

# JUVENILE JUSTICE EDUCATION IN NYC: POLICIES, PLANNING, & PRACTICES

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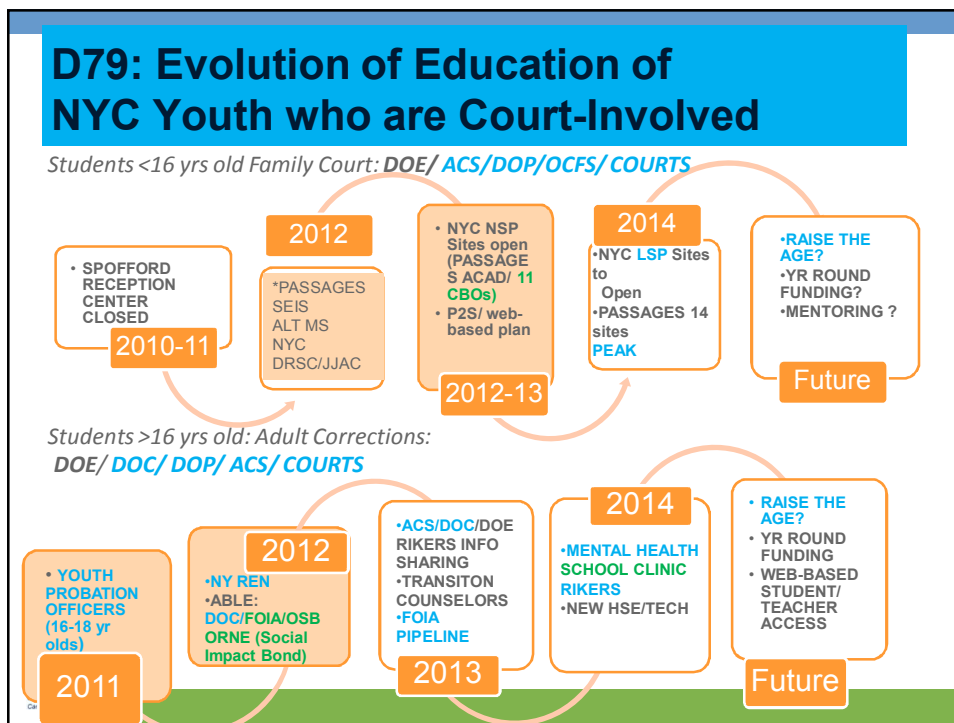
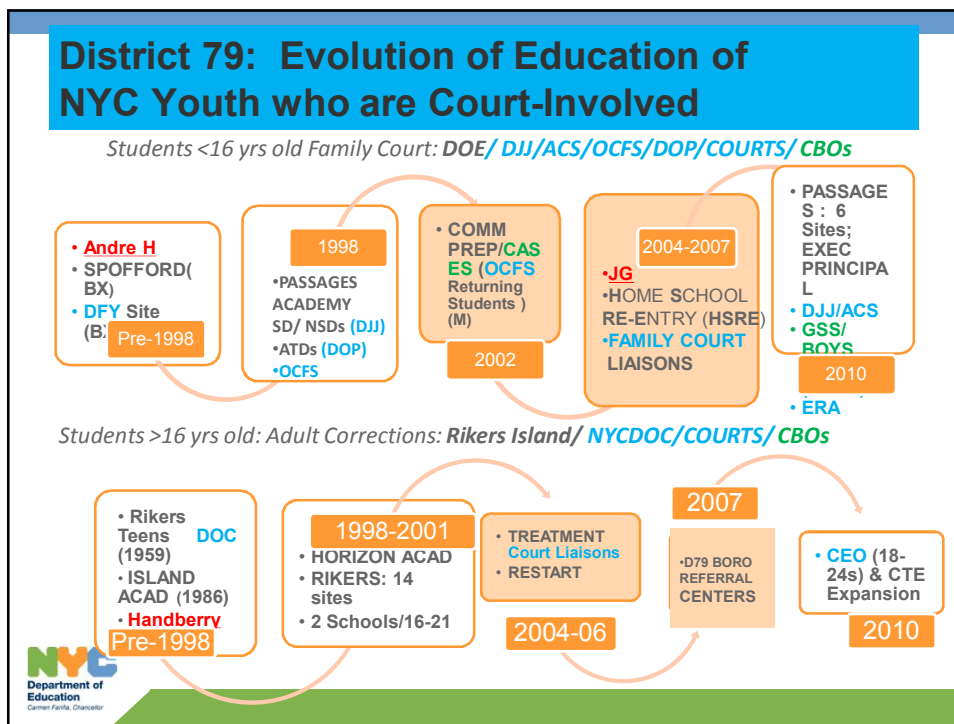
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## *Workshop Goals*

- \* Participants will learn about District 79 programs and services as a basis of discussion surrounding court-involved, transitioning students.
- \* Participants will learn about various models of policies, services, and tools that have led to increased success for transitioning students and discuss how these techniques can be replicated, utilized, and built upon.



