COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

JCCS staff participate in neighborhood/block association meetings, stakeholder meetings, and advisory committees across the city and county to gather ongoing feedback concerning quality-of-life issues affecting residents of Jersey City. The input from these meetings allows JCCS staff to continually adjust the program to address the needs of the community and participants.

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"It [JCCS] gave me a second chance and opened my eyes so that moving forward I will make better decisions.

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- JCCS Alum

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COURT OVERVIEW

Jersey City Community Solutions (JCCS) is a court-based, problem-solving program for low-level, non-violent offenders. Using a rehabilitation-focused approach, Jersey City Municipal Court judges have the option to sentence offenders to social services and community service rather than fines and incarceration. Enrollment in the program operates on a voluntary basis for eligible individuals. Defendants who choose to participate complete a customized screening with community court staff that will guide mandates for effective alternatives to incarceration. The goal of the program is to administer justice in a manner that steers individuals away from further criminal activity and ultimately promotes safety, trust, and growth within the community it serves.

ELIGIBLE OFFENSES

Potential participants will be made aware of their eligibility during their first court appearance and given the opportunity to opt-in to the Community Solutions program. Only charges pending in the Jersey City Municipal Court will be eligible.

Eligible offenses, which are exclusively low-level and non-violent, may include (but are not limited to): Drug Possession, Disorderly Conduct, Shop-lifting, and Trespassing. Individuals with certain prior charges and convictions may be ineligible for the program.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Judges have the option to mandate attendance to rehabilitative social services. Based on a screening from Community Solutions staff, this may include required participation in drug treatment, mental health services, or job readiness programs.

OUTREACH TEAM

The Community Solutions Court Outreach Team seeks to expand access to court services by partnering with local non-profit organizations for outreach events. Individuals who attend these events may receive assistance finding information concerning outstanding court cases and fines. Referrals to a variety of support services are also available, as well as access to a peer support specialist.

Onsite locations include:

- Triangle Park Community Center
- Hudson County Wellness Center
- Jersey City Free Public Library

For information on specific dates and locations, please check our outreach calendar at jerseycitynj.gov/communitysolutions.