

## Bronx HOPE

**Bronx Heroin Overdose Prevention and Education (HOPE)**, a new initiative of Bronx Community Solutions, addresses substance use issues with a harm-reduction model at the precinct level. By giving clients the option of accessing community services instead of appearing in court, Bronx HOPE gives Bronx residents the opportunity for rehabilitation and connection to community rather than jail or options that don't address the underlying issues.

### Principles of Bronx HOPE



#### HOPE for the Future

Bronx HOPE can help an individual avoid a criminal record. This improves access to:

- Employment opportunities
- Housing
- Educational opportunities

#### HOPE for Safety

Bronx HOPE strives to reduce crime and improve public safety. The program addresses a public health crisis and deaths related to drugs.

#### HOPE for Support

Bronx HOPE provides consistent, ongoing support throughout recovery.

#### HOPE for Success

Bronx HOPE uses certified peer mentors and staff to help access community-based health services that fit an individual's needs.

#### HOPE for Partnership

Bronx HOPE brings together law enforcement and community health workers to save lives.

#### The Process

The process begins when an individual is issued a Desk Appearance Ticket from the New York Police Department. The NYPD will forward this ticket to the Bronx District Attorney's Office, which will review the individual for eligibility. Individuals who receive a ticket for drug possession will have the option to participate in the HOPE program.



If an individual is eligible, they will be met at the precinct after their arrest by a peer mentor. The peer mentor will:

- Explain Bronx HOPE;
- Provide a naloxone kit, overdose prevention education, and training on its proper use;
- Connect the individual to Bronx HOPE case managers.



If an individual chooses to participate, they must meet with a Bronx HOPE case manager within 7 days of their arrest. Case managers will:

- Conduct an assessment and work with the individual to develop an individualized plan of care;
- Help identify services that address an individual's needs;
- Provide support in the completion of services.

Bronx HOPE demonstrates that eligible cases are more likely to engage in programming with peer presence at the precinct. In 2021, Bronx HOPE had a contact rate of 79% for dispatched cases.

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#### **For More Information**

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