

# **New York City Alternatives to Detention and Supplemental Programs**

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for system-involved youth*

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## **A Directory of New York City's Alternatives to Detention and Supplemental Programs**

This directory provides an overview of the various alternative- to-detention (ATDs) programs contracted by New York City to serve youth with a pending delinquency case in family court. It is organized into two sections. The first section begins with a brief overview of the three tiers of programming available to youth with pending delinquency cases (including community supervision, afterschool supervision, and intensive community monitoring) and the eligibility criteria for participation in each tier, followed by a listing of the contracted organizations across the city that offer these services. Each listing includes contact information and a brief description of the ATD contract provider and briefly outlines the services and activities offered by each program. The second section provides descriptions and contact information for newer programs to the juvenile justice landscape, which target youth who are in need of additional services or supervision. These listings are organized by the different populations served by individual programs. Each listing includes contact information, a brief description of the contract provider, the types of services and activities offered through the program, and the eligibility criteria for participation. This directory will be updated regularly to ensure that the information remains accurate and reflects any changes to the existing group of providers or programs.

### **BACKGROUND: OVERVIEW OF TIER I, TIER II, and TIER III SERVICES**

New York City currently has three tiers of community programming whose main target population is youth who score as mid-risk on the Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI), including community monitoring, after-school supervision, and intensive community monitoring. To be eligible for participation, the court must mandate participation. Participation in each tier is limited to 60 days. Below is a detailed description of each program tier, followed by a brief overview of the organization/entity that provides these services in each borough.

- **Community Monitoring (Tier I):** Tier I consists of community monitoring, which is the least intensive level of service available for court-involved youth in New York City. Youth who are enrolled in community monitoring must comply with court-ordered curfews and attend all school and court appearances. Compliance monitors regularly and randomly check curfews via telephone. If a youth misses a curfew check, staff will immediately contact parents, schedule a home visit, and/or require that parents and the youth attend a case conference at the program site. Upon the fourth curfew violation or when other serious violations occur in the program, staff will submit violation reports to the Family Court for further court action, up to and including a tier “step up,” program termination, and/or detention. Separately, staff will also monitor school attendance using data from the Department of Education’s database and via personal contact with school attendance officers and guidance staff. Program staff will immediately respond to attendance infractions by contacting parents and scheduling a home visit or case conference as needed. Staff members may also meet individually with youth and families to address underlying issues or concerns, administer referrals to other community-based services to address unmet needs, or confer with families on strategies to improve compliance. The program’s Court Liaison also provides regular reports at all of the youth’s court appearances.
  
- **After-school Supervision (Tier II):** Tier II consists of more rigorous programming that combines on-site after-school supervision with the aforementioned community monitoring. Youth may participate in a mix of education, extracurricular, and enrichment activities, such as tutoring, sports, and behavioral workshops. All youth must initially attend the program five days a week. If a youth has fully complied with all terms and conditions for at least two weeks—

including school and program attendance as well as curfew compliance—required attendance may be reduced to three or four days a week. All youth in Tier II are also assessed for service needs and referred to other community-based service providers as necessary. Graduated sanctions, such as modified curfews and increased frequency of meetings and home visits, are imposed immediately in response to non-compliance. Standard court reports are submitted about the youth at each scheduled court appearance.

- **Intensive Community Monitoring (Tier III):** Tier III consists of intensive community monitoring (ICM), which is provided by the Department of Probation. This level of service is intended for youth at the higher end of the mid-risk spectrum, as well as youth who were either “stepped-down” from detention or were unresponsive to Tier I and Tier II services. Youth and families that are referred to ICM must sign a contractual compliance agreement to receive services. Once enrolled, probation officers (two per borough except State Island) closely monitor the youth’s activities. Youth receive frequent school and home visits, telephone check-ins, curfew monitoring, informal counseling, and referrals for outside services.

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## BRONX

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### BRONXCONNECT

**Sponsor Organization:**

Urban Youth Alliance International  
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**Program Location:**

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*Organization Overview*

Urban Youth Alliance International is an indigenous, multicultural, cross-denominational urban youth ministry dedicated to developing urban youth into leaders and productive members of their communities. At the heart of the organization's mission is the recognition of the unique role that faith and members of faith communities—regardless of specific affiliations—serve in transforming lives, and in building, nurturing, and sustaining communities. Over the last decade, UYAI has extended its reach to the provision of social services, including employment and workforce training, reentry programming, and afterschool tutoring services.

