

Speak Up, Speak Out:

A Youth Summit on
Policing in New York City
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Welcome to *your* summit—*your* opportunity to make a difference in how you, your friends, and your family interact with police officers. Every adult in the room is here to listen to you. From better understanding policing in your schools, to your encounters with officers in everyday life—you are in the driver's seat of today's conversation. Based on your stories and your input, the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) will write a report on the state of police-youth interactions. We invite you to share your stories and to work with others to develop solutions to the challenges you see.

Agenda

8:15 am - 9:00 am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:15 am - 10:20 am	Panel: Policing In and Around Schools
10:20 am - 10:35 am	Break
10:35 am - 11:40 am	Panel: Street Encounters and Stop-and-Frisk
11:40 am - 11:55 am	Break
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch and Art Exhibit
1:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Breakout Discussion and Talkback
3:00 pm - 3:10 pm	Break
3:10 pm - 3:30 pm	Closing Remarks

This Summit is for Everyone

The NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board is committed to creating a safe space for all youth to participate—regardless of what school you attend, where you live, or who you are. We want everyone to learn from each other and even make new connections so that we can build a community of young people working to improve policing. To create this safe space, we want to establish some ground rules around how to interact with each other. To maintain a respectful space, we ask every participant to:

- Use “I” statements to avoid making generalizations,
- Respect speakers by practicing active listening,
- Avoid interrupting others in small group discussions,
- Appreciate different perspectives even if you disagree,
- Honor our time by returning from breaks on time,
- Turn off distractions from cell phones and other devices, and
- Invite everyone to contribute to the conversation.

Most importantly, we commit to treating everyone with dignity and respect no matter their age, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, disability, family background, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Etiquette and Inclusion

To ensure that transgender and gender nonconforming members of our community feel welcome, all attendees must respect a person’s preferred gender pronouns (he/him/his, she/her/hers, or they/them/theirs). You might see someone include their preferred gender pronoun on their name tag. If you do not know someone’s gender pronouns, it is okay to ask, “What pronoun do you prefer?” If you make a mistake about someone’s pronoun simply make a correction and move on.

Transgender people are often targets of disrespect, discrimination, or violence in restrooms. One way to make this a safe space is to respect transgender people’s ability to use the restroom that is consistent with their gender identity—which is the policy at New York University. A single stall, all gender restroom is located on the first floor behind the elevators of the Kimmel Center.

About the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board

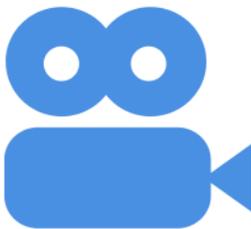
The NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the nation's largest, independent, all civilian oversight agency of the nation's largest police force. It is empowered to investigate, mediate, and administratively prosecute complaints of misconduct against members of the New York City Police Department (NYPD).

The agency reviews complaints alleging excessive or unnecessary use of force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or offensive language. In cases where the Board finds that an officer committed misconduct, we recommend disciplinary action to the NYPD Police Commissioner. By state law, the Police Commissioner is the only person able to impose disciplinary action on police officers.

Every month, the CCRB hosts Board Meetings where members of the community can speak directly to the agency leadership about civilian oversight of police and policing issues in their community. Board Meetings are open to the public. We welcome everyone to attend and speak at Board Meetings.

If you would like the CCRB to share more about the agency in your community and explain how civilians can file complaints, you can request an outreach presentation by a member of our team at nyc.gov/ccrbpresents.

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

Speakers



Winnie Shen, CCRB Youth Advisory Council Member

Winnie Shen is a community organizer apprentice at Housing Conservation Coordinators, a housing rights non-profit based in Hell's Kitchen. She also serves as an executive assistant with the Chinese Feminist Collective, an organization that aims to support the Chinese feminist movement and its activists.



Demitrius Doward, CCRB Youth Advisory Council Member

Demitrius Doward is a junior at Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning Heights and lives in the Mott Haven section in the South Bronx. Demitrius helps lead the club Million Hoodies to help build the next generation of human rights leaders to end anti-Black racism and systemic violence.



