



**Department of  
Youth & Community  
Development**

# SOUTHERN BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD STUDY

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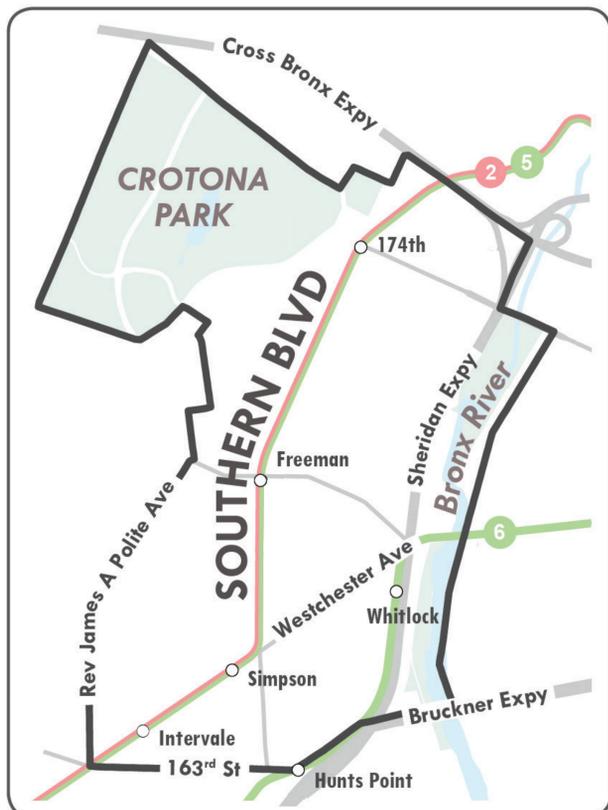
## MISSION

DYCD invests in a network of community-based organizations and programs to alleviate the effects of poverty and to provide opportunities for New Yorkers and communities to flourish.



programs are the most numerous programs in the Southern Boulevard area.

### DYCD-funded programs in the Southern Boulevard community.\*



**Cornerstone Community Centers** are in New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Centers and provide activities year-round for youth and adults. Cornerstone adult programs are designed to enhance skills and promote social interaction, community engagement, and physical activity. Cornerstone youth programs are designed to help participants acquire the skills and attitudes they need to graduate from high school, succeed in their chosen career, and give back to the community.

**Beacon Community Centers** are school-based community centers serving children age six and older, and adults. They operate in the afternoons and evenings, on weekends, and during school holidays and vacation periods, including the summer.

**COMPASS and SONYC Afterschool Programs:** The Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS NYC) comprises more than 900 afterschool programs serving young people enrolled in grades K–12. COMPASS offers high quality programs with a strong balance of academics, recreation, enrichment and cultural activities to support and strengthen the overall development of young people.

**SONYC (School's Out NYC)** is the middle school model and serves as a pathway to success for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Structured like clubs, the model offers youth choice in how they spend their time; provides rigorous instruction in sports and arts; and requires youth leadership through service. NYC becomes the classroom through trips and opportunities for instruction beyond the traditional facilities.

**Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) Programs:** The NDA Initiative fosters community-level engagement to ensure that services address the most pressing needs of each community and promote self-sufficiency and family stability. DYCD oversees a wide range of NDA programs, including programs that provide: • supportive work experiences, job-skills readiness and educational support for adolescents • advocacy and housing assistance for low-income tenants and homeowners • assistance to immigrant New Yorkers to access a variety of services • Adult Basic Education (ABE) and literacy programs • health insurance and health care access assistance • support programs, including social and recreational activities, exercise and nutrition programs, medical assistance and community services for New Yorkers aged 60 and older • and services to support and strengthen families, including counseling, educational/career advice, legal assistance, and other social services.

**Runaway and Homeless Youth Services (RHY):** RHY services are designed to protect runaway and homeless youth and, whenever possible, reunite them with their families. Services include borough-based drop-in centers, crisis shelters, transitional independent living (TIL) programs, and street outreach services.

**Summer Youth Employment Program:** The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with paid summer employment for up to six weeks in July and August. Participants work in entry-level jobs in a variety of industries and receive workshops on job readiness, career exploration, financial literacy, and opportunities to continue education and social growth.

DYCD supports New York City youth and their families by funding a wide range of high-quality youth and community development programs, including:

#### AFTERSCHOOL

- Beacon Community Centers
- Comprehensive After School System (COMPASS)
- Cornerstone Community Centers
- Cornerstone Mentoring
- Neighborhood Development Area High School Programs

#### FAMILY SUPPORT

- Fatherhood Initiative
- Healthy Families Initiative
- Housing Advocacy and Assistance
- Senior Services and Assistance

#### RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH

- Crisis Shelters
- Drop-in Centers
- Street Outreach
- Transitional Independent Living (TIL) Programs

#### IMMIGRANT SERVICES

- Social Services & Government Benefit Assistance
- Employment Assistance
- Healthcare Assistance
- Civic Classes for Citizenship
- Application Assistance

#### JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

- Young Adult Internship Program
- In-School Youth Employment Program
- Opportunity Youth Programs
- NYC Ladders for Leaders
- Summer Youth Employment Program
- Out-of-School Youth Employment Program
- Work, Learn and Grow Employment Program

#### READING & WRITING

- Adolescent Literacy
- Adult Literacy
- Young Adult Literacy

### GET CONNECTED!

Youth Connect is a free and confidential information service that connects youth to jobs, afterschool programs and training opportunities.

