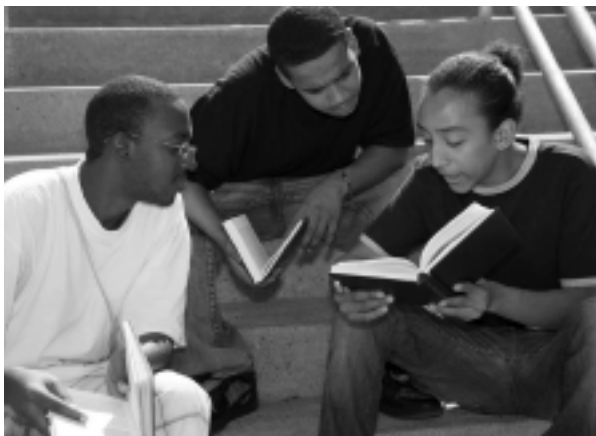


OUR APPROACH

The Choices program provides community supervision and after-school activities for youth in lieu of juvenile detention while their cases are pending in Family Court. The program is designed to avoid the disruption that arises when young people are placed in detention facilities away from their families and support networks.

Choices staff employs youth development principles in providing case management, education support, counseling and extra-curricular activities, with the goal of helping youth avoid further involvement in the criminal justice system.




Choices' education support services aim to promote improved school attendance and academic achievement.

ABOUT CASES

The mission of CASES is to increase the understanding and use of 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.

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CHOICES

An Alternative-to-Detention Program for Youth

PROGRAM SERVICES

Education Support

- Education assessments
- Homework help/tutoring
- School visits
- Truancy reduction services

Health and Wellness Services

- Mental health assessments
- Short-term counseling
- Mental health referrals
- Teen pregnancy prevention classes
- Drug and gang prevention workshops

Extra-curricular Activities

- Daily Healthy Cooking class and meal service
- Computer animation classes
- Sports and dance
- Camping trips
- Cultural excursions
- Family Nights

Legal Services

- Legal education for families
- School suspension hearing representation

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Choices serves young people facing juvenile detention in New York County Family Court, including probation violators or youth at risk of violating probation. For more information about program eligibility, please contact our staff.



Choices' Healthy Cooking class teaches participants about nutrition basics while developing practical skills in preparing simple, wholesome meals.

OUR RESULTS

- The rearrest rate for participants is 34 percent lower than predicted by their risk level at intake
- Only 8 percent of participants are ultimately placed in State custody at case disposition

PARTNERS

CASES is proud to collaborate with the following organizations in delivering program services:

- Union Settlement Association
- ENACT
- Youth Represent
- The Animation Project

HOW IT WORKS

Referral Choices' court staff receives referrals from New York County Family Court judges and probation officers.

Screening and Risk Assessment Upon enrollment, Choices' staff meets with participants and families to orient them to available services. Participants also meet with a social worker and education liaison who help determine their need for supportive services.

Community Supervision or After-School Program

For all participants, Choices staff monitors school attendance and conducts curfew checks. Participants in the after-school program report to the program on school days until 7:00 pm (6:00 pm in the summer). Choices staff keeps the court informed of participants' progress and makes adjustments to supervision levels if necessary.

Aftercare Upon program completion, participants are connected with community-based agencies that reflect their needs and interests.