Rev. Fred Davie, Chair, NYC CCRB

Fred Davie serves as the Executive Vice President for the Union Theological Seminary located in New York City, which prepares students to serve the church and society. Additionally, he is a member of the Mayor's Clergy Advisory Council (CAC) and is co-convenor of their public safety committee, which is focused on building community safety and improving police-community relations. Davie served on President Barack Obama's transition team and was later appointed to the White House Council of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Davie has served the City as Deputy Borough President of Manhattan and Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayor for Community and Public Affairs. Davie is a mayoral designee to the Board appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio in 2016, and later served as Acting Chair prior to being appointed Chair.



**Michael A. Lindsey, PhD, MSW, MPH, Executive Director,
McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research**

Dr. Michael A. Lindsey is a noted scholar in the field child and adolescent mental health, as well as a leader in the search for knowledge and solutions to generational poverty and inequality. He is the Executive Director of the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research at New York University (NYU), the Martin Silver Professor of Poverty Studies at NYU Silver School of Social Work, and an Aspen Health Innovators Fellow. He also leads NYU's university-wide Strategies to Reduce Inequality initiative from the McSilver Institute. At McSilver, Dr. Lindsey leads a team of researchers, clinicians and other professionals who are committed to creating new knowledge about the root causes of poverty, developing evidence-based interventions to address its consequences, and rapidly translating their findings into action through policy and best practices.



**Vincent Southerland, Executive Director Center on Race,
Inequality, and the Law at NYU School of Law**

Vincent joined the Center on Race, Inequality and the Law in February 2017. He previously served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender with the Federal Defenders of New York. Prior to that, Vincent spent seven years at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF). While there, he engaged in litigation and advocacy at the intersection of race and criminal justice, working on behalf of death-sentenced prisoners and juveniles sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. He also led LDF's advocacy efforts around race and policing. Prior to that, he was a staff attorney at The Bronx Defenders, and an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center. He began his career as a law clerk to two federal judges. Vincent holds an LLM from Georgetown University Law Center, and graduated from Temple University School of Law and the University of Connecticut.

Panel: Policing In and Around Schools

Moderator



Zunera Ahmed, Brooklyn College Student

Zunera is a lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York. She is a student at Brooklyn College with a major in Psychology. She is active in student life and a lead researcher in multiple research studies. Passionate about advocacy, Zunera began to work with various CUNY groups to lobby for higher education funding.

Panelists



Neillah Peritfrere, Girls for Gender Equity, Young Women's Advisory Council

Neillah is 16-years-old and lives in Brooklyn. She is originally from Haiti and attends Prospect Heights High School. She wants to attend Harvard after graduating. One of her goals is to be the valedictorian and give the speech at graduation. She's interested in becoming a public speaker and a songwriter. Her plan for the future is for her voice to be heard and to be able to change as much things in the world. One way she is doing that already is by speaking up about issues that impact her community, including policing through The Young Women's Advisory Council at Girls for Gender Equity. She is looking forward to new experiences and learning more about herself.



Terrell Cornelius, KIPP NYC College Prep High School

Terrell Cornelius is an educator and peer leader who works with students who display educational disabilities and are oftentimes isolated from their peers. Terrell focuses on providing educational equity to all students and will do so by any means necessary. Terrell is currently working on getting his students more involved with politics and using platforms, such as social media, to amplify their voices.

Polling Instructions

Throughout the morning panels, moderators will poll the room to get your thoughts on policing issues in your school and community in real time. You will have only a few seconds to respond to each question so be ready!

Here are 3 ways to answer poll questions:

- 1 Download the Poll Everywhere app in the iTunes or Android app store on to your cell phone. Open the app and join the presentation at pollev.com/ccrbyouthsummit.
- 2 Open a web browser on a laptop or cell phone and go to topollev.com/ccrbyouthsummit.
- 3 Respond by SMS. To join the conversation, text "CCRBYOUTHSUMMIT" to 22333. Standard text message rates apply according to your cell phone provider.

If you don't have a cell phone or laptop, don't worry. There will be someone at your table who can submit responses for you.

