

## About BxD

The Bronx Defenders, founded in 1997, is a public defender nonprofit that has developed a nationally recognized model of representation called Holistic Defense, which provides people with teams of lawyers, social workers, and advocates to address the underlying drivers and enmeshed penalties of legal system involvement while zealously defending them in court.

Since we opened our doors, we have grown into an organization of over 450 staff members vigorously defending nearly 20,000 New Yorkers each year in criminal, family, civil, and immigration proceedings who face incarceration, family separation, eviction, and deportation, among other devastating consequences.



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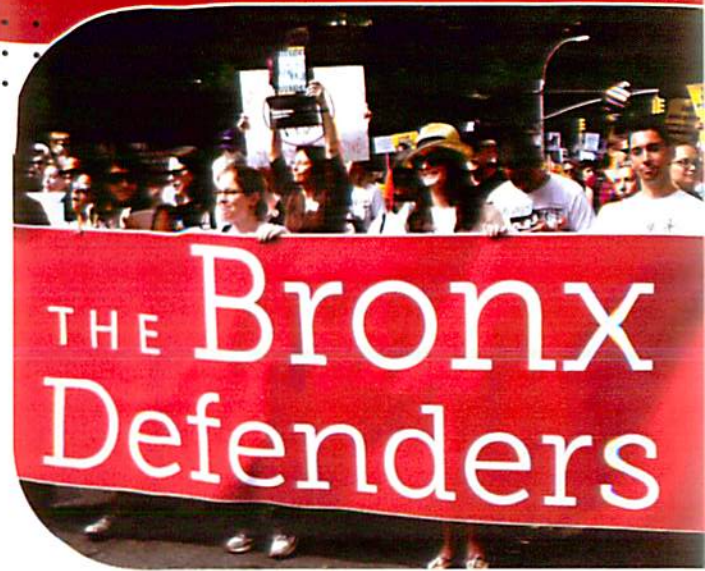
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*Phone* - Monday through  
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Thursday from 9am - 1pm



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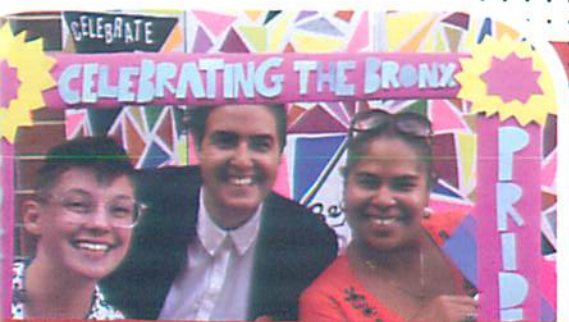




What is...

## Holistic Defense?

Every person who comes to BxD is connected to an interdisciplinary team of advocates, including criminal defense, family defense, civil, and immigration attorneys, along with social workers, benefits specialists, and civil legal, parent, and immigration advocates. At the heart of Holistic Defense is a commitment to person-centered representation, which defines a person not by their case but by the needs they identify.



## The Bronx Defenders

### Our Work

#### ► DIRECT REPRESENTATION

Each year, we defend nearly 20,000 Bronx residents in criminal, civil, family, and immigration cases, and reach thousands more through our community intake, social work, and outreach programs.

#### ► SYSTEMIC TRANSFORMATION

Our proximity to the legal system and the experiences of the people we represent place us on the front lines in the fight for fairness, justice, and equality. We partner with the people we serve to identify systemic problems and leverage our expertise to develop long-term solutions.

#### ► COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BxD is committed to partnering with the communities we represent. By working in coalition with Bronx-based leaders, we contribute skills, expertise, and resources to bring about a world where Bronx residents are free from harmful legal entanglement and able to thrive.

#### ► MENTORING & TRAINING

In addition to using our legal expertise, we also mentor, train, and guide public defenders in New York City and beyond on our unique model of holistic defense.

## How you can get involved!

- ☒ Stay informed about our work by signing up for our newsletter at [bxd.pub/subscribe](https://bxd.pub/subscribe)
- ☒ Donate to BxD at [bxd.pub/Donate](https://bxd.pub/Donate)
- ☒ Build leadership skills and help us advocate for city and state policy change by signing up at [bxd.pub/volunteer](https://bxd.pub/volunteer)
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