

## OUR WORK



## IN 2014, YOUTH REPRESENT . . .

- provided legal representation or advice to **802** youth.
- obtained **658** rap sheets to help youth understand their criminal record and corrected **183** errors in those rap sheets.
- closed **269** defense and reentry legal cases, and opened **282** new ones.
- taught **148** legal workshops to **1,377** youth, and held additional trainings for parents and youth service providers.

## OUR IMPACT

Here's what **clients and partners** said about Youth Represent in a recent evaluation of our Community Lawyering Model (read more about the evaluation on page two or on our website) —

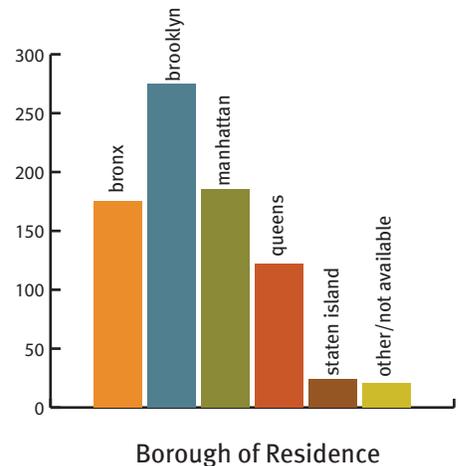
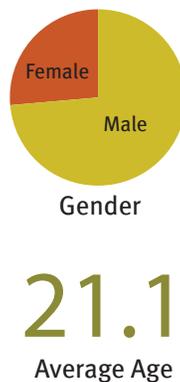
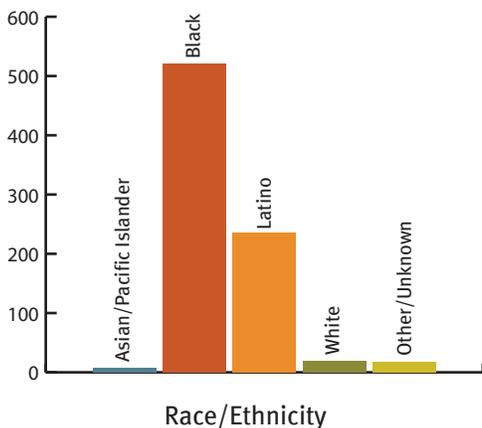
*"Youth Represent attorneys are reliable and trustworthy partners for young adults, and inspire trust in their clients even though some are initially wary of attorneys."*

*"[My Youth Represent attorney] was actually excellent and I probably wouldn't be able to move forward without their services."*

*Youth Represent workshops on police interaction provide young people with "realistic information that would allow them to avoid police harassment & confrontational situations."*

*"I didn't know where to go to check my record. It felt good to have someone do it for you and be on your side."*

## OUR CLIENTS



\*Excludes criminal record information services (rap sheet reviews) and record repair (error correction) services.

# YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS

## from YOUTH REPRESENT

Youth Represent's reentry legal representation and advice open doors for our clients to obtain jobs, stay in school, and maintain safe and stable homes with their families. The effectiveness of our holistic approach was recently proven by the results of a full-scale, comprehensive evaluation of our community-based lawyering model. Among other findings, the report shows that our attorneys resolve 4 out of 5 cases successfully, that our Know Your Rights workshops impart useful knowledge on navigating police interactions, and that our clients see our attorneys as true counselors who are "authentic, who could be trusted, and who understand their needs and the needs of the communities in which they live."

The evaluation was conducted by Westat and Metis Associates and made possible through the generous support of the Mayor's Center for Economic Opportunity. Evaluators used data from a variety of sources: surveys of young adult clients and staff at community partners, interviews of community partner staff, focus groups with young adult clients, and administrative and outcome data from Youth Represent. The evaluation found positive impacts from Youth Represent's informational workshops, one-on-one rap sheet review sessions, staff trainings at community partners, and legal representation.

Here are some highlights from the evaluation:

- 96% of clients trust Youth Represent staff
- 98% of youth indicated that they will use the information they learned in a Youth Represent workshop in their own lives.
- Only 11% of all cases ended because of attrition.
- "Partner organization staff unanimously applauded Youth Represent's dedication to serving the legal needs of their participants."

You can find the full report on our website at [www.youthrepresent.org](http://www.youthrepresent.org).

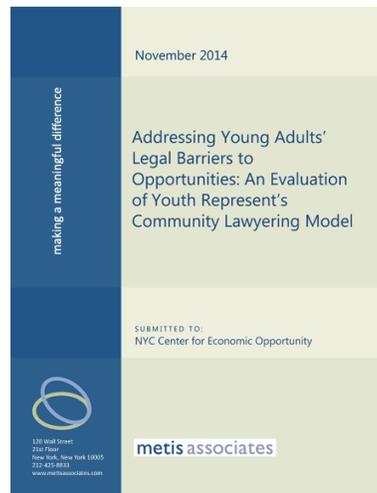
## OUR NEW HOME

Youth Represent began in 2006 as a single attorney working out of a borrowed desk in the space of our oldest and largest community-based partner: the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES). Since then, we have grown exponentially, with nine employees now serving hundreds of young New Yorkers.

Last year, the building where we had been co-located was sold, and so for the first time, Youth Represent moved into our own office. While we miss the support and day-to-day interactions with staff and clients that sharing a space with CASES offered us, we have been energized by having a new home for our staff and clients.

Our growth over the past eight years is due in large part to the support of the individuals, like you, who believe in our mission of making sure that young people are not defined by an arrest or conviction.

Come visit us at our new location: 11 Park Place, Suite 1512, New York, NY.



*An independent evaluation of Youth Represent's Community Lawyering Model by Westat and Metis Associates and supported by the Mayor's Center for Economic Opportunity found unanimously positive impacts.*

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