



The Young Adult Opportunity Program

The SDNY Young Adult Opportunity Program (YAOP) established in 2015, provides selected young adult defendants (generally ages 18-25) with intensive supervision by Pretrial Services and regular interaction with the supervising federal judges, Hon. Ronnie Abrams and Hon. Sarah Netburn.

The Program provides these young adult defendants with structure and access to employment, counseling, and treatment resources. If they are successful, program participants may receive a shorter sentence, a reduction or deferral of the charges filed against them, or nolle/dismissal of the charges entirely.

Graduates of the YAOP have continued to be positive and contributing members of their communities. Graduates have become EMTs, flight attendants, store managers and union laborers. They have continued their education, from obtaining their GED to enrolling in graduate school. They have purchased homes and started families. They have paid taxes, often for the first time.

Less than
10%

of YAOP graduates have been rearrested, a figure significantly lower than that of other non-violent young adults in the federal system.

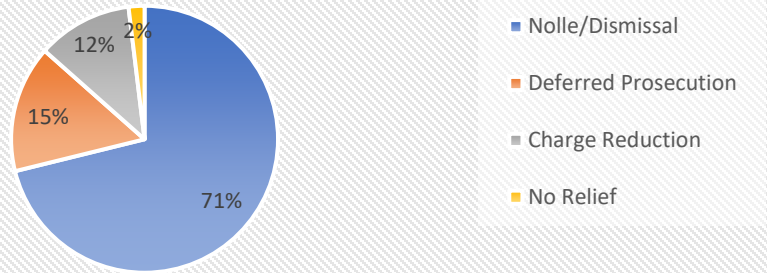
Education and Employment

YAOP encourages its participants to attend school and/or gain employment.

90% of the active participants are working.

40% of the active participants are both working & in school.

Dispositions



“One thing I’m really proud of is going back to school. I was out of school for 4 years but now I have that extra push from the Program, it is definitely great to have the encouragement and support I needed to start.”

- YAOP Graduate

“If it was not for this Program honestly speaking, I would’ve never launched my own clothing line or even believed that I could.”

- YAOP Graduate

“The program changed me as a person, I learned to be responsible and self-regulated.” - YAOP Graduate

YAOP gives young adults a second chance.

Treatment

70%

of the active participants are receiving mental health treatment.

20%

of the active participants are receiving substance abuse treatment.

For more information about the Young Adult Opportunity Program (YAOP), please visit:
[Young Adult Opportunity Program | U.S District Court \(uscourts.gov\)](http://uscourts.gov)

All participants in YAOP are charged with non-violent offenses.

Demographic	Active	Graduated	All Participants: 2016 to Present
Men	6	49	60
Women	4	17	21
Financial Charges	6	39	47
Drug Charges	4	26	33
Firearm Charges	0	1	1

“Through YAOP, I was connected with the resources I desperately needed to turn my life around.” - YAOP Graduate