New York City’s Supervised Release program was recognized as one of the seven finalists in Harvard’s Innovations in American Government Award this year which recognizes and promotes excellence and creativity in the public sector. The Supervised Release program was selected by the Innovations Award evaluators based on its novelty, effectiveness, significance, and transferability, as well as its impact on economic and social mobility, inequity, and stratification in the justice system.

The top three most frequently referred services are employment, substance use, and mental health. Supervised Release social workers aim to address the root causes of arrests. After conducting a needs assessment, they identify which services may benefit the client and which the client is interesting in pursuing.

The Pretrial Youth Engagement Program (PYEP) launched on March 1, 2018 to target higher risk/high-severity 16- to 19-year-olds in Brooklyn who are ineligible for Supervised Release. As of September 30, 2018, PYEP had 80 clients. 95% of all PYEP clients made every one of their court appearance through program start and 88% were not re-arrested for a felony.

Many individuals were admitted to Rikers on the same charges most commonly admitted to Supervised Release during the same time period. On average, those admitted to Rikers stayed less than two weeks in jail. While some of these cases may have different characteristics from those that go into supervised release, this points to additional opportunities to appropriately divert individuals.

Supervised Release mandates by borough and charge
Between July and September 2018, 1,184 new participants were mandated to Supervised Release citywide. From program start to September 2018, there were 10,145 total participants mandated to the program. The chart to the right shows Supervised Release by borough and charge for Quarter 1 of this fiscal year compared to Quarter 1 of the last year fiscal year.
Supervised Release Quarterly Scorecard

Citywide | July—September 2018

HOW ARE SUPERVISED RELEASE PARTICIPANTS DOING?

Appearance and re-arrest outcomes:
The primary goal of Supervised Release is to ensure that clients return to court and make all of their court appearances.

Comparing Citywide Appearance Rates

Citywide court appearance rates for Supervised Release are similar to rates of those that are released on their own recognizance or released on bail. Per the CJA Annual Report, 86% percent of defendants released pretrial make all their court dates.

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Rate of appearance by supervision level

Rate of no felony re-arrest by supervision level

Success story

A 17-year-old and recently homeless Queens Supervised Release client was having a difficult time keeping his grades up. Because he was mandated to Supervised Release instead of having bail set, he was able to attend classes. When he found out that would be graduating high school, he discovered that he would not be able to walk with his cap and gown. He spoke with his Supervised Release social worker and she was able to make the payment toward his cap and gown an incentive for doing well in the program. Because of the help he received from Supervised Release and not having to go to Rikers, he was able to walk with his class during graduation. Shortly after he graduated, his case was dismissed.

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*Indicated data from March 1, 2016 to September 30, 2018