



# CASES

CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING  
AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

## OUR APPROACH

The Brooklyn and Queens Justice Corps are community-based programs serving young people with recent involvement in the justice system who live in targeted neighborhoods. In Justice Corps, participants gain paid work experience, education, work-readiness training, and case management support. Justice Corps participants also collaborate with a Community Advisory Board consisting of local community leaders and stakeholders.

Community benefit projects are a hallmark of the Justice Corps programs. By serving one's community, Corps members are able to make an immediate impact in the lives of their families, friends, and neighbors. In turn, the community invests in its Corps members by providing youth with job opportunities, educational opportunities, and other support services.

Youth are members of the Justice Corps for up to a year, with six months of intensive participation (35 hours a week) followed by six months of alumni engagement.

The mission of CASES is to increase public safety through innovative services that reduce crime and incarceration, improve behavioral health, promote recovery and rehabilitation, and create opportunities for success in the community.

## BROOKLYN & QUEENS JUSTICE CORPS

To make a referral or for more information, please contact:

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### Brooklyn Justice Corps

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## PROGRAM SERVICES

- Case management
- Education classes and counseling
- Service learning projects to benefit the community
- Work-readiness training
- Paid internships and job placement assistance
- College prep classes and college placement services

## REFERRALS

Brooklyn and Queens Justice Corps serve young men and women ages 18-24 who live in east Brooklyn and southeast Queens and have current or past criminal justice involvement, including:

- parole or probation supervision;
- release from jail or prison in the last 12 months;
- enrollment in an alternative-to-incarceration program;
- referral by a specialized court.

In addition to self referrals, Justice Corps receives referrals from probation and parole officers, OCFS aftercare workers, specialized courts, defense attorneys, and community-based agencies.

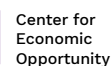
For more information about program eligibility, please contact [bkjc@cases.org](mailto:bkjc@cases.org) (Brooklyn) or [qjc@cases.org](mailto:qjc@cases.org) (Queens).

## PROGRAM GOALS

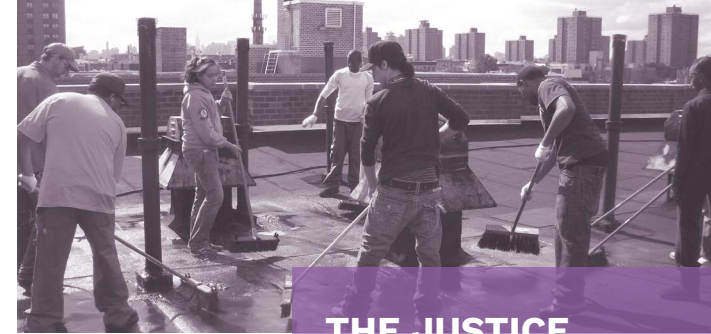
- Positive engagement in the community
- Attainment of a high school diploma or equivalency, or industry-recognized credential
- Placement and retention in employment, post-secondary education, and/or occupational training programs
- Avoidance of future criminal involvement



*Participants engage in education services including TASC and pre-TASC classes, counseling, and college placement assistance.*



CASES' Brooklyn and Queens Justice Corps are programs of the NYC Justice Corps overseen by the Prisoner Reentry Institute of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY. This initiative is made possible through funding from the NYC Center for Economic Opportunity and New York City's Young Men's Initiative.



## THE JUSTICE CORPS YEAR

Each Justice Corps programs serve three cycles of young people each year. Through the first six months, Corps members receive weekly stipends for their participation.

**Pre-enrollment** Upon referral, Corps members complete baseline educational, vocational, and risk assessments to determine program suitability.

**Months 1 - 3** Corps members work with staff to develop a plan for education and career success. They begin onsite education classes and/or re-engage in school, meet individually with a case coordinator, and collaborate with community leaders to plan and implement service projects that address specific community needs.

**Months 4 - 6** Participants continue education and support services and complete 16-session employment-readiness training. Based on their career interests, participants are matched with paid internships and provided job placement assistance.

**Aftercare Months 7 - 12** Upon completion of the program's first six months, Corps members maintain regular contact with staff to receive support for finding and retaining employment and/or enrolling in vocational or educational programs. Graduates receive one-on-one assistance for job placement and access to college and career fairs as well as to program social activities.