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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

***Legal Aid and Red Hook Initiative To Host Final Workshop in
Second Annual Know Your Rights Ambassador Training
Series***

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society and Red Hook Initiative (RHI) will host the final workshop of the second annual Know Your Rights Ambassador Training Series on Monday, December 11th from 6-8pm at the RHI headquarters in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

The series aims to educate youth about the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) gang database, police encounters and youth organizing. Participants who complete the training become youth ambassadors who will continue to facilitate Know Your Rights workshops and spread awareness on the [rights](#) that New Yorkers have to protect themselves from illegal police searches amid an increase in stop-and-frisk under Mayor Eric Adams.

According to recent [data](#), in 2022, the first year of the Adams administration, the NYPD made over 15,000 stops, the largest number of stops since 2015. These stops disproportionately target Black and Latinx communities, accounting for [89 percent](#) of all stops.

This training series is part of the comprehensive programming for Red Hook youth attending high school (ages 14 – 21), as they work toward their high school diploma, develop a post-secondary plan, gain paid job training and work experience, strengthen their social supports,

and exercise their leadership in the community.

WHAT: Legal Aid and Red Hook Initiative's Second Annual Know Your Rights Ambassador Training Series

WHEN: Monday, December 11th from 6-8pm

WHERE: Red Hook Initiative, 767 Hicks St, Brooklyn, NY 11231

RSVP: Members of the media should RSVP to ailopez@legal-aid.org

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