions focused on connecting individuals with appropriate community-based services. These sessions help participants reflect on the challenges that led to their arrest and avoid further involvement with the criminal justice system.



Supervised Release

With support from the City of New York, the Staten Island Justice Center operates a supervised release program that reduces the use of pretrial detention while enhancing the fairness of the justice system. The program provides supervision, case management, and referrals to community-based services for people charged with a crime as they wait for their case to be resolved.

Alternatives to Incarceration

The Staten Island Justice Center offers a range of short- and long-term alternatives to incarceration that address the underlying needs that bring people into the criminal legal system, reduce the likelihood of re-offending, and increase community safety. Participants have a chance to receive clinical intakes and assessments, case management services, and specialized programming (including community service options, the Driver Accountability Program, and the Theft Accountability Program). Services also include referrals to on-site and community-based programming, including psycho-educational services, job training, counseling, GED classes, and more.

Youth and Family Programs

Youth Impact

Engaging youth across New York City and Newark, NJ to become transformative leaders in their communities and beyond. The Youth Impact program is a multi-pronged youth leadership development program focused on peer-led mentorship and violence intervention and prevention practices. Its goal is to keep young people in school and out of the criminal legal system, while inspiring community safety and healing from a youth-centered perspective. The program primarily uses a restorative justice model through structured in-school violence intervention partnerships and organized civic engagement. Participants develop hard skills in oral and written communication, facilitation, conflict resolution, and research processes; learn

the impact and infrastructure of the justice system; and are trained in community planning and organizing.

Project READY

An alternative-to-detention program that provides case management, mentorship programming, and rigorous compliance monitoring for young people ages 12 to 18 with pending juvenile delinquency cases in Family Court. The program aims to provide services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system in lieu of admission to detention by offering individualized supervision and support strategies in attempts to ensure return to court without re-arrest. The goal of the program is to engage youth in promoting positive behaviors, healthy relationships, and problem-solving skills that will allow them to remain safely in the community during the pendency of their case. To achieve these goals, Project READY connects youth to age appropriate and accessible vocational, educational, and social programming. Youth who successfully complete Project READY are more likely to avoid placement and receive community-based dispositions.

AIM (Advocate, Intervene, Mentor)

An alternative-to-placement program that provides one-on-one mentoring for young people between the ages of 13 and 18. AIM is designed to help participants address age-specific needs, develop positive social bonds, and engage with their community in a positive and meaningful way. Mentees are paired with a youth engagement specialist—a mentor that supports their growth and development throughout the duration of the

program. Operated in partnership with the New York City Department of Probation, the program aims to reduce crime and recidivism as well as promote long-term growth for court-involved youth.

Works Plus

In collaboration with the New York City Council and the Department of Probation, Works Plus engages Staten Island youth and adults (ages 16 to 30) who are affected by gun violence in pro-social activities that focus on educational advancement, life skills, and job readiness. Works Plus services help participants from all backgrounds achieve a higher level of work readiness/employability, while reducing the likelihood of participation in violent activity. Services include career awareness, connections to educational opportunities, assistance with job search competencies, and case management with an emphasis on soft skill and basic life skills development. Each year, over two dozen young people from Staten Island engage with Works Plus.

Youth Wellness Initiative

Addressing trauma and promotes healing for system-involved or at-risk youth ages 13 to 18. Youth have an opportunity to reflect on a range of topics such as identity, the impacts of violence, and dismantling stereotypes while learning coping mechanisms that help them navigate through life experiences and heal from trauma. The program works to reduce the likelihood of justice involvement by providing youth with a menu of services such as mental health assessments, needs-based engagement plans, individual short-term counseling, and group peer support workshops.

The Justice Scholars Network

Working with the students and staff of Eagle Academy for Young Men of Staten Island in order to prevent and reduce school violence. This staff- and peer-led initiative focuses on training school staff in violence prevention, peer mediation, and restorative justice circle models. The Justice Scholars Network also trains young people in these same skills through a youth lens and with a special emphasis on peer mediation.

Community Justice Programs



Transformative Reentry Initiative

This initiative reduces recidivism, promotes public safety, and limits the harms of justice involvement by providing supportive services in partnership with individuals, families, and communities facing the challenges of reintegration after incarceration. The program engages system-involved adults in supportive services, including peer mentorship, employment and education opportunities, workforce development, restorative justice, holistic health and wellness, family engagement and support, and other community-based resources.



Family Enrichment Center

Funded by the Administration for Children's Services, Staten Island's Family Enrichment Center—known as "The SPOT"—provides community-designed supports in a warm, home-like space where neighbors can connect, contribute to their community, find resources, support one another, and build strategies that help families thrive. The SPOT is located at 30 Beach Street, Staten Island, NY 10304.

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