*Program Description*

BronxConnect is operated by UYAI and provides Tier I and Tier II services for youth who have delinquency cases pending in the Bronx Family Court. In addition to the program's basic curfew monitoring, specific activities offered are: **Education Support** - tutoring, computer labs, and school visits to re-connect youth to their educational opportunities and negotiate credit recovery and make-up work where possible at their local school; **Health and Wellness Support** - mental health assessments offered through our partnership with Bronx Futures, mental health referrals, and behavioral intervention training on site (such as Anger Replacement Therapy and/or Anger Manage classes); **Extracurricular Activities** - Food and Nutrition classes, media workshops, life skills classes, regular visits to the local parks and recreation center for exercise training and basketball. In addition, youth may also attend the following workshops on site: Knowing Your Rights, Juvenile Justice Jeopardy, HIV and AIDS prevention, domestic violence, and How to Avoid Re-arrest. The program also offers seasonal activities; bike riding, fishing, sports, city sightseeing to the Staten Island Ferry, Governor's island, Gracie Mansion, Central Park; gender-specific activities to serve girls such as dance classes, group discussions on self-esteem. Finally, all youth are eligible for incentives in the form of movie tickets and gift cards, for compliance to the program and one's self progress. All youth are referred to local community based organizations to re-connect them to their community's youth-based agencies that serve to promote and offer positive after school youth activities, youth advocacy, and opportunities for life post court supervision and the BronxConnect program.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Youth who are: 1) mid-risk: 2) low-risk but have obtained a subsequent mid-risk on an additional RAI: or, 3) low-risk and in detention and can be stepped-down are all eligible for participation in BronxConnect. A judge must mandate participation and can decide to assign a tier or to leave that decision to the ATD provider.

**Capacity:** 40

## BROOKLYN

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### CHOICES UNLIMITED

**Sponsor Organization:**

Center for Community Alternatives  
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Brooklyn, NY 11201

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*Organization Overview*

The Center for Community Alternatives (CCA) focuses on developing innovative community-based alternatives to incarceration. CCA's mission is to promote reintegrative justice and a reduced reliance on incarceration through advocacy, services, and public policy development in pursuit of civil and human rights. CCA serves youth at risk; families in crisis; people struggling to address drug and alcohol problems and HIV and AIDS; and people who have been involved in the criminal justice system who are seeking community reintegration and productive, law-abiding lives. CCA endeavors to address these issues by emphasizing personal empowerment, self-respect and concern for one's community.

*Program Description*

Choices Unlimited is operated by CCA and provides Tier I and Tier II services for youth who have delinquency matters pending in Kings County (Brooklyn) Family Court. All youth that participate in the program are assigned a compliance monitor, success advocate, and an afterschool specialist, who work closely with them to develop a personal program plan which includes referrals for mental health, educational advocacy and other services in the community as needed. Activities offered under Tier II include academic support, film and photography, yoga, African and Brazilian drumming, music production, web design, and sports. In addition, the program also offers workshops on topics such as anger management, Juvenile Justice 101, civic engagement, life skills, careers, creative writing and poetry, Marijuana 101, and teen dating and relationships.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Youth who are: 1) mid-risk: 2) low-risk but have obtained a subsequent mid-risk on an additional RAI: or, 3) low-risk and in detention and can be stepped-down are all eligible for participation in Choices Unlimited. A judge must mandate participation and can decide to assign a tier or to leave that decision to the ATD provider.

**Capacity:** 70

## MANHATTAN

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### CHOICES

**Sponsor Organization:**

The Center for Alternative Sentencing  
and Employment Services (CASES)  
346 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10013

**Program Contact Person(s):**

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**Program Location:**

*(same as above)*

*Organization Overview*

The Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES) develops innovative community sanctions that are fair, affordable, and consistent with public safety. By addressing factors such as lack of education, unemployment, homelessness, substance abuse and untreated mental health disorders, CASES' innovative programs help court-involved youth and adults re-integrate into society, thereby making our communities safer and saving taxpayer dollars.

*Program Description*

Choices provides Tier I and Tier II services to youth with pending delinquency matters in Manhattan Family Court. Services offered under Tier II include: 1) Education Support – education assessments, homework help/tutoring, school visits and truancy reduction services; 2) Health and Wellness Services – mental health assessments, short-term counseling, mental health referrals, teen pregnancy prevention classes, and drug and gang prevention workshops; 3) Extra-curricular Activities – daily *Healthy Cooking* class and meal service, computer animation classes, sports and dance, and Family Nights; and 4) Legal Services – legal education for families and school suspension hearing representation.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Youth who are: 1) mid-risk: 2) low-risk but have obtained a subsequent mid-risk on an additional RAI: or, 3) low-risk and in detention and can be stepped-down are all eligible for participation in CASES. A judge must mandate participation and can decide to assign a tier or to leave that decision to the ATD provider.

