

# Justice Ambassadors Youth Council

*'Bridging the divide between city agencies, academic institutions and  
disadvantaged communities'*

# Program Inspiration



**Conversation**

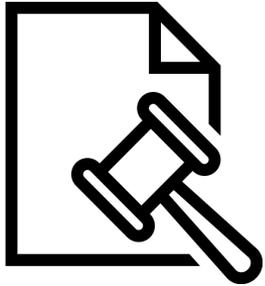


**Collaboration**

'Why don't young people, from communities heavily impacted by incarceration, have opportunities to leverage their experiences and have their voices included in the development and implementation of public policies?'

# Mission of Justice Ambassadors Youth Council

To reduce youth gang involvement and crime through a holistic approach.



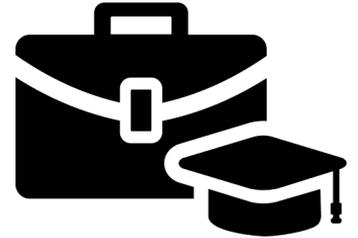
**Policy Solutions**



**Altering Attitudes  
of Policy-Makers**



**Life Skills &  
Mentorship**



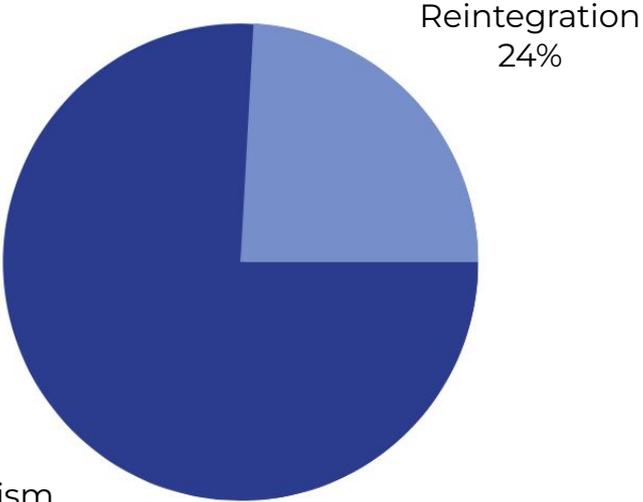
**Education &  
Employment**

# 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.**



**Earning Potential**



**Poverty & Incarceration**

# Solution

JAYC is a paid twelve week community change and civic education leadership program for system impacted youth ages 18 to 25 year olds to study social justice and to work with formerly incarcerated adults, New York City officials, and Columbia University students to co-develop policy solutions.



# JAYC City Official Participants



# Recruitment Partners



NYC TOGETHER



COMMUNITY  
CAPACITY  
DEVELOPMENT



# Host Sites



# Geographical Breakdown

82% of participants are from **disadvantaged neighborhoods**; 18% are Columbia University Students.

.....of those from disadvantaged neighborhoods

**Brownsville/  
East NY**



**41%**

**Morrisania**



**16%**

**Harlem**



**19%**

# Risk Indicators

	NYC Average	Brownsville	Morrisania	Harlem
<b>On-Time High School Graduates</b>	75%	67%	63%	66%
<b>College Graduates</b>	43%	21%	19%	40%
<b>Poverty</b>	20%	29%	31%	22%
<b>Unemployment</b>	9%	12%	16%	12%
<b>Incarceration (per 100,00)</b>	425	1382	1243	1319
<b>Hospitalisations for assault (per 100,000)</b>	59	144	161	123
<b>Emergency Psychiatric Hospitalisations (per 100,000)</b>	676	1274	1435	1447

Source: NYC Health (2021)

# JAYC Team

## Lead Facilitators:



**Jarrell Daniels**

-Founder and Program Director of JAYC  
-Truman Scholar  
-Sociology and African American Studies Graduate at Columbia University



**Tyler Campbell**

-Laidlaw Scholar  
-Creative Writing and African American Studies Graduate at Columbia University

## Co-Facilitators:



**Nigel Fahrina**

-Chief of Gang Prosecution at the Special Narcotics Office



**Lakisha Adams**

-Executive Director of Juvenile Justice Programs at NYC Administration for Children's Services



**Daryl Reed**

-Former Deputy Unit Chief of the Crime Strategies Unit, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Current -PhD Student at the University of Virginia.