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## A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION :

- **Pre Release Planning**
- **Proper Handoff**
- **After Care Support**

## *City and District Policies*

- \* NYC Student Rights
- \* Home School ReEntry
- \* District 79 Transition Expectations

## Student Rights

- \*You are entitled to attend a full-time high school or high school program run by the NYC DOE until the end of the school year in which you turn 21
- \*You have the right to re-enroll in high school at any time
- \*You may not be barred from attending classes solely due to age (unless you are over 21 years old), lack of credits, poor grades, truancy, irregular attendance, or failure to pass Regents or RCT examinations
- \*You are required to attend school until the end of the school year in which you turn 17
- \*You have the right to refuse to be involuntarily transferred from a high school to a part-time education program
- \*You have the right to receive notice of a suspension or involuntary transfer and an opportunity for a hearing or conference before being suspended or transferred to another school
- \*If you are transferring to a HSE program or another school, you have the right to attend your current school until registered or enrolled at the new school or program
- \*If you are an English Language Learner, you are entitled to bilingual education or an ESL program
- \*Students determined to be in need of special education are entitled to free, appropriate education


**These rights apply to all NYC students 21 and under.**

### Students have these rights even if they:

- Voluntarily dropped out
- Are currently enrolled in a HSE program
- Already have a HSE or IEP diploma
- Currently are or were in an involuntary setting, such as a correctional facility (Rikers Island or a New York state facility) or substance abuse program
- Have been subject to discipline by your school
- Currently are or were referred to alternative educational options, such as a HSE or vocational program


## Home School ReEntry (HSRE)

- \* Students all have the right to return to their prior school following discharge from the NYC public schools within one calendar year of discharge (JG Compliance and Chancellor's Regulations)
- \* Students who are incarcerated or in juvenile detention in NYC, or in residential drug treatment programs, will be automatically returned to their home school register upon release



## *Transition Expectations*


- \* ALL students experience a high quality transition process which includes
  1. detailing goals, a plan, action steps, and a support network,
  2. support and advocacy, and
  3. enrollment in a supportive and appropriate educational setting.



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## *District 79 Transition Practices*

- \* Transition Process and Advocates
- \* Referral Centers
- \* Court Liaisons
- \* Community-Based and City-Agency Partnerships



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## Transition Process and Advocates

### While at Program:

- \* Students meet with a **counselor** upon arrival
- \* Student and counselor decide on an **academic path**
- \* Student and counselor complete a **transition plan via ILP (Plan to Succeed)**, indicating support networks and educational next steps for when they transition from the program
- \* **Families/ support network** are contacted and plan is shared
- \* Students **meet with an transition team member/advocate** and/or a CBO representative



### Who Are Transition Advocates?

*Program staff that meet with students while enrolled in a District 79 program and help students navigate transitioning from one educational program to another. Transition advocates work with students, counselors, families/support networks, CBOs, etc. before and after a student transitions.*

### After Program:

- \* Students returning to their **home school** (that were attending school prior to their arrest) are automatically reenrolled in school
- \* Students not previously enrolled in school will visit a **referral center** to meet with a counselor and enroll in a program or school
- \* **Counselors and transition advocates** will contact student to **follow up** on transition plan progress



## Referral Centers

for High School Alternatives

*One-stop guidance centers helping students connect with DOE high schools, HSE programs, and other support services*

