Justice Ambassadors Youth Council

‘Bridging the divide between city agencies, academic institutions and disadvantaged communities’
Program Inspiration

‘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**.

Recidivism 76%

Reintegration 24%

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

- Administration for Children’s Services
- District Attorney New York County
- Police Department City of New York
- New York City Council
- Department of Homeless Services
- Department of Education
- District Attorney Kings County
- NDS Harlem
- Human Resources Administration
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Probation
- Queens County District Attorney
- The Legal Aid Society
- Unified Court System
- Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice
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

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<td><strong>On-Time High School Graduates</strong></td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td><strong>College Graduates</strong></td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td><strong>Poverty</strong></td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td><strong>Unemployment</strong></td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td><strong>Incarceration (per 100,000)</strong></td>
<td>425</td>
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<td><strong>Hospitalisations for assault (per 100,000)</strong></td>
<td>59</td>
<td>144</td>
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<td><strong>Emergency Psychiatric Hospitalisations (per 100,000)</strong></td>
<td>676</td>
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Source: NYC Health (2021)
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<td>-Founder and Program Director of JAYC</td>
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<td>-Laidlaw Scholar</td>
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<td>-Program Coordinator for the Prison Education Project</td>
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<td>-Creative Writing and African American Studies Graduate at Columbia University</td>
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<td>-Former Deputy Unit Chief of the Crime Strategies Unit, Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, Current -PhD Student at the University of Virginia.</td>
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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%
“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.”

Emani - Morrisania
Impact on City-Officials

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

- Post-Program Assistance to youth: 76%
- Community Involvement: 33%
- Policy change: 20%
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

[Columbia University Center for Justice]
[District Attorney Kings County]
[Bridge Street Development Corporation]
## 1-Year Program Budget

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<td>Stipends for Participants ($1,000 per participant/ $12,000 per cohort)</td>
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<td>Space Rental ($1,000 per JAYC host site)</td>
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<td>Food ($132 per youth, $1584 per cohort)</td>
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<td>Transportation ($450 per week, $5,400 per cohort)</td>
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<td>Graduation Attire and Emergency Support ($4,000 per cohort)</td>
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<td>Supplies and Materials ($600 per cohort)</td>
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**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?

- **Post-Program Fellowship**
  - $10,000

- **Social Worker**
  - $60,000

- **JAYC Cohort (12 youth & 12 city officials)**
  - $121,500
Thank You

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