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**BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY DARCEL D. CLARK HOSTS
YOUTH JUSTICE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING
40 Representatives from Dozens of Agencies That Play a Critical Role
in Youth Justice System Find Common Ground**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark hosted a gathering yesterday of stakeholders from the judiciary, law enforcement, defense bar, schools, juvenile justice, corrections, community-based organizations and labor at the Bronx District Attorney's Office to find solutions to uplift our youth at a time of more young people becoming involved in violent crime.

District Attorney Clark told the 40 attendees, "You are committed to reverse a downward spiral. To have this many compassionate, concerned public servants and community people gather to find a solution is inspiring. I believe we'll find common ground because we all want the same thing: a bright future for our kids."

In an op-ed published in the New York Daily News on November 22, 2025, District Attorney Clark issued a "call to action" to those who play a critical role in the youth justice system, to revitalize it to stem the loss of young people to gun violence leading to death and prison.

The participants answered that call. They outlined their roles and explained what is needed, whether that is staffing, funding, communication, collaboration, administrative changes, or improving the Raise the Age law.

District Attorney Clark said, "We had a very informative, frank discussion on how individually and collectively we can help ensure justice for young victims, safety for the community and fair accountability for young defendants. It was the start of a great collaboration."