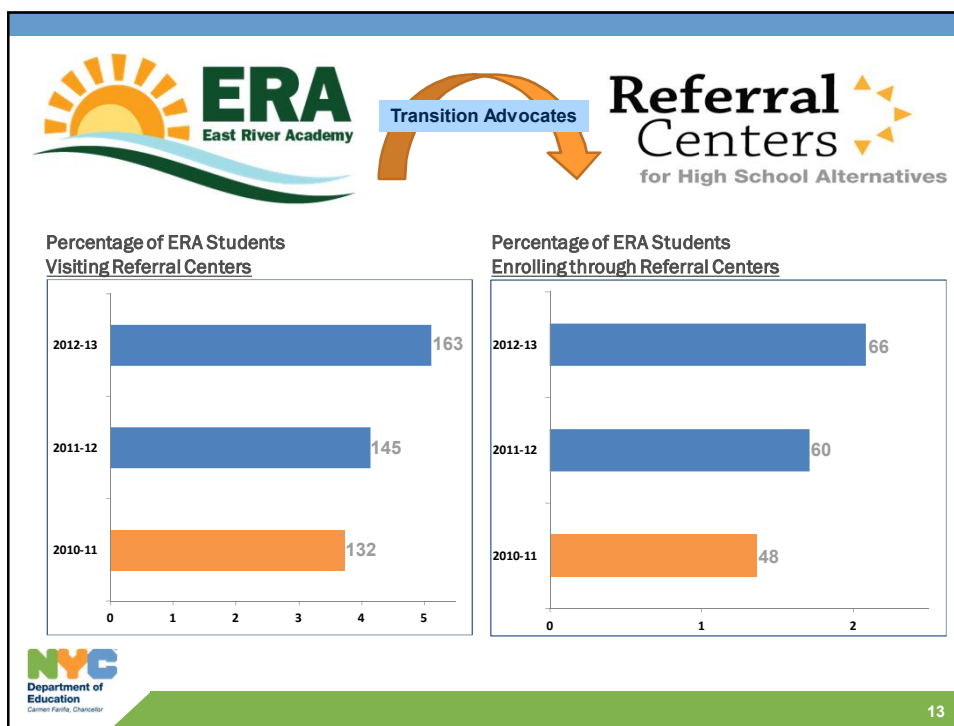
- \* District 79 has **5 Referral Centers**, 1 in each borough of NYC
- \* 4-6 **Guidance Counselors** per center
- \* Help students understand their educational **rights**, discuss **goals**, and navigate educational options (such as HS, HSE program, YABC, transfer school\*)
- \* Provide **referrals** to other support services such as childcare, drug rehabilitation, ESL services, health clinics

**SY14 Mid-Year:**  
 RCs have served **5,582 students:**  
 32% already had a DOE drop-out code  
 54% wanted to transfer as they are at-risk for dropping out  
 14% are new to DOE (primarily older ELLs)

Students came to RCs from **21 states and 79 countries!**

Last year 8,314 came into the RCs





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**Court Liaisons**

*Assist court-involved students, their families, and the agencies that support them*

- \* Court Liaisons are located in **6 court houses** across the 5 boroughs of NYC
- \* Assist students in returning to school the day after release with no interruption to their education
- \* Connect students with a counselor to help them understand the HSE process, high school alternatives, and college options
- \* Help parents understand and advocate for their son or daughter's rights to DOE educational services and options

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# District 79 Transition Tools

- \* Student Passport
- \* ILP (Plan to Succeed)
- \* Community-Based Partnership Resources



# Sample Transition Planning Tools

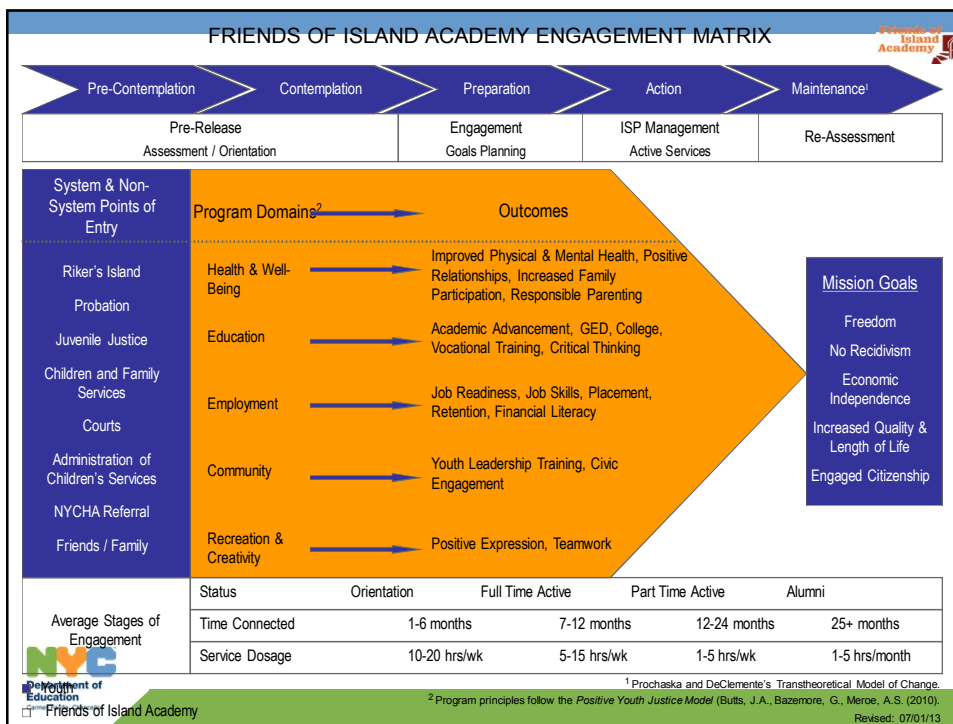
## Student Passport

## Plan to Succeed (Online ILP)

The collage displays several key resources for students and families:

- ERA Student Passport (Fall 2013 Edition):** A comprehensive guide for returning to school, featuring sections on 'Returning to the Community', 'Referral', and 'Educational Opportunities'.
- Educational Opportunities:** A detailed list of programs such as Transfer Schools, Young Adult Branch Centers, Five Borough Academy, and Co-Op Tech.
- Community Opportunities:** Information about the New York Reentry Education Network, including contact details for various centers and programs.
- Plan to Succeed (Online ILP):** A screenshot of the web-based interface for creating an Individualized Learning Plan, showing navigation tabs for Career Planning, High School Planning, College Planning, Financial Aid Planning, and Your Portfolio.





## Community-Based Partnership Resources

**Police Athletic League RISE**

**WHO:** Youth ages 16-21

**WHAT:**

- School Support (GED, College, Vocational Programs), Tutoring, Life Skills, Counseling
- Job Readiness, Paid Internships, Job Placement and Post-Placement Support

**WHERE:** HARLEM

**NYC Justice Corps**

**WHO:** 18-24 Year olds who live in target communities

**WHAT:**

- School Support (Pre-GED, GED, College, Vocational Training), Internships
- Opportunities to Improve Your Community, Job Training, Counseling, Paid Participation in Corps

**WHERE:** SOUTH BRONX, HARLEM, JAMAICA, EAST NEW YORK

**Fortune Society**

**WHO:** 17 and Older

**WHAT:**

- Pre-GED and GED
- Jobs Help and Career Exploration, Green Jobs Training Opportunities, Paid Internships
- Counseling, Help with Benefits, Substance Abuse, Housing

**WHERE:** LONG ISLAND CITY QUEENS

**CASES**

**WHO:** 16-24 Year Olds

**WHAT:**

- Pre-GED, GED, Tutoring, College Transition Services
- Career Exploration, Community Service Projects, Paid Internships
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling

**WHERE:** LOWER MANHATTAN

**CUNY Catch**

**WHO:** 16-21 Year Olds who want to get a GED and go to College

**WHAT:**

- Pre-GED, GED, Computer Skills
- College Prep, College Application, Financial Aid and Enrollment Assistance, Academic Counseling

**WHERE:** LONG ISLAND CITY QUEENS

**Future Now**

**WHO:** 17-24 Year Olds who want to get a GED, or have a GED and want to go to Bronx Community College

**WHAT:**

- Pre-GED, GED, College Prep Classes, Help with College Application, Financial Aid, and Enrollment
- Peer Support, Academic Counseling, Tutoring, Leadership Skills, Job Training

**WHERE:** BRONX

**Getting Out and Staying Out**

**WHO:** 16-24 Year Old Men

**WHAT:**

- School Support (GED, College, Trade Schools)
- Career Exploration, Help with Jobs, Money Management, Life Skills, Help with Housing
- Counseling, Parenting Skills

**WHERE:** EAST HARLEM

**DREAMS YouthBuild**

**WHO:** 16-24 Year Olds Who Live in Bad-Slop, Brownsville, Crown Heights, East New York, or Ocean Hill

**WHAT:**

- Pre-GED, GED, College Placement, Mentoring
- Construction Training, Certification Opportunities
- Life Skills, Leadership Development
- Job Readiness, Job Placement

**WHERE:** BROOKLYN

**College and Community Fellowship**

**WHO:** Women with a GED or High School Diploma

**WHAT:**

- College Orientation, Application Assistance, Help with Financial Aid, Academic Support, Theater for Social Change, Support Groups
- Help Figuring Out How to Pay For College

**WHERE:** MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS

**Center for Employment Opportunities**

**WHO:** 18-24 Year Olds with a Recent Criminal Conviction, or Parolees 18 and Older

**WHAT:**

- Pre-GED, GED, Life Skills Education, Vocational Training
- Transitional Employment, Job Readiness, Job Placement

**WHERE:** LOWER MANHATTAN and BRONX

**Friends of Island Academy**

**WHO:** 16-19 Year Olds and Bronx Fathers 25+

**WHAT:**

- School Support (Pre and GED track, College), Tutoring, Career Exploration, Help with Jobs, Leadership Skills, Mentoring
- Arts and Recreation Opportunities
- Counseling, Parenting, and Domestic Violence Classes

