



RAISE

Reentry Assistance and Initiatives Supporting Everyone

- The RAISE (Reentry Assistance and Initiatives Supporting Everyone) Court is a special court of the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) dedicated to providing integrated services to justice-involved individuals returning to the district who are at a high-risk of recidivating to support their return home. This is done through a variety of empowering programming with supervision, support, and regular participation from the Court, Probation, U.S. Attorney's Office, defense counsel, and pro bono counsel. RAISE is voluntary, and provides individuals who have demonstrated a motivation to change the direction of their lives and are in great need of support with the tools, resources, and assistance needed to successfully reintegrate into our community.
- The Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall presides over the pilot RAISE Court, which began in the Fall of 2023. RAISE hearings are comprised of a small cohort of participants and the group aims to include individuals from a range of different ages. Twice a month, participants attend RAISE status hearings before the presiding district court judge as a group, where they each, in turn, discuss recent accomplishments and any obstacles faced since their last court appearance, as well as their goals. To name a few, goals may include educational or vocational achievements, employment, stable housing, satisfaction of court and other fines and violations, and family reunification. The RAISE Court seeks to lower recidivism and improve public safety by reducing reentry hurdles encountered by and providing effective wrap-around services to returning citizens most in need of support. The RAISE Court adopts an optimistic and hopeful perspective regardless of an individual's criminal history and recognizes that change is possible.
- Upon a participant's graduation from RAISE, the presiding judge will make a recommendation to the original sentencing judge concerning that participant's achievements and the extent to which a graduating participant's term of supervised release may be shortened or terminated. The original judge will make the final determination as to whether an individual's term of supervised release will be shortened or terminated.