**Capacity:** 40

## QUEENS

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### QUEENS ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR TEENS (QUEST)

**Sponsor Organization:**

Center for Court Innovation  
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New York, NY 10018

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*Organization Overview*

The Center for Court Innovation is a non-profit think tank that helps courts and criminal justice agencies aid victims, reduce crime, and improve public trust in justice. The Center combines action and reflection to spark problem-solving innovation both locally and nationally. In New York, the Center functions as the court system's independent research and development arm, creating demonstration projects that test new ideas. Beyond New York, the Center disseminates the lessons learned from innovative programs, helping criminal justice practitioners around the world launch their own problem-solving experiments.

*Program Description*

Queens Engagement Strategies for Teens (QUEST) is operated by CCI and provides Tier I and Tier II services for young people awaiting the disposition of delinquency proceedings in Queens Family Court. Activities offered under Tier II include chess, basketball, book groups, computer training, guest speakers, community service, homework help and individual counseling. Additionally, the program holds a daily one-hour workshop that focuses on different topics designed to help participants make better decisions, such as anger management, conflict resolution, substance abuse awareness, self-esteem, prevention of pregnancy and STDs, nutrition, school study skills and life mapping.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Youth who are: 1) mid-risk: 2) low-risk but have obtained a subsequent mid-risk on an additional RAI: or, 3) low-risk and in detention and can be stepped-down are all eligible for participation in QUEST. A judge must mandate participation and can decide to assign a tier or to leave that decision to the ATD provider.

**Capacity:** 40



## STATEN ISLAND

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### **RICHMOND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR DETERMINED YOUTH (READY)**

**Sponsor Organization:**

Center for Court Innovation  
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New York, NY

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*Organization Overview*

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*Program Description*

Richmond Engagement Activities for Determined Youth (READY) is operated by CCI and provides Tier I and Tier II services to youth with pending delinquency matters in Staten Island Family Court. Activities offered under Tier II include tutoring, counseling, career nights, music/songwriting classes, arts therapy, gender-specific programs, and behavioral modification workshops.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Youth who are: 1) mid-risk: 2) low-risk but have obtained a subsequent mid-risk on an additional RAI: or, 3) low-risk and in detention and can be stepped-down are all eligible for participation in READY. A judge must mandate participation and can decide to assign a tier or to leave that decision to the ATD provider.

**Capacity:** 10

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*Next: Intensive Community Monitoring...*

## TIER III: INTENSIVE COMMUNITY MONITORING (ICM)

### INTENSIVE COMMUNITY MONITORING (ICM)

**Sponsor Organization:**

New York City Department of Probation  
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**Program Location:**

*(same as above)*

**Capacity:** 100

**Jurisdictions Served:** Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens

*Agency Overview*

The New York City Department of Probation's Juvenile Operations Division is dedicated to promoting safe communities by engaging and strengthening its youth, fostering positive change in their decision making and behavior through collaborative efforts with families and community partnerships.

*Program Overview*

The Intensive Community Monitoring program overseen by New York City Department of Probation helps build stronger and safer communities by supervising people on probation and fostering opportunities for them to move out of the criminal justice system through meaningful education, employment, health services, family engagement and community participation. The program aims to provide intensive monitoring services to system-involved youth such as weekly school and home visits, daily phone contact with the child and/or parent, daily curfew monitoring, group work, and referrals for various court-ordered services. The Department of Probation administers ICM in the in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens.

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*Next: Programs Targeting Special Populations...*

# PROGRAMS TARGETING SPECIAL POPULATIONS

This section highlights the new programs that have been developed to serve additional populations of youth not covered by the traditional ATDs.

## Mental Health Needs or Emotional Disturbances

### **QUEST FUTURES & BRONX FUTURES:**

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*Program Description*

QUEST Futures and Bronx Futures, operated by the Center for Court Innovation, provide a comprehensive, coordinated response to system-involved youth with mental illness. Participation can be voluntary or mandatory—depending on the point of entry or the referral source—and can extend well beyond the disposition of the Family Court case. To reduce repeat offending by youth with mental illnesses, QUEST and Bronx Futures case managers are assigned to youth at the earliest stages of the delinquency process and remain involved with them and their families for the duration of their cases and beyond. Throughout this process, they facilitate screenings, assessments, treatment planning, service coordination, case management, and supervision.