Panel: Policing In and Around Schools

Panelists



Mendy Mendez, Brotherhood/SisterSol

Mendy Mendez is a 16-year-old, born in the Dominican Republic and raised in the Bronx. He is a current member of the Liberation Program (LP) at The Brotherhood/Sister Sol. LP members, like Mendy, all share the goal of speaking out against and ultimately bringing down the school-to-prison pipeline and other oppressive systems. Mendy wishes to speak about the ways School Safety Agents in New York City (NYC) public schools are creating an inhospitable learning environment for youth of color and other visions for school safety. Mendy, alongside members of LP, believes that substantially increasing the number of student support staff (College Counselors, Career Counselors, Guidance Counselors, Therapists, Social Workers, and more) will actually create a learning environment NYC students deserve.



Christopher Mitchell, Riverton Street Charter School

Christopher Mitchell is the middle child between his seven year old brother, Justin Mitchell, and his soon to be 16 year old sister, Myah Victoria Mitchell. Christopher would like to go into the profession of law and become a Supreme Court Justice one day! One of Christopher's hobbies is competitive gymnastics in which he is currently a Jr Olympic level 5 gymnast with USA Gymnastics. Christopher is also a violinist for Harmony Orchestra.

Panel: Street Encounters and Stop-and-Frisk

Moderator



Natalie Theresa Jean, Rising Leaders Inc.

Natalie Theresa Jean graduated from New York University in 2016 with a major in Politics and a minor in Social and Public Policy. She is dedicated to policy reform, with a passion to bring systemic and structural change to institutions that have historically discriminated against vulnerable populations. As the IRB Administrator/Paralegal at MDRC, a policy research non-profit that evaluates and implements programs that affect the lives of low-income individuals, her work centers on assessing and mitigating risks to both the organization and research participants. Ms. Jean is a member of the junior board of directors at HEAF and a Program Director at Rising Leaders, Inc., both educational nonprofits.

Panelists



Tianesha Drayton, Community Advocate, Youth Represent

Tianesha Drayton is a Community Advocate at Youth Represent and co-facilitator of the Youth Speakers Institute. Before joining Youth Represent, Tianesha was a youth fellow at the Brooklyn Community Foundation, and a Program Assistant at Exalt Youth. She is currently majoring in Liberal Arts: Social Science at Medgar Evers College, and has aspirations to someday be an author & motivational speaker for youth and young adults who have also been negatively impacted by the school, criminal, and juvenile justice system.



Marcus Harley, Undergraduate Senior, New York University

My name is Marcus Harley, I am a graduating Senior at NYU's Silver School of Social Work. Born and raised in the Bronx, I have a passion for music production and my career goals seek to incorporate a mix between creative arts and the helping professions.

Panel: Street Encounters and Stop-and-Frisk

Panelists



Jarrell Daniels, Research Assistant, Center for Justice, Columbia University

Jarrell E. Daniels is a research assistant for the Center For Justice and a Justice-In-Education Scholar at Columbia University. His main focus is on understanding how mass incarceration and criminalization impacts minority communities. He is particularly interested in working with others in academia, government, civil society and affected communities to create a new vision for the criminal justice system and ultimately shape policies that help individuals, families and communities thrive. Jarrell is a Friends of the Island Academy youth advocate and peer mentor. He offers disciplined advice for justice-involved youth re-emerging from Rikers Island and juvenile detention centers throughout NYC and for teens struggling to find social balance.



Amethyst Davis, CCRB Youth Advisory Council

Amethyst Davis is a Chicago transplant and senior at New York University studying Public Policy who has conducted research on policing and anti-violence efforts in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Chicago, Illinois. She hopes to use her education and work on the CCRB Youth Advisory Council to facilitate productive dialogue amongst law enforcement officials, policymakers, and grassroots organizations to reimagine public safety and spur transformative justice in our communities.

Art + Action

Visit the Art Exhibit by the windows to see works by young artists that address policing and criminal justice.

