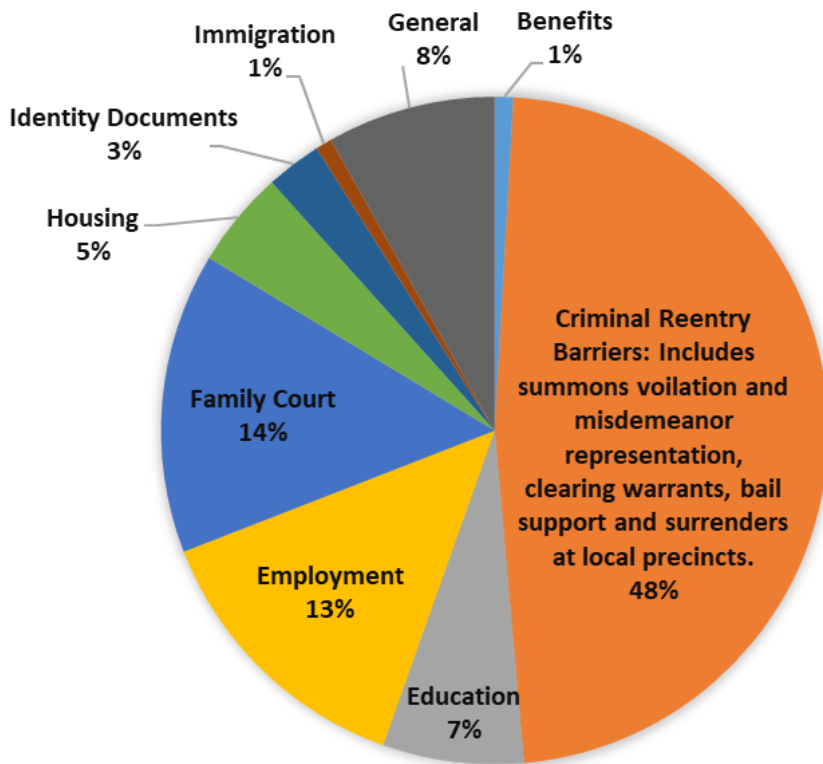


Our Work

Types of Legal Services

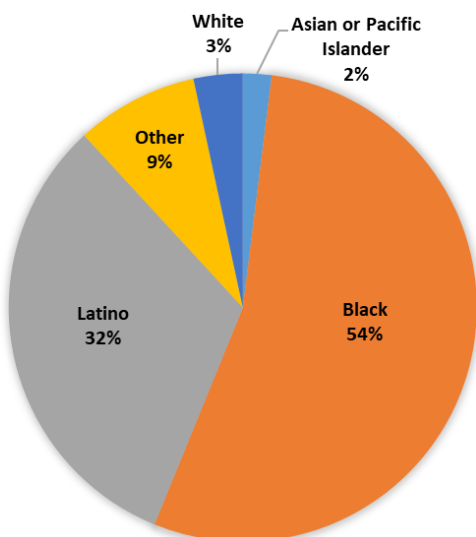


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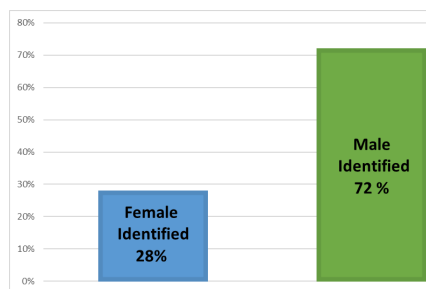
- Represented youth in **553** cases.
- Taught **212** legal workshops to **3,015** youth, families and youth service providers.
- Provided legal representation or advice to **2,077** youth met at those workshops.
- Obtained **974** rap sheets to help youth understand their criminal records and identified **156** errors which we are working to correct.

Our Clients

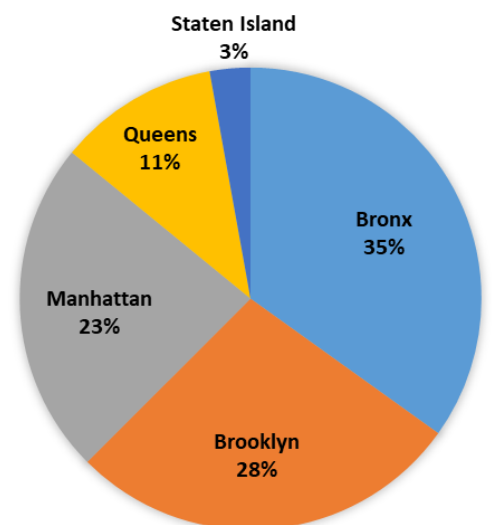
Race/ Ethnic Identity



Gender Identity



Borough of Residence



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Average Age

Client Highlights: Our Impact



One of the reasons Youth Represent is so effective is because all of our attorneys are trained in all our areas of practice. The following stories are just a few examples that illustrate the breadth of the critical legal services we offer young New Yorkers:

“Maria” had heard the police were looking for her. Through our participation in the Youth Reentry Network, she was connected to one of our attorneys, who stood by her side and invoked her rights as she surrendered herself to the local precinct. Maria had been traumatized by incarceration in the past, and, terrified, ended up self-harming her first night at Rikers. We assisted on a second bail application and helped get her bail reduced to a level her family could afford. Maria was able to spend Thanksgiving at home. She texted her Youth Represent attorney on the holiday: “I am thankful for you because without you, I wouldn’t be home with my family this holiday where I belong.”

“Danielle” was visiting her friends at their school when a School Safety Agent recognized she was not enrolled there. In approaching her, he tackled her and held her down. Her own school was informed of the incident, and suspended her for a year for trespassing on another school’s property. A Youth Represent attorney represented her at the suspension hearing and was able to reduce the length of the suspension to just 37 days. We also persuaded the hearing officer to recommend that her school provide guidance intervention, to avoid any future suspensions.

“Jonathan” lived in a New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) complex with his ailing grandmother and served as her primary caretaker. That was why it was a particularly dire situation when NYCHA served them with an eviction notice after Jonathan was arrested on a drug charge—charges that were ultimately dropped. NYCHA gave his grandmother a choice: be evicted, or permanently exclude her grandson from their home; this would mean he would not even be allowed to visit her. She relied on him for her care too heavily for this to be realistic, and she couldn’t fathom kicking her grandson out of the house. A Youth Represent attorney represented them at the eviction hearing and was able to beat the eviction charge. Jonathan remains in his home where he continues to care for his grandmother.

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