

Housing Justice Initiatives

The Center for Justice Innovation (the Center) is a community justice organization that partners with communities, courts, and people most impacted to reimagine justice and build safe, thriving neighborhoods. Supporting safe, stable, affordable housing for individuals and families is a cornerstone of this work. Locally, in New York and New Jersey, the Center leads projects in both court and neighborhood settings to address housing stability and conditions. Nationally, the Center provides training and technical assistance to local governments and stakeholders as they design and implement housing solutions that advance safety and justice.

Housing Justice Across Center Programs

In Criminal Court, the Center addresses housing-related drivers of court involvement and advances housing stabilization as a public safety strategy.

- Examples: [Manhattan Justice Opportunities](#); [Brooklyn and Staten Island Supervised Release Programs](#)

In Housing Court, the Center prevents and mitigates the harm of evictions, enforces habitability standards, and connects tenants to legal and social supports.



- Examples: Eviction Diversion Initiative (NYC, Long Island, Syracuse, Rochester); Problem-Solving Courts and Housing Resource Centers at the [Red Hook](#) and [Harlem](#) Community Justice Centers

In Community, the Center helps residents stabilize housing and resolve unsafe conditions by combining rights-based education and help navigating complex systems including courts, so people can access support early and avoid preventable escalation into eviction, homelessness, or other civil legal crises.

- Examples: [Community Justice Connect](#) (Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens); [Queens Community Justice Center](#) in the Rockaways

Across Jurisdictions Nationwide, the Center provides training and technical assistance to courts, local governments, and community partners designing and implementing innovative housing policies.

- Examples: Read about our [National Housing Initiatives](#)

Housing Justice Impact at the Center

- **Individuals and families** stabilize housing, improve safety, and avoid displacement.
- **Courts and justice systems** pilot, test, and scale effective, humane interventions.
- **Policymakers and practitioners** bridge silos to design and implement stronger, more equitable policies.

By equipping its teams to identify and address housing needs wherever they arise, and by developing innovative, community-centered approaches to resolving housing-related

problems, the Center's housing justice work is integral to its mission to support safe, stable neighborhoods.

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