



First Deputy Commission Judith Pincus and Assistant Commissioner Nina Aledort brief Council Member Gonzalez and City Council staff on CFI

City Council Briefed on Collaborative Family Initiative

On Monday, March 12th, Sara M. Gonzalez, Chair of the NYC Council's Juvenile Justice Committee, and members of her staff attended a briefing on the Collaborative Family Initiative (CFI) at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The briefing was performed by the Department of Juvenile Justice and its CFI partners, John Jay and several community-based organizations, including the Coalition for Hispanic Families, Friends of Island Academy, Full Circle Health, Good Shepherd Services, Staten Island Mental Health, Steinway Child and Family Services, and Project STAY.

CFI is a discharge planning initiative that aims to help detained youth with mental health needs and their family be released from detention and connected to CBOs with immediate treatment capacity so that their re-entry to their communities is smooth, and so that they are not readmitted to detention while their cases are being adjudicated in the City's courts.

Assistant Commissioner for Program Services Nina Aledort said, "We are all excited about this initiative because it creates an innovative service delivery model for youth inside the juvenile justice system with mental health needs that connects them and their families to critical treatment services outside of detention by bringing together academia, the legislative branch of government, community-based organizations with the expertise and treatment service capacity, and a juvenile detention agency."