Breakout Discussion Facilitators

Oversight as a Solution to Policing: Policy, Data, and Advocacy



Nicole M. Napolitano, Ph.D., Director of Policy and Advocacy, CCRB

Nicole Napolitano is the Director of Policy and Advocacy at the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), the nation's largest independent police oversight agency. Dr. Napolitano leads the Policy Unit, which analyzes and publishes data, reports, and policy recommendations related to misconduct in the New York City Police Department. She also connects with community advocates and elected officials to develop strategies to advance the CCRB's oversight and public education mandates. Before the CCRB, Dr. Napolitano was a Senior Policy Manager at the Department of Investigation's Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD and an adjunct faculty member and researcher at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, studying the connection between politics, public opinion, and crime control policy.

Criminal Defense and the Criminalization of Youth



Anthony Thompson, Director and Professor of Law, New York University School of Law, NYU Center on Race, Inequality and the Law

Anthony Thompson is a Professor of Clinical Law at New York University School of Law. Prof. Thompson has been in the NYU Law Faculty for over 20 years. He teaches courses related to criminal law and civil litigation, race, and leadership. His scholarship focuses on race, offender reentry, criminal justice issues and leadership. Prof. Thompson has authored several books in these areas. Professor Thompson designed and developed the first course in the country focusing on offender reentry, formerly known as the Offender Reentry Clinic. Professor Thompson is the founding faculty director of the Center on Race, Inequality and the Law at New York University. In addition to his clinical law work, Professor Thompson also teaches a seminar on leadership and the law as well as an undergraduate course on race and criminal law.

Understanding Our History: How Did the Criminal Justice System Come to Be?



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I Am a Solution: Young People and Their Solutions to Policing in New York City



Jason Clark, Assistant Attorney General, New York State Attorney General, Harlem Regional Office

Mr. Clark serves a large constituency in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx by prosecuting violators of New York's consumer, labor, and civil rights laws. He represents the hardworking people of New York by bringing justice to a community in pressing need of legal services. Mr. Clark is the founder of DREAMChasers, which provides free tutoring and mentoring to 7th grade students from low income and underrepresented backgrounds for the NYC Specialized High Schools Test. Mr. Clark also serves as President of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, the largest association of African American attorneys in New York, where he has made social and criminal justice reform a priority. Mr. Clark is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Michigan Law School.

Breakout Discussion Facilitators

Police-Community Relations: How to Feel and How to Heal



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Leveraging the Power of Influencers to Make Change



Pete Borum, Founder and CEO, Stats and Stories LLC

Pete Borum is the Founder and CEO of Stats and Stories LLC, a social innovation studio helping non-profits and government agencies to better leverage data, consumer apps, and the latest media technologies to make the world a better place. Previously, Pete was VP of Corporate Development at Fullscreen, a next-generation media and technology company, fully-owned by AT&T Warner Media. Pete joined Fullscreen in 2018 with the company's acquisition of Reelio where he was Cofounder and CEO. Prior to Reelio, Pete was the Director of Communications at Revstone, a mid-market private equity firm, where he led the brand consolidation of 18 portfolio companies in 4 countries. Pete has a BA from Stanford University, and an MBA from the Wharton School. In 2017, he was named to Wharton's "40 Under 40."

Video, Design, and Creative: Using Social Media to Ignite Social Change



Mahlet Seyoum, Global Music Strategist, YouTube

Mahlet is YouTube's Global Music Strategist responsible for the digital strategies of artists, labels, and publishers worldwide. I've been at YouTube/Google for 8 years and am interested in the entertainment business, art, and social justice.

Marginalized Communities: Ensuring the Fair Treatment of all Populations by the NYPD



Ashe McGovern, Executive Director, NYC Unity Project, New York City Mayor's Office

Ashe McGovern (they, them, theirs) is the Senior LGBTQ Policy Advisor in the NYC Mayor's Office and Director of the NYC Unity Project, the citywide initiative to support and empower LGBTQ young people through innovative policy and program change. Previously, Ashe worked as the Legislative and Policy Director of the Law, Rights, and Religion Project, a think tank housed at Columbia Law School, and as LGBTQ Policy Analyst at the Center for American Progress in DC, where they worked on federal policy solutions to address LGBTQ poverty and criminalization. After law school, Ashe was an Equal Justice Works Fellow at New York Legal Assistance Group, where they launched the LGBTQ Health and Economic Justice Initiative to provide free legal services to low-income LGBTQ communities in NYC. Ashe received their B.A. from Cornell University and their J.D. from Cornell Law School.