## Credible Mentors



**Ivan Calaff**

-Justice-In-Education Re-Entry Specialist



**Wilfredo Laracuente**

-Program Coordinator for the Prison Education Project



**James Harvey Elliot II**

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

## 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



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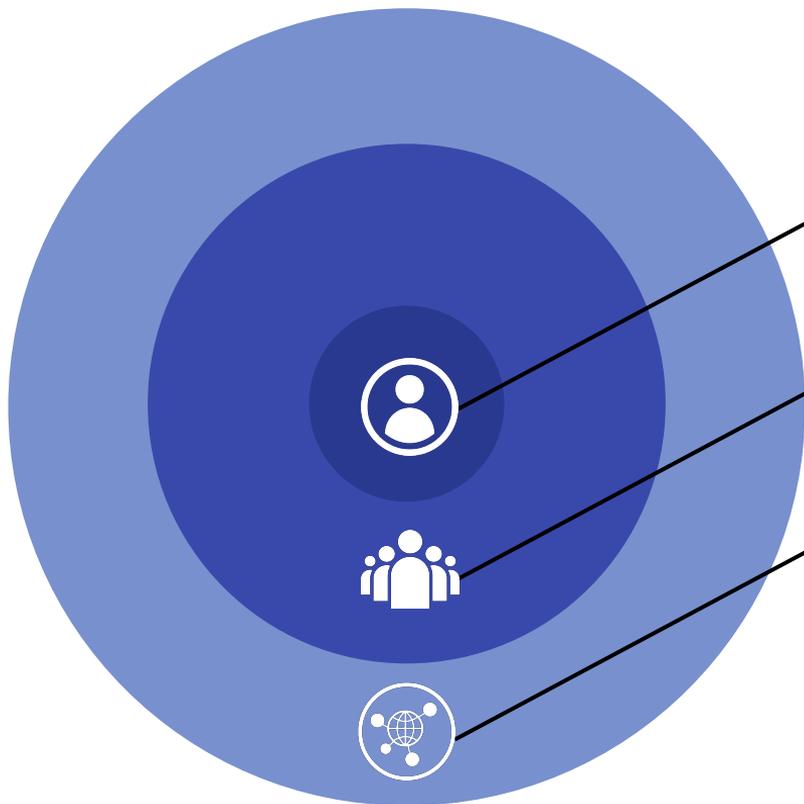
-Chief Social Worker, The Center for Justice at Columbia University  
-Executive Director of Project Restore Bedstuy



**Brooke Burrows**

-Social Change PhD Student at University of Massachusetts Amherst

# Delivering Results



## **Personal Change:**

Emphasizing and promoting self-agency and efficacy, growth mindset, the development of healthy identities, and the understanding of and growth from trauma.

## **Community Change:**

Work towards creating and implementing a community service project aimed at increasing community efficacy and driving community change.

## **Social Change:**

Work in small groups to develop a set of community policies that seek to improve, address or respond to community issues.

# Impact



Adult and Youth  
Participants

**100+**



Justice  
Involvement

**76%**  
Reduction



Incarceration  
Reduction

**39**  
Years



Incarceration  
Savings

**\$2.5**  
Million

# Further Impact

## Employment Progress



92%

## Educational Progress



100%

## Community Engagement



78%

# Testimonial

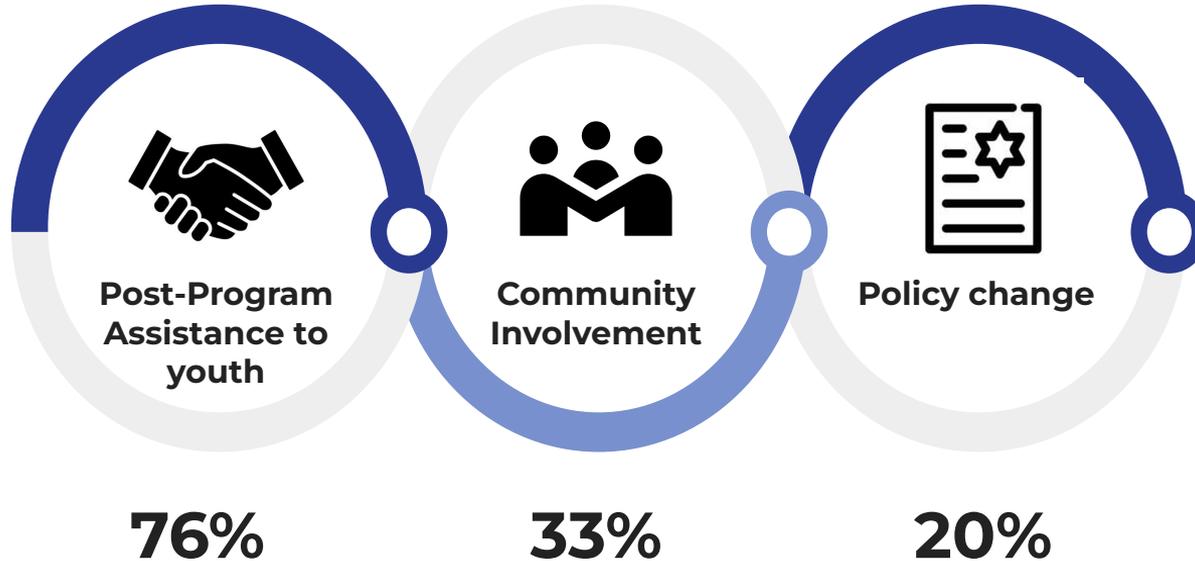


**Emani**  
- Morrisania

“Before taking part in JAYC I had no hope. I had dropped out of high-school at 16, was in an abusive relationship at 17, and had two felonies by 18. The program opened my mind to endless opportunities and helped me to create a path to success. Being surrounded by positive people who could relate to my situation changed my life. I’m now working as a youth mentor for a cure violence organization, and look forward to seeing what the future holds.”

