

## Pretrial Youth Engagement Program

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The Pretrial Youth Engagement Program provides supervision to youth up to age 19 who have cases in Brooklyn Criminal or Supreme Court. The program emphasizes positive youth development and community engagement.

The Pretrial Youth Engagement Program connects participants with individualized educational, vocational, therapeutic, and family engagement services. Staff conduct regular outreach to provide support to clients and their families and ensure attendance at court.

The program offers clients and their families voluntary referrals to community providers offering individualized educational, vocational, therapeutic, and family engagement services. Staff conduct additional outreach as needed to address ongoing challenges.

### Eligibility

To be eligible, individuals must be 19 years old or younger and:

- Charged with Assault 2 and/or
- Charged with Robbery 2 and/or
- Have an open Robbery 2 or Assault 2 and/or
- Assessed as high risk of felony re-arrest

### Supervision

The program's supervision employs techniques proven to be effective with young people at higher-risk for future criminal justice involvement. Supervision is provided by case managers and social workers who have experience working with adolescents. Caseloads are kept smaller to ensure program effectiveness.

### Program Features

- Frequent engagement during the first month, with ongoing and regular outreach based on the client's progress, risk level, and individual needs;
- Required in-person and phone check-ins and group programming;
- Compliance reporting to all court parties
- Community and home visits;
- Clinical case management tailored to the individual, which may include:
  - Counseling
  - Crisis intervention and management
  - Family engagement services
  - Employment services
  - Educational advocacy
  - Assistance addressing housing instability
  - Obtaining identification, benefits, and healthcare
- Partnerships with job skills/readiness programs geared specifically toward adolescents.

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### For More Information

To learn more or to refer a client, please contact: Sarah Jackson, senior youth social worker at [sjackson1@nycourts.gov](mailto:sjackson1@nycourts.gov) or call 347. 404.9413.