

Diversions Programs

The Staten Island Justice Center seeks to reduce crime and incarceration by providing court-involved participants with supportive services and by engaging the community in prevention programs. Through alternative-to-incarceration services, the Justice Center seeks to better address the underlying causes of peoples' involvement in the criminal justice system, reducing the likelihood of future involvement and increasing community safety. Our diversion programs include Alternatives to Incarceration and Project Reset.

Alternatives to Incarceration

The Staten Island Justice Center offers a number of short- and long-term social service options, including clinical intakes and assessments, case management, and specialized programming. Programming includes:

- **Driver Accountability Program:** one-session group intervention that draws on elements of restorative justice and procedural justice to change risky driving behaviors
- **Theft Accountability Program:** one-session group intervention that explores social, economic, legal, and emotional causes and consequences of theft encouraging behavior modification
- **Anger Management:** aims to identify the root causes of anger while learning to identify thoughts, feelings, emotions, and physical sensations that contribute to a heightened situation
- **Case Management:** used to coordinate referrals to community based providers and monitor progress
- **Community Service:** projects to improve neighborhood conditions and strengthen community ties
- **Counseling Services:** one-on-one counseling services with a licensed social worker focused on therapeutic needs/goals

Project Reset

Project Reset is a citywide pre-arraignment diversion program that responds to low-level offending in a proportionate, effective, and supportive way. Provided by the Staten Island Justice Center in partnership with the Richmond County District Attorney's Office, Staten Island's Project Reset gives participants the opportunity to avoid a criminal record by completing community-based programming. Project Reset consists of two tracks:

- Traditional Project Reset is a two-session interactive group, grounded in the tenets of procedural justice and cognitive behavioral therapy, as well as individual sessions focused on connecting individuals with appropriate community-based services. These sessions help participants reflect on the challenges that led to their arrest and avoid further involvement with the criminal justice system.
- 511 Project Reset is a one session group where participants learn about drivers licenses, vehicle registrations, and navigating the DMV online system. Participants then have 60 days to pay off any fees related to their suspended license.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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