

## OUR APPROACH

Young Adult Justice Scholars is a six-month program that focuses on educational advancement. We provide multiple tracks for participants at different levels—including options for young adults in high school, in pursuit of a GED, working on basic education, or ready for post-secondary studies.

Justice Scholars staff uses a strengths-based approach in working with participants to create an individualized plan for academic and personal success. The career development component gives students an opportunity to apply skills they learn in the classroom to the real world, enhancing program engagement. Our staff also brokers the best available community resources, including mental health, substance abuse, and legal services to help Justice Scholars overcome any barriers they may face in pursuit of their goals.

### 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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## YOUNG ADULT JUSTICE SCHOLARS

An Education and Career Development Program

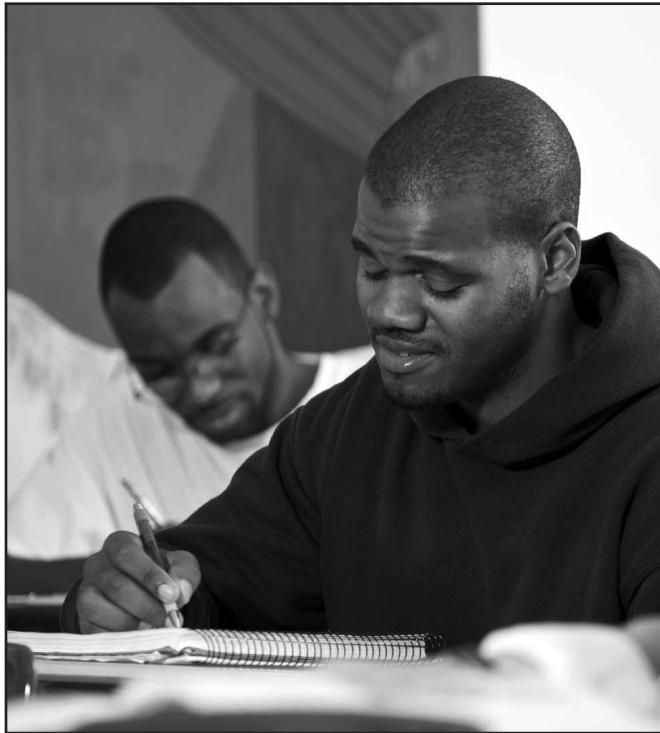
## PROGRAM SERVICES

- Assistance with public school enrollment and engagement
- GED and pre-GED instruction and testing
- College prep classes and assistance applying to college
- Tutoring
- Employment readiness training
- Paid internships and job placement assistance
- Case management

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Justice Scholars are youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who have been court-involved within a year prior to program enrollment. While young people meeting these criteria from any of New York City's five boroughs are eligible to enroll, the program specifically targets participants that reside in the following community districts:

Central Brooklyn and Coney Island (CDs 3, 4, 5, 8, 13, and 16); Harlem (Manhattan CDs 9, 10, and 11); South Bronx (CDs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9); and Queens CDs 1, 12, and 14.



*CASES offers on-site pre-GED and GED classes for 12 hours each week, with additional time available for tutoring.*

## PROGRAM GOALS

- Improvements in literacy and numeracy skill levels
- Placement in an education program or unsubsidized employment
- Attainment of a high school or GED diploma
- Reduced recidivism



Young Men's Initiative

Center for Economic Opportunity

Department of Probation

CASES receives funding from the NYC Department of Probation and the Center for Economic Opportunity, through Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's Young Men's Initiative, for this Justice Scholars Program.

## HOW IT WORKS

**Referral** Justice Scholars staff accepts referrals from defense attorneys, probation officers, after-care workers serving youth transitioning out of State juvenile placement facilities, and community-based agencies.

**Screening and Assessment** Upon enrollment, participants receive an orientation and are assigned a case coordinator. They also complete an assessment from the *Success Highways™* curriculum to identify resiliency skills associated with academic achievement. Participants without a high-school or GED diploma who are 17 ½ or older and not enrolled in school then take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) to determine appropriate placement in education classes.

**Up to Six Months of Services** Participants receive case management services guided by the *Success Highways™* curriculum and education services appropriate to their age and skill level: high school, pre-GED, GED, or post-secondary. In month three, participants have the option to enroll in CASES' Career Exploration program, which consists of a month of employment readiness training followed by placement in a ten-week paid internship.

**Up to Six Months of Follow-up Services** After program completion, participants may return to CASES to receive job/job training placement services, attend college and career fairs, or take the GED test.