# Impact on City-Officials

Motivated to find new ways of serving youth through shifting career directions, & leading policy action.



# Project Restore Bed-Stuy

An immersive Community-Based Violence Intervention Program

Bringing **30 rival gang members** together across 12-months of programming

Uprooting unaddressed traumas & social inequities leading to **gun violence**

Restorative Justice

Life-Skills Development with Wrap-Around Services

Employment & Education



# 1-Year Program Budget



## Staff Costs

Program Director	\$85,000
Social Worker	\$60,000
Administrative Assistant	\$22,500
Instructors (Two per cohort)	\$60,000
Alumni Coordinator	\$50,000
Communications/Public Outreach	\$50,000
Monitoring and Evaluation	\$60,000
Mentors/Credible Messengers (Four per cohort)	\$90,000
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>\$387,500</b>



## Other Costs

Stipends for Participants (\$1,000 per participant/ \$12,000 per cohort)	\$48,000
Space Rental (\$1,000 per JAYC host site)	\$4,000
Food (\$132 per youth, \$1584 per cohort)	\$21,600
Transportation (\$450 per week, \$5,400 per cohort)	\$6,336
Graduation Attire and Emergency Support (\$4,000 per cohort)	\$16,000
Supplies and Materials (\$600 per cohort)	\$2,400
<b>Total Additional Costs</b>	<b>\$98,336</b>

**Total Yearly Costs (4 Cohorts): \$485,836**

# Next Steps

Launching our **fifth cohort** in **September** 2022.

Hosting the program at **Rikers Island Correctional Facility** to serve young adult prison population aged between 18 and 21.

Preparing to launch **Project Restore Bed-Stuy** and the Department of Education High School **Social Justice Seminar**.

**Monitoring and evaluation** to determine **scaling potential** of the program **across New York City and beyond**.

# Future Next Steps with Funding

- Develop a guide and toolkit for program implementation
- Develop Facilitator Training Academy
- Establish Alumni Community
- Support Policy Proposal Implementation

## Youth:

- Expand employment and education pathways through fellowship program
- Engagement in Community Projects

## City Officials:

- Provide Fellowship Opportunities for City Officials seeking role transitions
- Commitment to Justice Ambassador Youth Activities

# What you can do?

1

Provide funding to facilitate the operation and expansion of JAYC

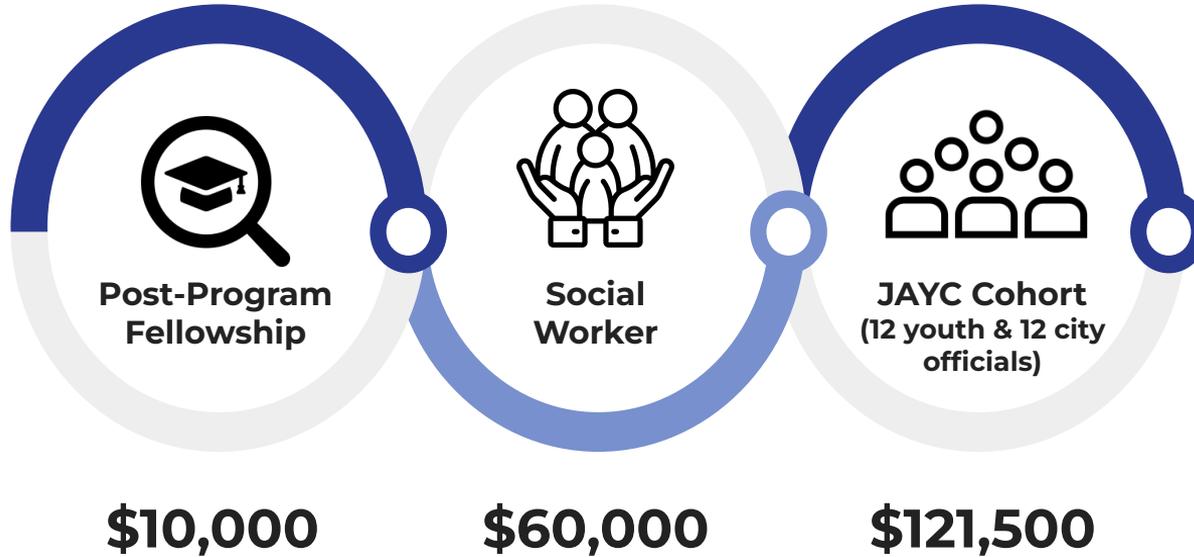
2

Develop job, internship, and apprenticeship opportunities for youth members

3

Lead workshops with JAYC participants

# What your donation could fund?



# Thank You

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

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