

# Pathways to Public Safety



From the Office of  
Manhattan District Attorney

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**Safety and fairness go hand-in-hand.** District Attorney Bragg created the Office's first Pathways to Public Safety Division to enhance and elevate the use of diversion and evidence-based programming, ensuring individuals involved in the criminal justice system receive necessary services to reduce recidivism and enhance public safety.

We know that many individuals who come into contact with the criminal justice system have a wide range of unmet needs, including unstable housing and employment, mental health and substance use disorders, and more.

Under this major restructuring, specially trained Pathways Assistant District Attorneys are embedded in each of the Office's six Trial Bureaus to screen and assess every case as early as possible. We assess each case individually, and if diversion is appropriate, we tailor services individually to meet the person's needs.



## By the Numbers

\*through September 2022

Misdemeanor Cases Resolved  
with Programming Requirement  
through the D.A.'s Manhattan  
Justice Opportunities

**3,500**

Felony Alternatives to  
Incarceration

**▲ 80%**

Compared to 2021

Felony Cases Referred to  
Problem-Solving Courts

**▲ 200%**

Compared to 2021

## Pathways Academy: Intensive Training for Lawyers & Professional Staff

Launched by District Attorney Bragg, the Pathways Academy provides **an intensive curriculum** to legal and professional staff to develop their skills in:

1. Identifying appropriate cases for non-carceral outcomes
2. Developing meaningful & effective case resolutions
3. Gaining a deeper understanding of the issues that drive contact with the criminal justice system

### Subject areas include:

- Substance use disorders & treatment modalities
- Mental health
- Trauma and brain development
- The impact of race, class, & gender on equitable justice outcomes
- The harms of incarceration (using data & lived experience)
- Restorative justice
- Interdisciplinary collaboration

# Midtown Community Court

The Pathways Division works in partnership with Midtown Community Court to offer alternatives to incarceration that hold people accountable while also offering help with the problems that often underlie criminal behavior, including substance use disorders, mental health issues, and the lack of basic resources.

**More than 800 New Yorkers received a disposition that included services through Midtown Community Court in the first three quarters of 2022.**

## Reentry

### DANY Reentry Council

Established in August 2022, the District Attorney's Office's Reentry Council gives a platform to individuals impacted by the criminal justice system.

The Council helps to set priorities and guide the design of an appropriate model of reentry for the Office.

### Reentry Taskforce

The D.A.'s Office works in collaboration with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice, New York State Parole, and community-based organizations to provide services and resources to individuals returning to the community after incarceration.

The Taskforce offered services to **100 returning New Yorkers** in the first three quarters of 2022 to support a healthy and productive return to community.

### Inside Criminal Justice

Inside Criminal Justice is a semester-long seminar comprised of individuals incarcerated at Queensboro Correctional Facility, Edgemcombe Correctional Facility, and prosecutors from the Manhattan D.A.'s Office.

The course fosters in-depth conversation about the criminal justice system, culminating in jointly-authored policy proposals.

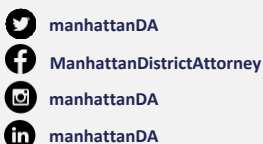
## Pre-Arrestment Diversion

The Pathways to Public Safety Division supports the Office's pre-arrestment diversion work through Project Reset and Project HOPE. **In the first three quarters of 2022, more than 200 people were diverted from prosecution after successfully completing pre-arrestment programming.**

**Project Reset** is a diversion program for eligible individuals who have been arrested for a low-level misdemeanor charge and received a Desk Appearance Ticket ("DAT"). Programming is provided by independent nonprofit organizations and is designed to be educational, offer resources, and make connections to additional services.

**Project HOPE** provides a rapid response by deploying a peer navigator to the precinct for people with substance use disorders or who are at risk of overdose. The peers use a harm reduction approach by giving individuals receiving a DAT the opportunity for rehabilitation and connection to community-based services.

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