**Eligibility Criteria**

All youth with a pending delinquency case or on probation in Family Court are eligible for QUEST Futures or Bronx Futures, regardless of their RAI score. Youth may enter through: (a) the QUEST ATD and BronxConnect ATD programs, which offer all participants the opportunity to take a mental health screen at program intake; (b) Intensive Community Monitoring (ICM); or, (c) by a referral from probation, an attorney, or by judicial order. QUEST Futures also accepts referrals of adjudicated youth at risk of violation of probation.

**Capacity (QUEST Futures):** 85

**Capacity (Bronx Futures):** 30

**Jurisdictions Served:** Queens, Bronx

## Youth with Emotional Disturbances and/or Family Instability

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### PROJECT READY RESPITE

**Sponsor Organization:**

Center for Court Innovation  
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New York, NY 10018

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**Program Location:**

Staten Island Youth Justice Center  
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Staten Island, NY 10301

*Program Description*

Project READY Respite is operated jointly by the Center for Court Innovation and the New York Foundling, which uses a diverse network of community providers to care for people with multiple social, economic, medical, and psychological needs, ranging from protecting children from abuse and neglect to supporting neighborhoods struggling with poverty, drugs, and violence. Project READY Respite is a family-focused, skill-training intervention that targets individual, peer, family, and school factors that are linked to poor treatment outcomes. In respite, each youth is paroled by the court to the care of trained and supported “respite parent(s)” for up to 21 days. Youth also receive services at Project READY and are enrolled in Tier II after-school programming, five days a week (*See* description above). Once the respite stay is completed, READY staff will monitor these young people to ensure compliance with a standard curfew, school attendance, and all court appearances.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Project READY Respite targets adolescents who have problems with chronic anti-social behavior, emotional or behavioral disturbances, delinquency, and family instability, regardless of their risk level. The program also considers violators of probation (VOPs) who are facing a remand. Youth are considered eligible if: 1) they are eligible for ATD participation, but their parent or guardian is unwilling or unable to take the youth home at a particular court appearance; 2) the court would allow the youth to be supervised in the community but does not feel that there is stability in the home environment; or, 3) if a young person is already engaged in Project Ready and his/her parent/guardian is unable or unwilling to have the youth remain at home, but the youth has been positively compliant with community-based programming, in which case they are stepped up. In summary, youth can be referred to Project READY Respite by his/her attorney, corporation counsel, a judge, or as a step-up from Project READY.

**Capacity: 2****Jurisdictions Served:** Staten Island

## **Youth without Family Resources**

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### **WAY HOME**

**Sponsor Organization and Address:**

The New York Foundling  
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New York, NY

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*Organization Overview*

The New York Foundling helps children, youth and adults in need through efforts that strengthen families and communities and support each individual in reaching his or her potential. Through its diverse network of community-based providers, the agency offers programs that provide care for people with multiple social, economic, medical, and psychological needs, ranging from protecting children from abuse and neglect to supporting neighborhoods struggling with poverty, drugs, and violence.

*Program Description*

Way Home is operated by the New York Foundling and currently serves Bronx and Manhattan youth and their families. This home-based treatment program provides an alternative to detention for youth whose caregivers are either reluctant to allow him or her back home during a delinquency case, or are unable to provide a viable home without social service support. Once a youth is referred for a Way Home assessment, a trained family team conference (“FTC”) facilitator will hold a family team conference in the detention facility in which the youth resides. The goal of the FTC is to bring together all family supports and craft a plan that would enable the youth to return to a family setting with home-based therapeutic services. Ideally, the legal guardian will provide that family setting. If this arrangement is not possible, then an approved surrogate caregiver may be considered. At the conclusion of a successful FTC, a therapist will be assigned to the family and provide Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT) in the home for 12 to 16 sessions. BSFT is an evidence-based, family-focused therapy designed to prevent the recurrence of youth behavior problems, including substance abuse, by improving family functioning and encouraging effective parental leadership. Therapists are on-call 24 hours per day, seven days a week, and a staff psychiatrist is also available, if necessary.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Only youth whose cases are being heard in Bronx and/or Manhattan Family Court, and who have a caregiver with whom they will be living while in Way Home, are eligible for the service. Additionally, only youth who score as low- and mid-risk on the RAI and have been remanded to detention for the following reasons are eligible: (1) parent/caregiver did not show up to arraignment; (2) parent/caregiver refused in court to take the youth home following the arraignment; and/or, (3) the Court determines that, but for Way Home, the youth would require detention pending the court case.

