



MAP Programs and Partners Responding to COVID-19, as of 4/10/2020:

NeighborhoodStat

For over a year, teams of residents from each MAP development have been meeting with neighbors, city agencies, and community based organizations to prioritize the safety issues most important to their development. These teams are at the heart of NeighborhoodStat (or “NStat”), and, in 2019, they led a participatory budgeting process in which residents were invited to submit their own ideas to strengthen safety and build community through built environment projects and/or social programming. NStat teams engaged 1,600 people citywide at their local launch events and collected over 6,100 idea cards citywide in 4-6 weeks.

Teams then gathered these submissions for a wider “Make Your Voice Count” campaign in which all MAP residents could select their top project idea to receive \$30,000 in committed funding from the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ). Twelve developments are actively announcing winning projects, and have engaged over 15% (over 9,200 ballots collected) of their neighbors in the process! Red Hook, Queensbridge and Stapleton Houses continue to lead their Make Your Voice Count campaigns electronically. To learn about selected projects, or to participate in your development’s ongoing campaign*, click on the **linked development name** for an update, or **contact your development’s MAP Engagement Coordinator (see below)**.

Teams are currently building a digital network to stay connected to one another during this time and to develop platforms to reimagine digital public space, co-create safety responses, support community building, and convene city agencies to leverage resources and collaboratively solve local problems.

Development Name	MAP Engagement Coordinator	Contact
Boulevard Houses (3/31)	Kareem Whyte	whytek@courtinnovation.org
Brownsville Houses (4/1)	David Gaskin	gaskind@courtinnovation.org
Bushwick Houses	Sandra Tapia	stapia@lossures.org
Butler Houses (4/7)	Javier Genao	genaoj@courtinnovation.org
Castle Hill Houses (4/9)	Luis Rosa	rosal@courtinnovation.org
Ingersoll Houses (4/9)	Danielle Brutus	brutusd@courtinnovation.org
Patterson Houses (4/7)	Kiana Ruff	ruffk@courtinnovation.org
Polo Grounds Towers (4/9)	Donell Leverett	leverettd@courtinnovation.org
Queensbridge Houses (4/1)	Gwendolyn Wilson	gwilson@riissettlement.org
Red Hook Houses (4/7)	Alicia Arrington	arringtona@courtinnovation.org
St. Nicholas Houses (4/8)	Mercy Badmos	badmosm@courtinnovation.org
Stapleton Houses (3/31)	Leticia Lucero	lucerol@courtinnovation.org
Tompkins Houses (4/6)	Kenesha Traynham-Cooper	cooperk@courtinnovation.org
Van Dyke Houses (4/1)	Jamel Evans	evansj@courtinnovation.org
Wagner Houses (4/1)	Marcus Johnson	johnsonm@courtinnovation.org

We thank our partners -the Center for Court Innovation's Neighborhood Safety Initiative, Los Sures (Southside United), and Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement -for continuing to co-lead the NStat teams and Make Your Voice Count Campaigns.

**Please note that, in order to participate in the decision-making process, you must live in a MAP development.*

Youth Opportunities

Update on Summer Youth Employment Program 2020, announced on 4/7/2020: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and out of concern for the health and safety of all New Yorkers, the Department for Youth and Community Development has made the difficult decision to not operate SYEP this summer. Youth inquiries can be directed to: youthconnect@dycd.nyc.gov. MAP is currently exploring alternate opportunities for youth to safely engage in positive, skill-building experiences this summer, because we know this is a critical time. One related resource is [Fun at Home](#), a free new digital platform to provide safe, fun, and entertaining virtual activities for New York City's teens and young adults. This resource also provides tips to cope with the public and mental health challenges that may arise during this difficult time. Young people can also text "Fun" to 97743) to stay up-to-date on new ways to stay safe and have fun at home.

Human Resources Administration (HRA)

Our HRA MAP Outreach Supervisor is continuing to provide critical support to residents and partners in each development by phone and email. MAP community residents and partners may reach out to: (929) 221-5250 or (646) 630-4642 and floresd@dss.nyc.gov.

