



Celebrating its 5th anniversary, the Opportunity Youth Part ("OYP") was created in fall 2020 to provide disconnected young people with criminal cases in the New Rochelle City Court with a chance to have a more favorable legal outcome and to connect with positive resources in the community. This part, designated for Emerging Adults 16 to 24 years old, matches individuals facing misdemeanor or felony charges to community organizations that provide critical, immediate interventions needed to steer these individuals to a better path. Since its inception, OYP has served as a catalyst for an innovative youth justice ecosystem in New Rochelle and is advancing the conversation around emerging adult justice across New York State and beyond.

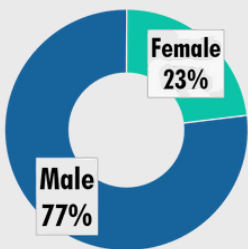
## AT A GLANCE

### Active Participants

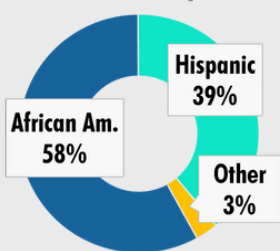
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Participants actively engaged and receiving supportive services (with over 200 participants served since inception)

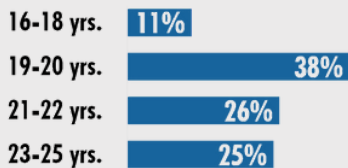
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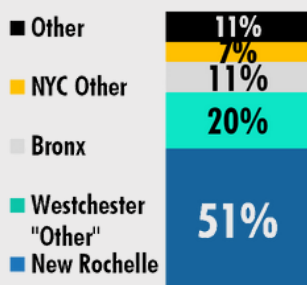
### Ethnicity



### Age Range



### Residence



## KEY PILLARS OF SUPPORT

### City Court Side

Judge, Court Coordinator, District Attorney's Office, Defense Bar, Court Staff, Pre-Trial Services

### Community & Stakeholder Side

**Essential Services** – Case Management, Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Counseling, Workforce Development, Job Placement, Education Support, Housing, and others

**Supports** – More than 50 stakeholder organizations and agencies

## CHARACTERISTICS OF PARTICIPANTS (among active participants at initial engagement)

**59% Unemployed**

...and an additional 27% underemployed

**25% Unstable Housing**

...have or at risk of losing housing during last 12 Months

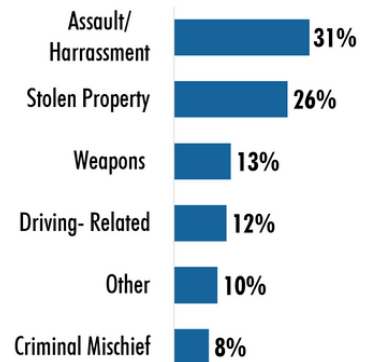
**67% High Schl. Graduates**

...have completed HS or obtained GED prior to OYP

**15% are Parents**

...needing referrals to parent-related supports and services

### Offenses



**36% Additional Legal Cases**

These youth have current legal cases in other jurisdictions

**Felonies 43%**

**Misdemeanors 57%**

## PROGRAMMING AND OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED



**Restorative Justice**



**Group and Peer Mentoring**



**Paid Internships**



**Book Club**



**Community Service**



**Credible Messengers**



**Gun Violence Prevention**



**Community Events**



**Anti-Racism**



**Vocational Training**



**Anger Management**



**Emerging Adult Substance Treatment**



**Reentry Services**



**Clothing & Supplies**

# OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

Today...



**61** Active Participants

**11** in Pre-Trial Coordination

**17** Phase I - Awaiting disposition

**33** Phase II - On track to graduate

Since Year 1...



**Successes**

**140**

...of which

**87%**

...of which

**95%**

...completed OYP within 12-18 months of meeting Court-mandated stipulations and Wellness Plan Goals

...exited OYP without a criminal record!

...have not returned to NR City Court for additional criminal cases

In Year...

**5**

Received Job Readiness

**82%**

...including work training, resume building, interviewing skills, etc.

Received Behavioral Health Services

**72%**

...including anger management, psychotherapy, and substance treatment

Post-Secondary Enrollment

**21%**

...through case management plan, including technical/vocational and community colleges

Performed Community Service

**68%**

...referred via OYP to community service programs as part of court process



**50** All-Stars

Since Year 1

All-stars are OYP participants that have strongly exceeded court-mandated conditions and have demonstrated a meaningful change in their lives.



**60** Paid Internships

Across all OYP participants since Year 1, including graduates

## Employers Providing Paid Internships:

Alvin & Friends, Boys & Girls Club of NR, CHOICE of NY, Erwins Barbershop, Hour to Exit, Hudson Park Children's Greenhouse, John Philips Sousa Middle School, LoloVivi Jewelry, Mikey Dubbs, My Salon Suite, New Rochelle Farms, New Rochelle Municipal Housing, NR Chamber of Commerce, SuggarPlums, The Facility Sports Gym, Vanda Gallery, Volunteer NY, WestCOP, and Afya Foundation

## LIFE AFTER OYP

### Ongoing Supports & Opportunities Provided to OYP Graduates



**New Rochelle Community Justice Center**

The **New Rochelle Community Justice Center (NRCJC)** provides post-OYP emerging adults with opportunities tailored for transitioning from justice involvement including referrals to ongoing case-management, workforce training, education, peer counseling, community advocacy opportunities, and violence diversion programming.



**CHOICE**

**CHOICE** continues directly serving many of OYP's completers through its Care Management program. OYP completers meet with a care manager on a regular schedule, face-to-face, developing a service plan through goal setting, with connections and referrals to a multitude of supportive resources in the community.



**NEW ROCHELLE**  
IDEALLY YOURS

The **Youth Justice Advisory Committee (YJAC)** in New Rochelle is a 15-member group of youth and adults appointed to support youth justice issues and strengthen local collaboration. It includes young adults with justice system experience and meets monthly to advise City Council. Members serve unpaid three-year terms, promoting safer communities and youth opportunities.

## LOOKING AHEAD...



**360°**

### 360 Degree Mentoring

Sustainable, community-based mentorship network that supports justice-impacted youth with layered guidance from local professionals and community stakeholders.



### Good Wolf Workshops

10-week program of weekly 90-minute group workshops that combines cognitive and behavioral brain science with personal life skills development.

[goodwolf.org](http://goodwolf.org)



### Social Capital Initiatives

This initiative offers community currency ("Social Capital Credits") that incentivizes and empowers individuals to perform acts of social good, which can be redeemed for various resources, enabling youth to earn their way to a more productive path.

[asiainitiatives.org/soccs](http://asiainitiatives.org/soccs)