

PRIORITY AREAS AS DEFINED BY THE YLC



Economic Stability

- Financial preparedness + investment classes
- Job opportunities that do not require a college degree
- College scholarships covering more than tuition
- Homeownership
- Tax preparedness + instruction
- Ability to pay bills, loans or debts
- Recruiting talent from the ONS YLC



Health & Well-being

- Knowing how to access resources
- Access to healthy and affordable food
- Feelings of safety in the community and at home
- Community relationships
- Self-love, self-respect and self-awareness
- Equal emphasis on mental and physical health
- Cultural awareness
- Focus and acknowledgment of the LGBTQ+ community



Physical Space

- Community and surroundings
- Clean environment
- Respecting each other
- Safety
- Infrastructure
- Better lighting
- Trees and nature



Safety and Justice

- Healing and prevention
- Authentic relationship building between the police and the community
- Calming environment
- Lighting in dark places Access to resources (shelter, food, healthcare, transportation and basic necessities)
- Equity
- Cultural and gender acceptance

ACTION PLAN INTERESTS + NEXT STEPS



Community members are invited to share their interest in being involved in our Action Plan project this year. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback on the winning project, please contact youthleadership@courtinnovation.org.

2023 ONS YLC INTEREST



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the ONS Youth Leadership Council? If so, please scan this QR code and fill out this form. Alternatively, follow us on IG @youthleadershipcouncilnyc to follow our progress.

YOUTH ASK YOUTH CENSUS SURVEYS



The Youth Ask Youth Census was developed by over 300 NYC youth ages 13-24. It asks you to reflect on your current experience and to suggest creative improvements to the systems and services for young people in NYC. Youth around NYC are making their voices heard on the issues that matter most to them. What are you waiting for? Complete all 4 surveys and you will receive a \$25 gift card!

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ONS YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

2ND ANNUAL ONS YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL POLICY SUMMIT



PAL Center • 441 Manhattan Ave
Saturday, October 15, 2022 • 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

An initiative of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) in partnership with the Center for Court Innovation, and the CUNY Intergenerational Change Initiative.



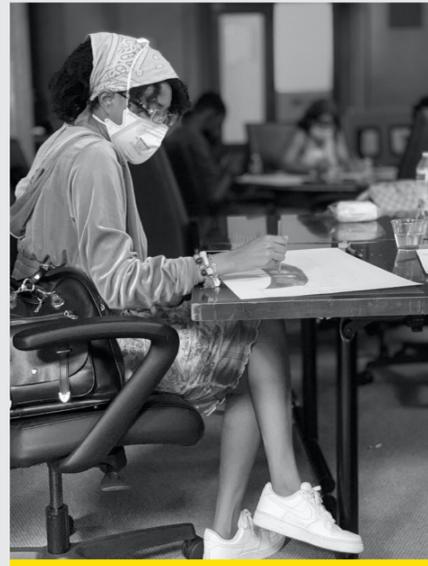
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WHAT IS THE YLC?

The ONS Youth Leadership Council brings together nearly 50 young NYCHA residents ages 16-22, who live in 20 ONS developments across New York City, to set and achieve youth-driven solutions to community issues. Youth council members serve for nine-months and use various public research and advocacy tools to engage their peers in defining safety and well-being.



ACTION AGENDA

The YLC Action Agenda is a set of recommendations created and endorsed by YLC members in 2021 that addressed the following priority areas: Safety and Justice, Physical Space, Economic Stability, and Health and Well-being. These recommendations were reviewed, considered, and then voted on by 2022 YLC members to move forward as participatory budgeting projects.

GOAL 7: MENTAL WELLNESS

Take proactive measures to destigmatize mental health

STRATEGY 7.1
Assess, develop and use language for mental health that is accessible to all and builds on the resilience of communities of color to normalize seeking support

POLICY EVENT	STATUS
A. Host forums that uncover the language that is stigmatizing and normalizing to create a culturally informed communication campaign; forums must include space for different age groups and cultural and lived experiences	DEVELOPED BY YOUTH COUNCIL
B. Host small-group community discussions on the ways in which "mental illness" carries a strong stigma in our communities and what makes for "culturally competent" care	DEVELOPED BY YOUTH COUNCIL
C. Host small-group community discussions on how "resilience" shows up in Black/Brown communities - both as an asset (strength) and a liability (the shame of showing any sign of weakness)	DEVELOPED BY YOUTH COUNCIL
D. Normalize discussions around mental health by promoting testimonies by trusted messengers using social media platforms (discussion groups, TikTok, YouTube)	DEVELOPED BY YOUTH COUNCIL
E. Require all NYC students take a psychology and mental wellness class to normalize discussion around and bring awareness to mental health	DEVELOPED BY YOUTH COUNCIL

GOAL 10: COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO SOCIAL AND/OR PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Alternatives to current crisis response system

STRATEGY 10.1
Invest in unarmed crisis response

POLICY EVENT	STATUS
A. Expand awareness of and access to crisis response by mental health providers for incidents involving mental illness, homelessness and addiction in MAP communities	DEVELOPED BY YOUTH COUNCIL
B. Centralized location for crisis hotlines / resources for easier access	DEVELOPED BY YOUTH COUNCIL
C. Advocate for auxiliary officers to respond to fights	DEVELOPED BY YOUTH COUNCIL

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

In the summer of 2022, the YLC launched a participatory budgeting process that engaged youth from 20 ONS NYCHA developments. The YLC participated in 7 events and by the end of balloting, collected 615 total votes from youth across the city.



SCHEDULE

11:00 am
Breakfast & Cafe Conversations

12:00 pm
Opening Remarks

12:15 pm
Keynote Address

12:20 pm
Youth Participatory Budgeting Process
& Announcement of Winning Project

12:45 pm
Lunch

1:30 pm
Reconvene

1:45 pm
Breakout-Rooms: Discussions & Activities

2:45 pm
Reconvene & Group Share-back

3:00 pm
Closing Remarks + Next Steps

3:15 pm
Interactive Stations + Networking Opportunities