New Yorkers can apply for and manage their benefits online at nyc.gov/accesshra or through the [ACCESS HRA mobile app](#). All in-person HRA appointments have been canceled. You will get a text, email, or mail from HRA letting you know your next steps. NO NEGATIVE CASE ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN during this time! Your Cash Assistance (CA) and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) case will stay open even if you do not attend in-person appointments.

Clients who would otherwise be required to recertify their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamps or Cash Assistance (CA) cases do not need to do so at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, all clients have no need to call HRA offices to recertify. Recertifications are postponed and clients will get a letter in the mail when it is time to recertify.

Department for the Aging (DFTA)

DFTA Community Advocates serve seniors and kinship caregivers in MAP communities. Advocates have shifted from in-person support groups, workshops, and events to virtual/telephone check ins. Staff are also making wellness calls to residents.

Contact your development's DFTA Community Advocate for any questions [\(see below\)](#).

Additionally, in-person DFTA services will now take place over the phone. Please call the Aging Connect phone line: [\(212\) 244-6469](tel:212-244-6469) or email agingconnect.nyc.gov for the following services:

- Case Management
- Elder Abuse and Crime Services
- Legal Assistance for Seniors
- Caregiver Support (Both for individuals caring for elderly, and for seniors caring for children)
- Health Insurance Information/ Medicare Insurance Questions
- Senior Employment Work
- Foster Grandparent Volunteering
- Long Term Care
- Friendly Visiting
- Assistance in Bill Paying
- Mental Health
- Meals: Currently, the Department for the Aging is switching entirely to meal delivery for people who were already receiving grab and go meals at the senior centers (called the centralized meal delivery pilot). Senior Centers are now closed and meals will be delivered directly to seniors' residence, free of charge.

MAP Developments	DFTA Community Advocate	Contact Phone	Contact Email
Polo Grounds Towers St. Nicholas Houses Bushwick Houses Boulevard Houses	Grant Cruz	(917) 618-1786	GrCruz@aging.nyc.gov
Wagner Houses Castle Hill Houses Van Dyke Houses Tompkins Houses	Antoinette Emers	(917) 620-3663	AEmers@aging.nyc.gov
Stapleton Houses Ingersoll Houses Red Hook Houses Queensbridge Houses	Frank McCrea	(917) 618-1674	fmccrea@aging.nyc.gov
Butler Houses Patterson Houses Brownsville Houses	Wendy Porrata	(929) 275-2956	WePorrata@aging.nyc.gov

Next STEPS Mentorship

In partnership with the Department of Probation, trusted community-based organizations provide mentorship and cognitive behavioral therapy to young adults between the ages of 16- 24 at each of the 15 MAP developments. With the guidance of credible messengers, Next STEPS participants are supported with a stipend, as well as greater access to education, work opportunities and community engagement. These programs have transitioned to virtual group meetings and mentorship sessions in order to protect communities from the spread of COVID-19. For a listing of Next STEPS providers by development, [see below](#).

Development Name	Next STEPS Provider	Contact
Boulevard Houses	Good Shepherd Services	Damian Myrick Damian_Myrick@GoodShepherds.org
Brownsville Houses	RiseBoro Community Partnership	Thaddeus Canty tcanty@riseboro.org
Bushwick Houses	CASES	Barry Cooper bcooper@cases.org
Butler Houses	The Osborne Association	Arabia Veggacado aveggacado@osborneny.org
Castle Hill Houses	The Osborne Association	Arabia Veggacado aveggacado@osborneny.org
Ingersoll Houses	Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.	Rham Robinson Rrobinson@communityalternatives.org
Patterson Houses	The Osborne Association	Arabia Veggacado aveggacado@osborneny.org
Polo Grounds Towers	Children's Village	Arnell Jackson ajackson@childrensvillage.org
Queensbridge Houses	Community Mediation Services	Julie Defina

		jdefina@mediatenyc.org
Red Hook Houses	Fedcap Rehabilitation Services	Eric Waters EWaters@fedcap.org
St. Nicholas Houses	Harlem Commonwealth Council	Dorin Hammond dorinhammond@gmail.com
Stapleton Houses	New York Center for Interpersonal Development	Emanuel Bloomfield-Jones bloomfield.resource@gmail.com
Tompkins Houses	CASES	Dolores Moody dmoody@cases.org
Van Dyke Houses	Good Shepherd Services	Clarence "Gus" Alexander Clarence_Alexander@GoodShepherds.org
Wagner Houses	Exodus Transitional Community	Ugo Machuca UMachuca@etcny.org

Community Centers

Each MAP community center is developing virtual learning and recreational opportunities for young people, families, and the community at large. See below for a listing of programming by development.

