

# Bronx Community Board #2

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## Youth Service Committee

Larry Robinson, Chairman

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Members Present: Larry Robinson, Maggie Ortiz, Kevin Ellison, Liana Acevedo & Marylean Wrotten.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> presenters were representatives from the NYC Department of Corrections. They explained to the audience that there is an abundance of jobs and opportunities available in every position with the NYC Department of Corrections. Ms. Melanie Write and Correction Officer Mr. Manuel Luna gave a great presentation. Ms. Wright is an “Explorer Post Advisor” and Mr. Luna is a Correctional Officer. They indicated that Riker’s Island and other Correctional facilities need:

- Cooks
- Porters
- Secretaries
- Computer Operators
- Recreation Workers
- Drivers

We were informed that the City of New York benefits and pension plan for the NYC Department of Correction is “Excellent”. The focus was making youths aware of these great employment opportunities.

Ms. Wright and Mr. Luna are also partners with our local PAL New South Bronx Center where they now offer a Youth Explorer Program.

They can both be contacted at:

**Ms. Melanie Wright – HR Representative**  
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**Mr. Manuel Luna – Correction Officer**  
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The 2<sup>nd</sup> presenter was the 41<sup>st</sup> Pct. Detective Jeeuth Herawattie along with Mr. Lance Sanes who is a member of NYPD 41<sup>st</sup> Pct Auxiliary Unit. They talked about their efforts to recruit new members into their Auxiliary program and how successful they have been so far. Many of their graduates including Auxiliary Officer Mr. Lance Sanes now attend Maritime College which is located in our borough. Detective Jeeuth & Mr. Lance Sanes work constantly with our local schools in the form of mentorship. They visit school and offer whatever assistance that they can to lead our youth in the proper direction. They indicated that they are always looking for new recruits of all ages.

You can reach Detective Jeeuth Herawattie at:

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**1035 Longfellow Ave**  
**Bronx, NY 10459**  
**718-542-7105**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> presenter was Mr. Lloyd Donders who is a lawyer that represents all NYC students with disabilities about their rights that many do not know that they are entitled too. He is hired to work exclusively with the DOE (Department of Education) to represent students that are exclusively those with autism or special needs. Mr. Donders does not charge any parents a fee for his services.

You can reach Mr. Lloyd Donders at:

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The final presenter was Mr. Gregory Blackmon who is a senior Financial Counselor for ARIVA. ARIVA is a financial counseling organization that assist individual in applying for affordable housing. They offer free classes along with workshops that specialize in counseling NYC renters. Other services are:

- Improving your credit
- Create a household budget
- Reducing your debt
- Saving for moving expenses
- Application Assistance

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Announcement by Liana Acevedo that they are working on a 6-8 week curriculum for young adults ages 14-24. One curriculum will be for college readiness and one will be on job readiness. She is seeking any organizations or individuals that have knowledge on job readiness to assist. They are trying to incentivize the program so any organization that would be able to provide assistance or internships for the participants after completion of the curriculum.