

# Bronx Assist

## Pre-Arrest Diversion Pilot

### 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct



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A Partnership Between the Bronx District Attorney's Office, the 44th Precinct, and Community-based Providers.

#### WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

This pilot program offers **pre-arrest diversion** for individuals arrested on certain non-violent, non-victim misdemeanor charges. Instead of going to arraignment, eligible individuals will be offered **immediate services** by a trained peer navigator at the precinct after receiving a Desk Appearance Ticket (DAT).



#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Individuals arrested on DAT-eligible, non-violent, non-victim misdemeanor charges.
- **NOT ELIGIBLE:** Any arrest involving violence, threats, a human victim, domestic violence, or sex offenses. Additional exclusions apply (e.g., open warrants or pending felony/misdemeanor cases).
- **For examples of eligible charges, see reverse.**

#### WHAT HAPPENS AT THE PRECINCT?

Once charges are verified as eligible by the A/O:

- **The participant is issued a DAT.**
- **Provider meets with the participant immediately** in a private area of the precinct to offer support and services.
- Services are **voluntary** and based on the participant's immediate needs.

#### WHAT DO PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE?

Participants may choose from a **menu of immediate support services**, including:

- Naloxone/fentanyl test kits
- Hygiene kits, clean clothing
- Food, gift cards, OMNY cards/MetroCards
- Assistance with ID or shelter access
- Mental health referrals
- Case management referral
- Referrals to education, training, healthcare, benefits, and other services based on the individual's needs
- Referrals to family services like therapy, parenting classes, and social services

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## WHY THIS MATTERS

- This program helps reduce court backlogs while addressing root causes of low-level offenses.
- It provides an **immediate, low-touch, needs-based intervention**.
- It supports community safety and reduces recidivism without overburdening the system or participants.
- **If the participant accepts services**, no charges will be filed and **they do not need to appear in court**.
- If they decline, the case proceeds through traditional channels—but services may still be offered at arraignment.

## OFFICER ROLE & SUPPORT

- Officers help identify eligible cases and escort the participant to the Desk Sergeant.
- Providers are stationed **inside or near the precinct** and will handle engagement.
- Officers will not be required to facilitate services—just to notify the team when a case is eligible.

*Thank you for supporting this effort to build a safer, healthier Bronx through compassionate diversion.*

## EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE CHARGES INCLUDE:

- **PL §140.10**  
Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree
- **PL §140.15**  
Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree
- **PL §145.00**  
Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree
- **PL §145.60**  
Making Graffiti
- **PL §145.65**  
Possession of Graffiti Instruments
- **PL §155.25**  
Petit Larceny (fewer than 3 arrests in prior year)
- **PL §165.05**  
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the Third Degree
- **PL §165.15**  
Theft of Services
- **PL §165.40**  
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree
- **PL §170.05**  
Forgery in the Third Degree
- **PL §178.05**  
Criminal Diversion of Prescription Medications in the Fourth Degree
- **PL §220.03**  
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree
- **PL §220.50**  
Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the Second Degree
- **PL §225.05**  
Promoting Gambling in the Second Degree
- **PL §230.00**  
Prostitution
- **PL §240.36**  
Loitering in the First Degree
- **PL §240.45**  
Criminal Nuisance in the Second Degree
- **VTL §319**  
Operating a Vehicle Without Financial Security
- **VTL §511(1)(a)**  
Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the Third Degree
- **VTL §511(2)(a)(iv)**  
Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the Second Degree
- **VTL §512**  
Operation While Registration is Suspended or Revoked
- **VTL §1212**  
Reckless Driving

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