Stapleton

We are excited to announce that as a kickoff to our remote learning, we will be holding a virtual celebration in recognition of Officer Gerard Carter this Friday!

When: Friday, April 3, from 2pm to 5pm (2pm-3pm specifically for youth; 3-5pm all community members welcome)
Carter Center has been providing to-go lunches. Beginning April 3, will be distributing to-go materials for the youth to join in and partake in activities online on a weekly basis (pick up between 11:30am and 2pm).

Red Hook

Miccio Cornerstone has been distributing Grab and Go Meals every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am - 1:00pm for Red Hook families.

Castle Hill

Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club will be hosting virtual activities for young people. To find out more, visit: www.kipsbay.org.

Conflict Mediation Services

PEACE Institute:

(Manhattan and Brooklyn) Peace Institute office locations are closed, but staff are still committed to providing services to clients, and continue to conduct mediations and coaching by Zoom video call or conference call. Anyone who is interested can make a request by visiting <https://nypeace.org>.

Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution (IMCR):

(Bronx Sites - Castle Hill, Butler, Patterson) IMCR is continuing to offer conflict mediation services through Zoom. For updates, visit: <https://www.imcr.org>.

New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID):

(Stapleton) NYCID is operating remotely, and is able to accept calls. Meditations will continue to be held by telephone and Zoom video call. NYCID is also working on offering community-building circles using Zoom. For updates, visit: <http://nycid.org>.

Red Hook Community Justice Center (RHCJC):

Red Hook Peacemaking at the Red Hook Community Justice Center is providing conflict resolution and personal advancement services remotely by phone and video call. For more information or to make a referral, please contact Jacqueline Renaud-Rivera at jrenaud@nycourts.gov or Molly Albertson at [917-319-0121](tel:917-319-0121).

Community Mediation Services (CMS):

(Queensbridge) The CMS office is closed until further notice. Mediation staff are transitioning from in-person mediation sessions to online mediation sessions via Zoom video call or phone. Once all parties consent to mediation and staff have determined that the case is appropriate for mediation, the case will be scheduled for an online session via Zoom where mediators will be assigned to support the clients in the mediation process.

- For issues relating to Community and Family Mediation, please reach out to Debbie-Ann Henry - dhenry@mediatenyc.org
- For issues relating to Special Education, IEP's, and Early Intervention, please reach out to Susan Petza - spetza@mediatenyc.org
- For issues relating to Civil Court Matters, please reach out to Laura Waldman - lwaldman@mediatenyc.org
- For issues relating to Surrogate's Court Matter, please reach out to JoAn Pangilinan-Taylor - iptaylor@mediatenyc.org
- For one-on-one conflict coaching, please reach out to Susan Petza - spetza@mediatenyc.org

Green City Force (GCF)

- **Green City Force** is a full time Americorps service program. Over the course of the year, Corps members (18-24 year-old NYCHA residents) receive job training through hands-on experience and serving their community, \$600 stipend every 2 weeks (approx.), Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, monthly unlimited MetroCard, leadership and professional development opportunities, valuable skills to launch their career in sustainability, and assistance in finding and securing employment.
 - **STATEN ISLAND RESIDENTS ONLY: GCF is resuming recruitment for Staten Island NYCHA residents only at this time.**
 - Virtual Info Sessions will be held weekly on Tuesdays at 2pm (starting Tuesday, April 14th). Once applicants fill out the **Pre-Application**, they will be sent the link and instructions for accessing the virtual Info Session. Please have Pre-Applications submitted by 12pm the day of the Info Session in order to access that day's Info Session. The next cohort is tentatively scheduled to start late spring, subject to COVID-19 guidance.
 - Pre-App Instructions: **Click Here** to access the GCF Service Corps Pre-Application. This form is best filled out on a computer, but can be filled out on a phone too (no need to download anything). Once the Pre-App is received by the GCF Recruitment team, instructions on accessing the Virtual Info Session on Zoom will be sent to the applicant.