**Capacity: 12**

**Jurisdictions Served:** Bronx, Manhattan

## High-Risk Youth and Probation Violators

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### EXPANSION OF QUEST

**Sponsor Organization:**

Center for Court Innovation  
520 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #1801  
New York, NY

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**Program Location:**

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Jamaica, NY 11432

*Program Description*

QUEST, which is operated by the Center for Court Innovation, will now offer expanded programming to high-risk youth, as well as youth at risk of VOPs and for whom VOPs have been filed. This program will include new and enhanced partnerships with different entities. The Child Center of New York will provide youth with a service learning program that promotes appreciation for service and civic engagement, life skills and critical thinking skills; teen pregnancy prevention programming; and Functional Family Therapy, a short-term, intensive, home-based intervention. The Queens Public Library will host a weekly book club and workshops addressing education and career exploration, study skills, homework help, and test preparation. The Vera Institute of Justice will provide Adolescent Portable Therapy, an evidenced-based, intensive family and community-based intervention, developed to treat adolescents who are substance abusers. Finally, Big Brothers Big Sisters will provide long-term, one-to-one mentoring relationships to reduce delinquency and prevent re-arrest.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Youth who are charged as juvenile delinquent in Queens Family Court and have scored as high-risk on the RAI and youth who are at-risk of a violation of probation or for whom a VOP has been filed are eligible for this program.

**Capacity:** 105

**Jurisdictions Served:** Queens

## **High-Risk Youth and Probation Violators**

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### **CHOICES**

**Sponsor Organization:**

The Center for Alternative Sentencing and  
Employment Services (CASES)  
346 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10013

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**Program Location:**

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*Program Description*

Choices provides services to youth with pending delinquency matters in Manhattan Family Court. Services offered include: 1) Education Support – education assessments, homework help/tutoring, school visits and truancy reduction services; 2) Health and Wellness Services – mental health assessments, short-term counseling, mental health referrals, teen pregnancy prevention classes, and drug and gang prevention workshops; 3) Extra-curricular Activities – daily *Healthy Cooking* class and meal service, computer animation classes, sports and dance, and Family Nights; and 4) Legal Services – legal education for families and school suspension hearing representation.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Both youth who violate or at risk of violating the terms of their probation and youth who are charged as juvenile delinquents in Manhattan Family Court and scored as “high-risk” on the RAI will be eligible to participate in this program.

**Capacity:** 85

**Jurisdictions Served:** Manhattan

## High-Risk Youth and Probation Violators

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### LIFE PROGRAMS

**Sponsor Organization:**

Good Shepherd Services  
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New York, NY 10001

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*Organization Overview*

Good Shepherd Services provides a broad array of individual, family, and school-based services which prevent youth in high-need communities in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and the Bronx from becoming disconnected from their families, schools, and society.

*Program Description*

Good Shepherd Services' LIFE programs provide community-based services to high-risk, court-involved youth in select vulnerable communities in Brooklyn and in the Bronx. Specifically, each LIFE program provides time-limited, intensive interventions for probationers at high-risk of violation over a three- to five-month period. Interventions include: individualized ongoing case management and supervision; academic assessment and advocacy; violence prevention workshops; pregnancy prevention workshops; life skills workshops; parenting groups; mental health assessments and services; and wraparound services. Each LIFE program is projected to serve 81 youth and their families annually. To assist in this effort, Good Shepherd Services subcontracts with five organizations that are experienced with this population, including Children's Village (Multi-Systemic Therapy), Inwood House (Pregnancy Prevention), Council for Unity (Violence Intervention), Lutheran Family Health Center (Mental Health), and Full Circle Life Enrichment Center (Mental Health).

**Eligibility Criteria**

Youth who have violated the terms of their probation or are at very high risk for violating their probation are eligible for LIFE programs. Additionally, youth may be referred from ICM. All referrals are initially made by the Department of Probation.

