



Brownsville Community Justice Center

STRONGER TOGETHER SINCE 2011



521 YOUTH SERVED IN 2018

“ The Brownsville Community Justice Center seeks to improve public safety in Brownsville, Brooklyn by investing in local residents, transforming public spaces, and re-engineering the criminal justice process. The Justice Center envisions a Brownsville in which crime and incarceration are reduced and civic life is vibrant. ”



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The Community Initiative Department cultivates community healing through addressing complex trauma in Brownsville, acknowledging the connection between trauma and community violence. Utilizing innovative youth-led strategies, we provide opportunities for youth to create positive individual and community change that will challenge systemic inequalities, build community, and support economic advancement. Integrating transformative justice principles, we confront the negative impact of the criminal justice system: creating space for healing and accountability.



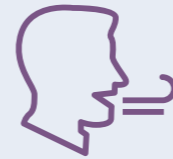
COMMUNITY SERVICE

In 2018, 134 participants completed 2033 hours of community service



ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS

In 2018, 150 youth completed court mandates through ATI/diversion



SUPERVISED RELEASE

Justice Initiatives newest addition in collaboration with BJI



HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

In 2018 1772 visitors served by the HRC and Legal Hand



Placemaking & WFD

The PWD Department's mission is to support mobility from poverty and improve public safety by developing innovative strategies around Workforce Development and Placemaking. Our goal is to foster youth entrepreneurs and skilled young professionals through hands on training and youth led placemaking projects that have a strong focus on public safety, community healing & neighborhood revitalization.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN 2018

LEGITIMIZE THE HUSTLE



Training

10 residents engaged in security training. 9 residents engaged in OSHA training.

Internships

21 youth placed in SYEP. 26 youth placed in offsite internships

Entrepreneurship

Youth designed and launched Neighborhood Hub, and started LLC creative design agency.

Employment

55 youth supported in attaining employment.



ENGAGED YOUTH

Through the "Shakedown" strategy, BCJC staff met 70 Marcus Garvey Residents, including our first cohort of 17 justice involved youth.



Civic Exploration

The participants articulated the need for a diversity of spaces in the center including a recreation, game, and workshop area.

Participants attended civic engagement workshops and identified what they considered a contributor to their public safety and justice involvement.



Mapping Safety Across Time and Space

Identified lack of safe youth space within their development needed to be addressed and where within the development.



Research and Resource Allocation

Participants met with original architect of development, partnered with his students and Made in Brownsville, and designed their ideal youth space.



Identified Neglected Space

Participants scouted numerous vacant lots and worked with BCJC to get buy in from the Tenant Association and Development owners



Engaged in Training

After securing approval, participants engaged in workforce training they could apply to the project (OSHA) and began building their clubhouse.

A rooftop courtyard at dusk. In the center is a green shipping container with large glass windows, illuminated from within. String lights are strung across the courtyard. To the right, there are wooden benches and a small tree. In the background, there are brick buildings and a clear evening sky. The text 'YOUTH CLUBHOUSE' is overlaid in large white letters.

YOUTH CLUBHOUSE

Hosts Youth Trainings
Birthday Parties
Fitness Classes
Gender Reveals
Bridal/Baby Showers
Holiday Giveaways (Mother's Day, Thanksgiving)
Coat Drives
Presentations