

Services offered by CCI:

- Community Service
- Conflict Resolution Group
- Community Awareness Group
- Driving Accountability Group
- Drug Education Group
- Educational Liaison Consultation
- Employment Readiness Group
- Mediation
- Motivating Youth 101
- Peacemaking
- Quality of Life Group
- The New York Peace Institute
- The Museum of Tolerance
- Youth Anger Management
- Young New Yorkers Program
- Youth Court

Long-term referrals/ services:

- Individual Counseling Sessions
- Drug Treatment Services
- Mental Health Assessments
- Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow
- The Brownsville Leadership Project
- Canarsie AWARE
- Community Counseling and Mediation
- The Door- Comprehensive youth services
- Vocational training and Internship Opportunities

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FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

350 Jay St. 15th Floor
Walk in hours Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Main Switchboard (718) 250 - 5111

OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES

Victims Assistance Hotline (800) 247 - 8035

Our partnering agencies:

CCI, OCA, LAS, BDS, NYPD,
and the Department of Probation.

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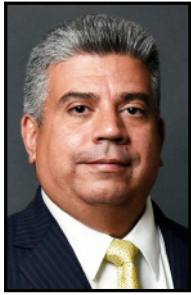
If any questions, please call our
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BROOKLYN YOUNG ADULT COURT



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BYAC

(Brooklyn Young Adult Court)

KCDA, in collaboration with the Center for Court Innovation (CCI), has created an innovative young adult court which focuses on offending young adults between the ages of 16 to 24 years old. Scientific studies show that the young adult brain is not fully formed until the age of 24, which often lead young adults to make poor decisions and struggle with impulse control. Young adults with histories of trauma, neglect, poverty, substance abuse, mental health needs and learning disabilities are less likely to have a healthy brain and psychosocial development, and more likely to engage in offending behavior. Then young adults also face serious consequences from convictions and incarceration, which may impact their ability to secure employment, education, housing, and maintain healthy relationships.

Our office recognizes that this unique population of defendants needs a new and individualized approach to prosecution to set these young adults

on the right path, to keep them from re-offending and thus helping our office to keep Brooklyn safe.

KCDA and CCI will take an innovative approach to assessing eligible defendants, craft a mandate unique to each defendant, and rigorously oversee their compliance and success.

Building on the model already successfully used at the Red Hook Community Court, BYAC will hear cases involving young adults, Brooklyn Justice Initiatives will offer a risks/ needs assessment where appropriate, and eligible young adults will be given an opportunity to receive counseling and services tailored to their specific needs, e.g. substance abuse, mental health, anger management, GED referral, employment readiness, and vocational and internship opportunities.

Our goal is to reduce recidivism by offering meaningful, community-based social services that will give young adults the tools they need for a brighter future, thereby making Brooklyn safer.

Our office has partnered with the Center For Court Innovation to create the first young adult court of its kind in New York State. This grant-funded initiative includes a dedicated KCDA unit and dedicated court part that will address the unique needs of young adults and adolescents by identifying those offenders who are at highest risk for re-offending, and offering them an alternative to incarceration that can help set them on the right path. In the long run, we seek to reduce recidivism among said young adults, thereby making Brooklyn safer. I am confident that this new part will be a great success.

Thank you,
Eric Gonzalez
District Attorney