**Capacity: 81 each in Bronx and Brooklyn**

**Jurisdictions Served:** Bronx, Brooklyn



## **Youth Who Have Violated Terms of ATD Program or Probation**

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### **BOYS TOWN DEAN STREET ASSESSMENT AND STEP-DOWN**

**Sponsor Organization:**

Boys Town New York, Inc.  
281 Park Avenue South, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 100160

**Program Contact Person(s):**

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**Program Location:**

525 Dean Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11220

*Organization Overview*

Boys Town is a non-profit organization that provides a range of services to help troubled children and families who are edging toward crisis. Boys Town uses an Integrated Continuum of Care to ensure that youth receive the right treatment at the right time, ranging from prevention and community-based services to more intensive, out-of-home care and interventions for youth with more serious needs.

*Program Description*

Boys Town operates the Dean Street non-secure detention (NSD) facility in Brooklyn, where youth are assessed for a seven- to ten-day period to determine their risks, needs, and program eligibility. Once the assessment is completed, Boys Town staff provides a report to Family Court regarding the outcome of the assessment, including an account of the youth's progress while residing in NSD and a discharge plan that details services to be provided in the community, if the youth is accepted. If the court agrees with the discharge plan, the youth will be paroled at home under the condition that Boys Town actively supervise and provide in-home services to the youth. Supervision activities include—but are not limited to—curfew checks, school checks, and home visits that are in addition to those required for therapeutic reasons. Boys Town staff is also available for 24-hour crisis intervention. The program specifically makes referrals to community-based services that are tailored to a youth's needs and supplement the in-home therapeutic work with the family. The duration of the program depends on the intensity of the youth and family's treatment needs and ranges from eight weeks to 18 weeks, averaging 12 weeks. Girls are housed at the Richmond Hill site in Queens.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Youth who have either violated the conditions of an ATD program or of probation in the context of a juvenile delinquency case in Family Court may be eligible to enter the assessment facility. If Family Court wishes to have a particular child assessed, the court will order a remand to non-secure detention, which specifies that the youth is to be assessed by the Boys Town program.

**Capacity:** 140

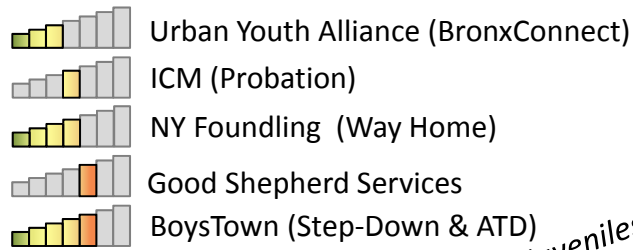
**Jurisdictions Served:** Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island

# Appendix

ATD Continuum by Borough

# Bronx ATD Continuum By RAI Risk Level

## ATD Provider and Risk Level Served



*Juveniles can be moved up or down the continuum*

**Release to Parent or Guardian**

School attendance monitoring, curfew checks, home check-ins.

**TARGET: LOW-RISK YOUTH**

**Community Monitoring**

School attendance monitoring, curfew checks, home check-ins.

**TARGET: MID-RISK YOUTH**

**After-School Supervision**

Community-based after-school programs, on-site services, and service referrals available.

**Intensive Community Monitoring**

Participant authorized to attend school and court-ordered programs; frequent curfew checks, home visits, and phone check-ins; "contract" agreement with parent/guardian.

**Community Interventions for High-Risk Youth**

More intensive programs and services designed to serve high-risk youth and/or probation violators in the community (may include counseling and other enrichment activities).

**TARGET: HIGH-RISK YOUTH**

**Non-Secure Detention**

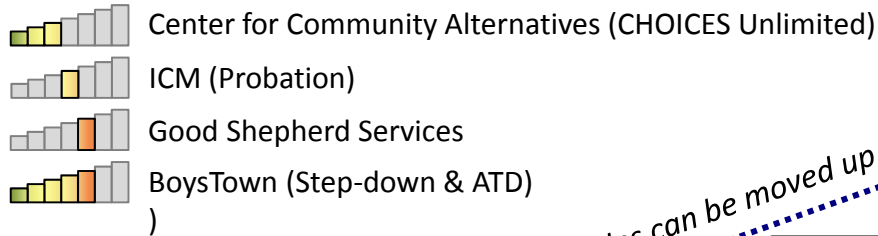
A less restrictive alternative to secure detention, NSD provides structured residential care for youth with cases in Family Court .

