New Rochelle Community Justice Center
Launched by the Hon. Jared R. Rice in October 2020, OYP links emerging adults facing misdemeanor or felony charges, ages 16 to 24, to service providers with the goal of addressing underlying issues and resolving cases positively.

- Over 250 current participants have been diverted into the OYP program.
- 80 participants have successfully completed OYP programming and had their cases closed.
- 90% of those who complete OYP have had their cases resolved without a criminal record.
Opportunity Youth Part
Youth Justice & Equity Team

YJET is an ambitious initiative to address the needs of youth in grades 6-12, ages 11-17 with the aim of reducing youth involvement in the criminal and family legal systems

3 Pillars

- Prevention strategies for middle schoolers
- Youth empowerment, targeted engagement and mentorship for high school students
- Engaging & education stakeholders and partners

Cross-Sector Project team includes representatives from the court, school system, police, probation, and community-based organizations
The Community Youth Violence Intervention Initiative (CYVII) seeks to improve outcomes for disconnected emerging adults ages 18-24 and address gun-related issues in New Rochelle by building on existing citywide collaboratives to provide community-based and preventative interventions to 150 emerging adults.
Community Violence Prevention

**NRCJC**
Rooted in the Cure
Violence model outreach
provides immediate
engagement and
de-escalation

**Mentorship**
Transformative
mentorship provides
taccessible and persistent
support

**Street Outreach & Intervention**
NRCJC
Violence model outreach
provides immediate
engagement and
de-escalation

**Choice of NY**
Comprehensive case
management addresses any
service needs

**Placekeeping**
NRCJC
Justice Ambassadors
Young people complete
training and work with
systems leaders to
develop policy innovations

**Connection to resources**
NRCJC
Transformative
mentorship provides
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support

**Policy & Advocacy**
Young people develop
and implement
neighborhood projects
promoting safety

**Justice Ambassadors**
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systems leaders to
develop policy innovations
Building on the Center for Justice Innovation’s successful court and community-based program models, the New Rochelle Community Justice Center brings together a range of initiatives that harness the collaboration of key community stakeholders, youth and young adults, and local residents to create a safer, more equitable community.

**Systems Change**
create innovative solutions to build system-level change.

**Preventing Violence**
build community safety and by investing in resident-led safety initiatives

**Youth Opportunity**
strengthen outcomes and opportunities for New Rochelle youth and emerging adults

**Placekeeping**
convene and coordinate community stakeholders and partners using collective impact strategy
Community Justice Centers

Work with communities and justice systems to advance equity, increase safety, and help individuals and communities thrive.

Build community safety by centering resident perspectives and supporting resident-led efforts to design and implement solutions with the help of local agencies, organizations, and neighbors.

Programs include community-based safety and violence prevention projects, alternatives to incarceration, reentry initiatives, and court-based programs that create innovative approaches to build stronger and safer communities.
The Benefits of a Community Justice Center

• Serve as a community hub and one stop shop for residents to access services
• Reduces recidivism and the use of jail sentences, while increasing public confidence in government
• Centers equity and community safety
• Develops long term and sustainable solutions to the root causes of criminal legal problems
• More cost effective than traditional criminal legal approaches
NRCJC Project Partners

City of New Rochelle
New Rochelle City Court
City School District of New Rochelle
Planning for sustainability and growth is something that we do from the start. We assist communities in identifying opportunities and underlying vulnerabilities to growth by developing and implementing sustainability assessments, data and evaluation measures, fund development strategies, and amplification plans.

We successfully raise diversified funds across government and private sectors. To date the NRCJC has driven over 1.6 million dollars of federal and private foundation funding to the New Rochelle community.
Justice Ambassadors Youth Council

‘Bridging the divide between city agencies, academic institutions and disadvantaged communities’
Mission of Justice Ambassadors Youth Council

To reduce youth criminal legal system involvement through a holistic approach

- Policy Solutions
- Altering Attitudes of Policy-Makers
- Life Skills Building & Mentorship
- Education & Employment Pathways
Problem

Disadvantaged neighborhoods have no say in shaping the policy that directly affects them.

76% of those under 24 are rearrested within 3 years of release from incarceration.

1 in every 8 New Yorkers between the ages of 18 and 24 are out of school and out of work.

Recidivism 76%

Reintegration 24%

Earning Potential

Poverty & Incarceration
Solution

JAYC is a paid 9-month fellowship for system impacted and court involved youth 18 to 25 year olds, government officials, formerly incarcerated people and Columbia University students to co-develop policy solutions.
The Justice Ambassadors Youth Council is rooted in the concept of *policy-by-proximity*.

- **Phase 1**) Youth spend 4-weeks engaged in pre-programming to address immediate needs and identify long term goals as well as orient them around the mission and purpose of JAYC.
- **Phase 2**) Youth and Government Officials spend 8-weeks co-developing policies and community-based solutions.
- **Phase 3**) Youth spend 14-weeks in post-program paid internship with Columbia’s School of Professional Studies.
JAYC Team

Lead Facilitators:
- Jarrell Daniels
  - Founder and Program Director of JAYC
  - Truman Scholar
  - Sociology and African American Studies Graduate at Columbia University

Co-Facilitators:
- Nigel Fahrina, Esq.
  - Chief of Gang Prosecution at the Special Narcotics Office

Credible Mentors:
- Ivan Calaff
  - Justice-In-Education Re-Entry Specialist

Support Team:
- Professor Geraldine Downey
  - Founder and Director, The Center for Justice at Columbia University

- Claudia Rincon, PhD
  - Associate Director, The Center for Justice at Columbia University

- Gianna Campa
  - Program Coordinator, JAYC at Center for Justice & General Studies Student at Columbia University

- Ava Kamdem
  - Operations & Development Associate JAYC & Social Impact Fellow/General Studies Student at Columbia University

- Noah Remnick, PhD
  - Writer & Prison Education Teaching Consultant

- Jason Bostic
  - Outreach Coordinator, JAYC & Justice-In-Education Scholar at Columbia University

- Daryl Reed, Esq.
  - Sociology PhD Candidate At University of Virginia
  - Former Deputy Unit Chief of the Crime Strategies Unit, Manhattan District Attorney’s Office

- James Harvey Elliot II
  - Center for Sentencing & Corrections and Unlocking Potential Intern, Vera Institute of Justice
  - Truman Scholar

- Jeanine Johnson, Esq.
  - Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York in Bronx County

- Lakisha Adams
  - Executive Director of Juvenile Justice Programs at NYC Administration for Children’s Services

- Gianna Campa
  - Program Coordinator, JAYC at Center for Justice

- Jeanine Johnson, Esq.
  - Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York in Bronx County
Justice Ambassadors in Motion: From the classroom to Center Stage
Personal Change:
Emphasize and promote self-agency and efficacy, growth mindset, the development of healthy identities, and the understanding of and growth from trauma for both youth and gov. reps

Community Change:
Work towards creating and implementing a community engagement projects aimed at increasing community agency and partnerships as well as driving community change.

Social Change:
Work in small groups to develop and implement a set of policies that seek to improve, address, or respond to community issues.
Thank You

With your help we can bridge the divide between city agencies, academic institutions and disadvantaged communities