**WHERE:** MIDTOWN MANHATTAN

**College Initiative**

**WHO:** New York City Residents with GED or High School Diploma

**WHAT:**

- College Orientation, College Prep Classes, Application Assistance, Help with Financial Aid, Academic Counseling, Tutoring, Peer Mentoring
- Help Figuring Out How to Pay for College

**WHERE:** LONG ISLAND CITY

**Osborne Association**

**WHO:** 18 and older

**WHAT:**

- Career Exploration, Empowerment Skills, Help with Jobs, Green Jobs Training
- Family Services, Parenting Skills
- Substance Abuse Help, Health Services

**WHERE:** BROOKLYN or the BRONX

**The Doe Fund**

**WHO:** 18+ referred through Dept. of Homeless Services.

**WHAT:**

- Pre-GED, GED, Life Skills, Vocational Training
- Housing, Paid Transitional Work, Job Placement Assistance

**WHERE:** BROOKLYN and HARLEM

# YOUR NEXT STEP STARTS HERE.

*Talk to your counselor for more info!*

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## District 79 Programs and Services

**Referral Centers**  
for High School Alternatives

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*Programmatic Areas*

High School Equivalency

Career & Technical Education

Services for Student Parents

*Schools & Programs*

Pathways to Graduation

Co Op Tech

LYFE

Programs for Students in Drug Treatment

Correctional Education

*Schools & Programs*

ReStart Academy

East River Academy

Phoenix House Academy

Passages Academy

Court Liaisons

**Demographics**

- 18,000 students served annually
- 45% below poverty line
- 42% Black; 40% Latino/ Hispanic; 6% Asian; 5% White; 7% Other

BEING PART OF A BIGGER NETWORK HELPS!!!

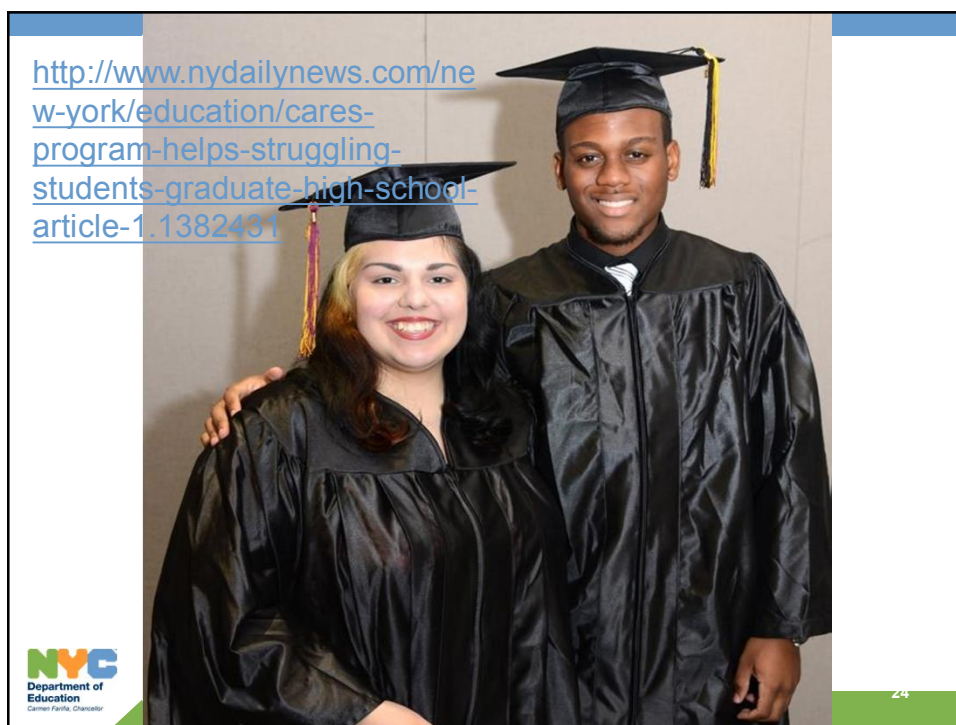
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# HSE Graduation



# CO-OP TECH Graduation







## PHOENIX ACADEMY Graduation



## EAST RIVER ACADEMY Rikers Graduation 2013



## *District 79 Resources and Contacts*

District 79 website: [schools.nyc.gov/District79](http://schools.nyc.gov/District79)

Alternative Ways to Graduate Info  
for NYC Students: [goingforme.org](http://goingforme.org)

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