**Secure Detention**

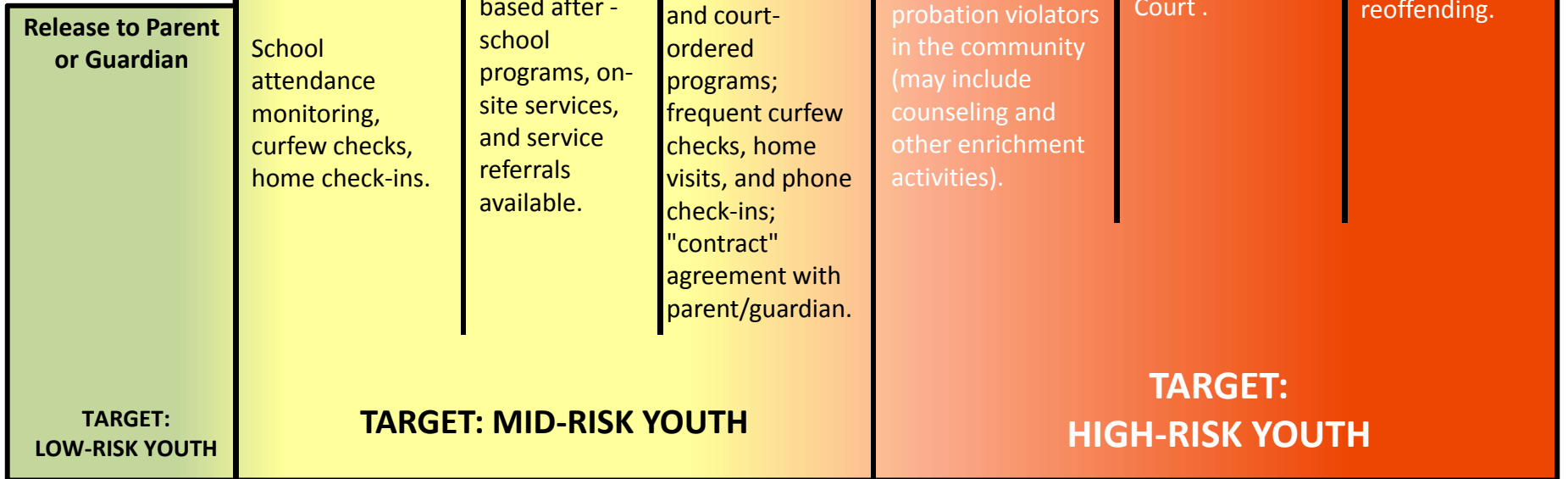
Facilities serve both alleged JDs and JOs and provide a level of security that ensures the juvenile's appearance in court and protects the community from reoffending.