How Documentary Arts Fuels Public Education



Jon Santiago, Photojournalist, Bronx Documentary Center

Jon Santiago is a photographer, filmmaker, and staff member at the Bronx Documentary Center. His work largely concentrates on America and Puerto Rico, exploring questions of identity, masculinity, class, and environment. He is also working on a long term project about the impact of climate change on the Bengal region of South Asia. His work can be found in publications such as The New York Times and TIME.

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Breakout Discussion Facilitators

Knowing, Protecting, and Fighting for Our Human and Civil Rights



Chris Smith, Youth Initiatives Lead Advisor, NYC Commission on Human Rights

Chris Smith is the Youth Initiatives Lead Advisor at the NYC Commission on Human Rights. He is tasked with enhancing and creating youth programming and conducting workshops across New York City on the protections covered under Human Rights Law. Chris' passion for human rights came from viewing the hardships people of color face and wanting to do something about it. As a graduate from Morehouse College, Chris felt that it was his responsibility to advocate for those who are unable to do so themselves. Since his arrival in 2014, Chris has conducted numerous workshops for youth and adults citywide, worked with different schools to establish a peer mediation program for their students, and worked closely with the Commission's Office of the Chair in developing new strategies to further engage with young people.

From Service to Civic Engagement: Unique Pathways to Criminal Justice Reform



Brooke Wallace, Program Director, Generation Citizen

Brooke has spent her career working in education and community outreach in New York City as well as South America. Brooke worked with Amnesty International and TransformeArte, researching human rights violations and organizing events and campaigns to raise awareness. In NYC she worked at Read Alliance, a nonprofit that pairs teen tutors with kindergarten and first-grade students who are struggling with reading. Brooke created strong relationships with schools and managed program quality which resulted in student growth in reading skills and a positive change in the confidence and motivation levels of students and teen tutors. Brooke uses her background in program management to continue to enhance programming at Generation Citizen.

Speaking Peace Forward in Communities and Among Those Who Police Them



Jania Perry, Youth Leader, Street Corner Resources

I am a singer and songwriter from Harlem New York. I work at an anti-gun violence organization by the name of Street Corner Resources as the Youth Leader/Student Engineer teaching basic session setup in pro tools and logic production. I've always been involved in outreach and music. In middle school I was apart of a program called SPINS 4. I created a remixed version of countdown by Beyoncé for a flash mob for kick butts day, facilitated many talent shows and even sang at Binghamton College. I went to a performing arts high school and later transferred to Harlem Renaissance where I met my current organization. I was taught music production in protocols and in logic introducing me to opportunities in being able to teach what I know, as well as community service and outreach work. I also sing with Vy Higginsen's Harlem choir.



Anthony Gray, Outreach Worker, Street Corner Resources

Anthony Gray is a highly motivated professional that specializes in strategic marketing plans for 21st century consumers. He has over 6 years of hands-on experience as a marketer and manager producing results for clients. He assembled a marketing team that assisted in the gorilla marketing campaign for one of Harlem's current district leaders, Cordell Clear, that led to her winning 70% of the vote. With his charismatic style and approachability he received appreciation from the Lenoir Youth Development Center for his participation in the 2017-18 speaking series for his outstanding contribution. In addition communication is his passion. He firmly believes in fully understanding customer needs in order to achieve complete customer satisfaction. He is currently part of a community based public health approach to preventing gun violence.