CALL IN NYC: 1.800.246.4646

OUTSIDE NYC: 1.646.343.6800

EMAIL US: [youthconnect@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:youthconnect@dycd.nyc.gov)



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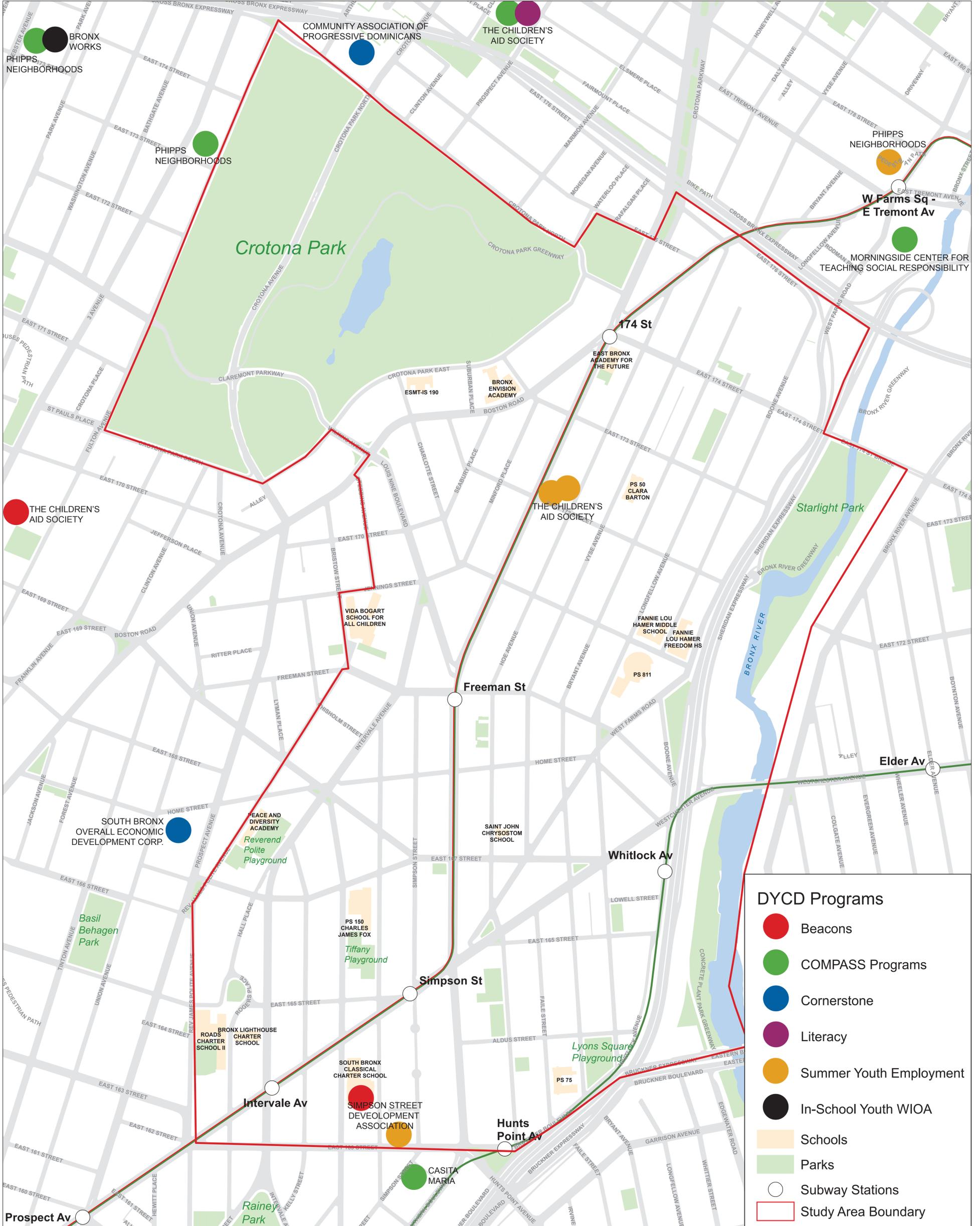


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\*Please see the handout for a list of providers/programs and their addresses for this area.



**DYCD Programs**

- Beacons
- COMPASS Programs
- Cornerstone
- Literacy
- Summer Youth Employment
- In-School Youth WIOA
- Schools
- Parks
- Subway Stations
- Study Area Boundary