# Brooklyn ATD Continuum By RAI Risk Level

## ATD Provider and Risk Level Served

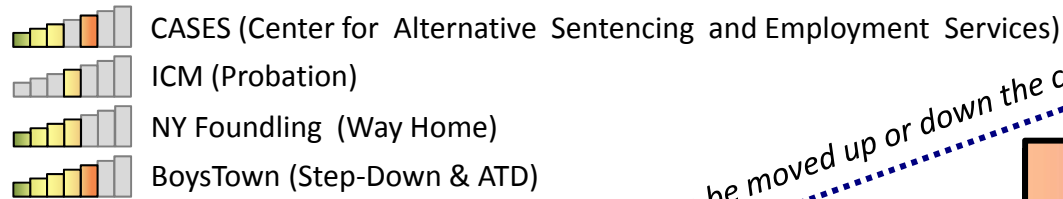


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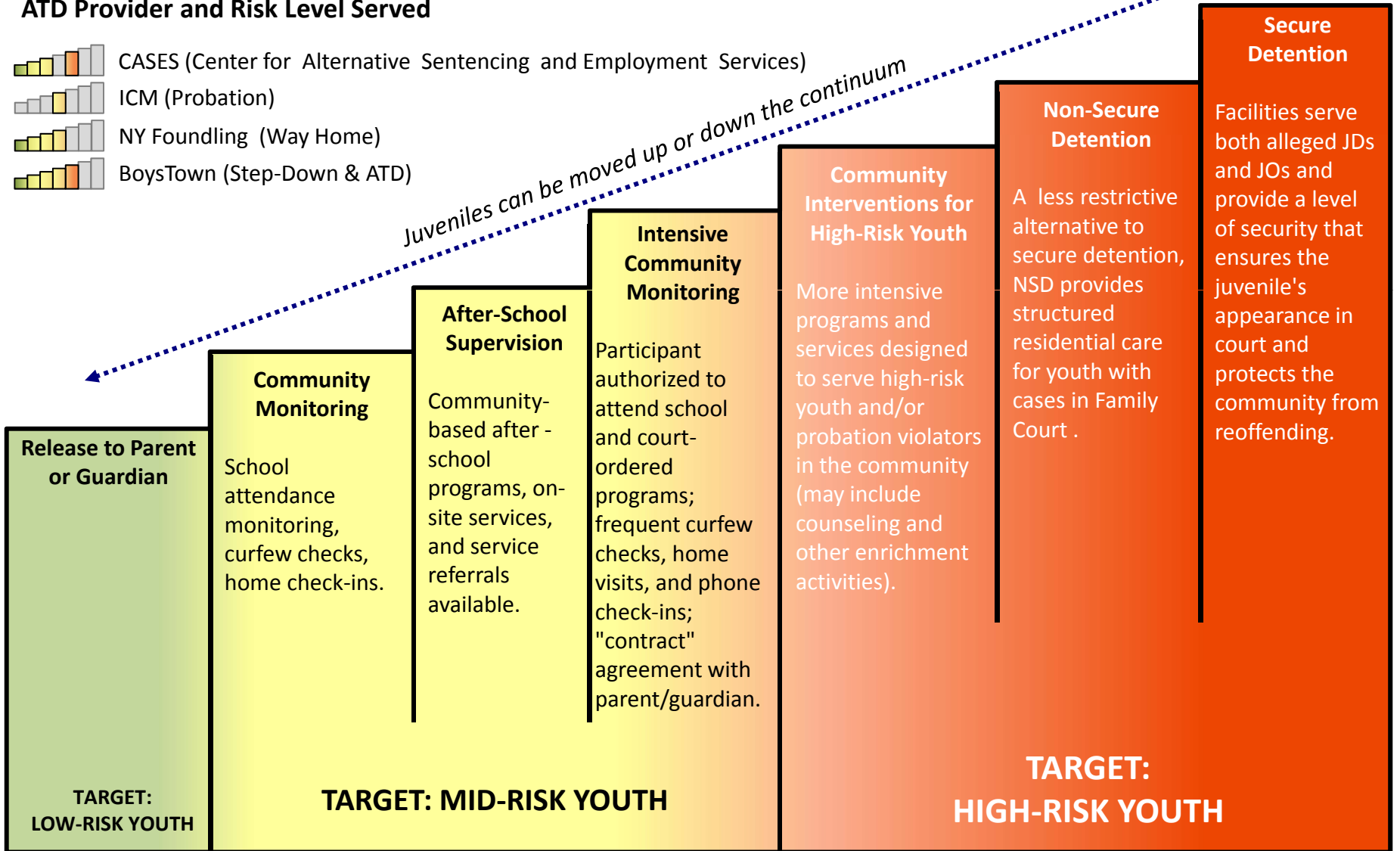


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## ATD Provider and Risk Level Served

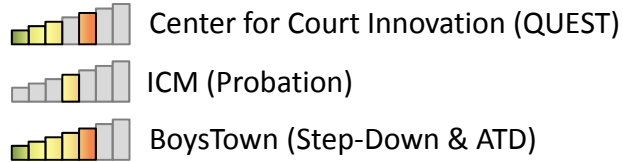


*Juveniles can be moved up or down the continuum*



# Queens ATD Continuum By RAI Risk Level

## ATD Provider and Risk Level Served



Juveniles can be moved up or down the continuum

**Release to Parent or Guardian**

School attendance monitoring, curfew checks, home check-ins.

**TARGET: LOW-RISK YOUTH**

**Community Monitoring**

School attendance monitoring, curfew checks, home check-ins.

**TARGET: MID-RISK YOUTH**

**After-School Supervision**

Community-based after-school programs, on-site services, and service referrals available.

**Intensive Community Monitoring**

Participant authorized to attend school and court-ordered programs; frequent curfew checks, home visits, and phone check-ins; "contract" agreement with parent/guardian.

**Community Interventions for High-Risk Youth**

More intensive programs and services designed to serve high-risk youth and/or probation violators in the community (may include counseling and other enrichment activities).

**TARGET: HIGH-RISK YOUTH**

**Non-Secure Detention**




A less restrictive alternative to secure detention, NSD provides structured residential care for youth with cases in Family Court .

**Secure Detention**

Facilities serve both alleged JDs and JOs and provide a level of security that ensures the juvenile's appearance in court and protects the community from reoffending.

# Staten Island ATD Continuum By Risk Level

## ATD Provider and Risk Level Served

-  Center for Court Innovation (Project READY)
-  Project READY Respite
-  BoysTown (Step-Down & ATD)

*Juveniles can be moved up or down the continuum*