Breakout Discussion Facilitators

Designing Justice: Using Design and Technology to Make Change



Rafael Smith, Senior Product Design Lead, IDEO.org

Rafael is a Senior Product Design Lead at IDEO.org, a design and consulting firm. A designer and entrepreneur with experience tackling challenges from emergency shelters in disaster zones to agricultural systems in India and Africa, his work ranges from physical products to software applications and systems. Prior to joining IDEO.org, Rafa was lead designer at Solar Mosaic, an online investment platform for clean energy, helping the company enter the market and grow from zero to ten thousand users. As an industrial design consultant, he has created products for manufacturers like Bosch, SunBeam, and Pyrex and founded Uber Shelter, a company designing emergency shelters in Haiti, Venezuela, and Japan.



Ademide Adefarasin, Senior Business Designer, IDEO.org

As a Senior Business Designer at IDEO.org New York, Ademide applies strategic thinking and experimentation to help teams understand the market context and systems IDEO.org works in, ensuring design solutions are market ready, financially viable and sustainable. Prior to IDEO.org, Ademide worked for Accenture in Nigeria, with experience spanning from Strategy Formulation and Planning to Business Transformation, Implementation, and Project Management. She has also consulted for the International Finance Corporation, the World Bank, and the NYU Furman Center for Housing and Urban Development Policy. Ademide holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry with Management from the University of Warwick and a master's in Public Administration from New York University.

Don't Police My Gender: Reclaiming Youth Safety in Our Streets and Schools



Miracle Jackson, Young Women's Advisory Council, Girls for Gender Equity

My name is Miracle I am 18-years-old. I'm a senior in high school. I like to stand up for what I believe in. I feel it's important for things that are not often not talked about to be talked about. I feel it's important to talk about how young black girls are treated differently from their white peers. I also feel it's important to talk about the colorism that black girls face in the media and for me to speak up about the ways that young people can internalize the surveillance they experience in schools and communities by NYPD officers and School Safety Agents.



Saide Singh, Young Women's Advisory Council, Girls for Gender Equity

Saide Singh, a 17-year old from Bard High School Early College Manhattan, has been involved with political activism and community outreach for as long as she can remember. In school, she participates in her student union and school leadership team. Outside of school, she can be found engaging with other women of color in Sadie Nash and GGE. In her free time, she volunteers by providing companionship to visually impaired seniors and at a film camera shop in Brooklyn.



Yazmin Abdullah, Young Women's Advisory Council, Girls for Gender Equity

Yazmin Abdullah is a senior at the Business of Sports School. Yazmin is passionate about all issues that affect Black girls, colorism, and criminalization of Black femmes. She has a strong passion for business which so started one of my her own, Melanin Publications Inc. She uses social justice to educate herself and her generation and hopes to be apart of the generation to make reform happen.

Breakout Discussion Facilitators

Perspectives in Power: Using Prosecution to Move Justice Forward

Emilio Estela, Deputy Bureau Chief, Office of the Manhattan District Attorney

Emilio Estela graduated from Cornell Law School and received his B.A. from Fordham University. After law school, he was appointed as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. He has served as a criminal court supervisor, senior supervising attorney and as Attorney-in-Charge of the NYU Law School prosecution clinic. He is currently a deputy bureau chief in Trial Bureau 70 and Attorney-in-Charge of School and Community Educational Programs. Emilio is also an adjunct at Fordham University.

Powering Change from the Grassroots: A Case Study of the Right to Know Act



Jake Martinez, Youth Programs Manager, NYCLU

Jake Martinez is the Youth Programs Manager at the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU). His current role involves managing the affiliate's youth organizing program, the Teen Activist Project, which focuses on empowering young people to take action to defend civil rights and civil liberties. As the Youth Programs Manager, Martinez works to strengthen youth engagement at the NYCLU and build lasting relationships among TAP alumni and the NYCLU's youth constituents across the state. Martinez holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Sociology and Psychology from Arizona State University and a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Family and Human Development, also from Arizona State University.



Change starts with you.

Invite the CCRB to speak at your school, community group, or organization: nyc.gov/ccrbpresents.



CCRB Youth Advisory Council

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a working committee made up of young leaders who are committed to criminal justice issues and improving police-community relations. Members will advise CCRB staff about its efforts to engage young New Yorkers, serve as ambassadors to their communities about the agency, and join team-building activities. Members participate in four quarterly meetings and were also key members in planning today's summit.



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