

WHO WE ARE. The Bronx Defenders provides innovative, holistic, and client-centered services to indigent people of the Bronx, which include criminal defense, family defense, civil legal services, immigration representation, social work support, and advocacy. Our staff of over 300 represents 32,000 individuals each year and reaches many more through outreach programs and community legal education.

HOW WE WORK. We operate on multiple levels: as a provider of Holistic Defense working one-on-one with clients and families; as a community resource; and as a force for systemic change.

OUR STAFF. Our diverse staff includes criminal, civil, family, and immigration attorneys; social workers; benefits specialists; investigators; community organizers; team administrators; and civil legal, parent, and immigration advocates.

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COMMUNITY INTAKE SERVICES

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm
360 East 161st Street Bronx, NY

SERVICES PROVIDED

- 1) an in-person meeting with one of our non-attorney advocates
- 2) an assessment of your issue/needs
- 3) a meaningful referral for services

In some cases we may be able to refer the case internally to an attorney or non-attorney advocate.

In cases when we can handle the matter in-house, The Bronx Defenders will be able to provide support with the issues detailed inside.



Call our Community Intake Advocates at 718-838-7878 to find out if we can help you

CIVIL ACTION

- **Defend against evictions or subsidy terminations** that involve alleged criminal activity in private or public housing
- Help with **civil forfeiture and property retrieval**
- Consultation regarding **employment or income-related problems** triggered by an arrest or removal of children
- Provide access to **public benefits** through our Benefits Advisers
- Offer **reentry services**:
 - Obtain criminal histories
 - Prepare certificates to demonstrate rehabilitation (Certificate of Relief from Disabilities or Certificate of Good Conduct)
 - Clear criminal record errors
 - Seal certain convictions
- Provide **Know Your Rights information** related to housing, employment, government misconduct, benefits, and re-entry

CRIMINAL DEFENSE

- Provide representation for Bronx County Desk Appearance Tickets (DATs)
- Arrange surrenders to NYPD
- Determine whether a person has a bench warrant/assist to vacate warrant
- Screen for Sex Offender Risk Level reduction

FAMILY DEFENSE

- Represent parents in abuse and neglect cases in Bronx Family Court
- Advocate for families during the child protection investigation before a legal case is filed
- Advise pregnant women who are at risk of child protection involvement

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IMMIGRATION

Assist immigrants with criminal histories who

- are in deportation proceedings
- are seeking to apply for/renew a green card (Legal Permanent Resident status)
- are applying for citizenship, visa or work permit
- are seeking to travel outside the US
- have contact with US Immigration authorities (DHS, USCIS, ICE)

OTHER

- Monthly Notice of Claim Clinic
- **Benefits Adviser Hotline:** 718-838-7849
- **24-hour Legal Hotline:** If you or a family member is arrested, wanted by the police or contacted by ACS, call our hotline at 347-778-1266.