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Mission Statement

The Mission of
the Westchester County Youth Bureau
is to fund, monitor, and support
Westchester County non-profit agencies and
institutions that provide programs and
services to youth, in order to promote
positive youth development and encourage
healthy lifestyles.

INTRODUCTION TO WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

FUNDING STREAMS

The Westchester County Youth Bureau provides funding through three sources; the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYSOCFS), Invest-in-Kids local tax levy, and Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS).

New York State Office of Children and Family Services

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYSOCFS) designates the Westchester County Youth Bureau as its agent for distribution of four funding streams. Youth Development/ Delinquency Prevention Program Youth Services (YDPP-YS), Youth Initiatives Funding (YDPP-YI), Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP), Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Funding (RHYA). The Westchester County Youth Bureau discharges its responsibilities for administering these four funding streams through annual application and contract processes with not-for-profit agencies.

Funding parameters for the four funding streams are set by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Funding priorities are determined by the Westchester County Youth Bureau through Integrated Services Planning Processes. Through use of Request for Proposals, Westchester County seeks proposals from not-for-profit organizations that meet the requirements of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Westchester County for distribution of funding.

The purpose and goals of the four funding streams offered through the NYSOCFS:

Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention Program Funding (Youth Initiatives - YI)

The New York State Legislature passed the Youth Initiatives Act in 1978 to encourage and support high priority youth programs in counties that have approved comprehensive Youth Development/ Delinquency Prevention – Youth Services Programs and which have reached their maximum funding eligibility. Westchester County meets the prerequisites for this funding. Youth Initiatives funding is allocated to Westchester County for distribution to support the development of programs that address one or more of the initiatives outlined in the 1978 legislation.

Eligible applicants are community-based organizations incorporated as private, not-for-profit corporations or municipal service corporations. Youth Initiative Programs must serve high-risk youth under the age of 21 years or provide support to high-risk families with children less than 21 years of age.

To achieve the purpose of the Youth Initiatives Act, high priority programs are as follows:

1. Community organization projects which assist in the development of advocacy and self-help programs.
2. School-related prevention programs that address truancy, school suspension, school dropouts, youth vandalism, and school violence or provide educational alternatives for youth. Projects designed to demonstrate positive results of partnership linkages between social agencies and schools are given special consideration.
3. Human sexuality, including programs which address teenage pregnancy and youth prostitution.
4. Prevention of inappropriate placement of youth in residential or institutional settings.
5. Programs related to early identification and assistance to troubled youth and their parents including projects directed toward child abuse, multi-problem families, training for parents, assistance to non-traditional families, and post institutional adjustment.
6. Projects for limited English-speaking youth.
7. Employment projects directed to assisting youth to obtain employment.

Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention Program Funding (Youth Services - YS)

The Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention Program (YDDP) funding was established to encourage the State's diverse communities to create local opportunities for positive youth development. YDDP-Youth Services supports services that provide opportunities for positive youth development and help youths attain the developmental assets needed to grow up to be competent, caring and healthy adults. Youth is defined as an individual less than 21 years of age.

To achieve the purpose of the Youth Services funding, programs must include:

1. Involvement of youth in leadership and program planning activities, program implementation and evaluation
2. Provide a range of youth in leadership and program planning activities, program implementation, and evaluation
3. Provide opportunities where young people feel supported and safe
4. Focus on asset building by supporting:
 - Positive values
 - Social competencies

- Positive Identity
- Educational commitment

Some examples of programs funded through YDDP-YS include but are not limited to:

- After school tutoring and cultural enrichment programs
- Mentoring programs
- Peer mediation programs
- Peer counseling programs
- Work readiness and job placement programs
- Youth advocacy programs
- Youth leadership programs
- Teenage pregnancy prevention programs

Special Delinquency Prevention Program Funding (SDPP)

The Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP) is a specific initiative targeted for youth with well-defined needs. SDPP supports services aimed at keeping youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system or being chronically dependent on the human service system.

All programs under this initiative must serve “Targeted Youth”. Targeted Youth shall mean youth under 21 years of age who are:

- At risk of becoming person in need of supervision (PINS) or juvenile delinquents or charged with committing a crime
- Considered for placement outside the home
- Discharged into the community from institutional care or on parole
- Presently receiving community-based care as persons in need of supervision (PINS), juvenile delinquents (JD) or on probation
- Homeless youth or youth who have run away from home
- Chronically truant and/or illegally absent from school
- School dropouts
- Parents or about to become parents, or are children of a teenage parent, and lack adequate family supports
- Victims of child abuse, domestic violence, maltreatment, and/or neglect
- Members of a family who have had frequent involvement in the justice system and/or human services system, or lack adequate family supports
- Of limited English-speaking abilities
- In critical need of employment support services and jobs
- Involved in prostitution
- Exhibiting self-destructive behavior

Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Funding (RHYA)

New York State Office of Children and Family Services also provides RHYA funding to support services to reach temporarily house and, whenever possible, reintegrate runaway and homeless shelter residents back into their families and communities. Westchester's funding is targeted to supporting the operation of a runaway hotline and shelter.

Westchester County Urban Youth Initiative

(IIK)

In 1993, the Westchester County Urban Youth Initiative was established (under the Westchester County Youth Bureau Charter) as a mechanism for provision of local tax levy funding for expanded use of the positive youth development model in addressing the needs of at-risk youth under the age of 21 in eleven urban communities: Elmsford, Greenburgh, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, White Plains and Yonkers. Since the inception of this funding stream, small grants have also been made available to community programs serving at-risk, income eligible youth based upon United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Criteria.

The positive youth development model focuses on provision of opportunities for youth to actively acquire the skills and abilities needed to grow up to be competent, caring and healthy adults. Key elements of this model include:

1. Involvement of youth in leadership and service program planning activities, program implementation and program evaluation
2. Inclusion of parents, religious organizations, and the widest possible diversity of community groups and informal systems in the planning and implementation of youth services.
3. Provision of a range of structured activities for youth with diverse interest and needs.
4. Provision of opportunities where young people feel supported and safe.
5. Community and program focus on asset building by helping young people to acquire:
 - ■ Positive values
 - ■ Social competencies
 - ■ Positive identity
 - ■ Educational commitment

**Community Optional Preventive Services
(COPS)
(Funding provided through Westchester County Department of Social Services)**

The Community Optional Preventive Services Plan is designed to serve youth “who are not at imminent risk of foster care but as a group are considered at general risk of future foster care by virtue of one or more problematic behaviors” or presence of a cluster of youth risk indicators identified as early predictors of future risk for foster care placement or involvement in the juvenile justice system. COPS funding for the Youth Bureau will be used to support community / neighborhood based youth services and parenting programs aimed at reducing youth risk taking behaviors.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

COUNTYWIDE PROGRAMS

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This program provides educational advocacy services for 60 youth referred by the Westchester Family Court. These at-risk youth are in need of services in order to obtain stability and positive outcomes. The program operates at 111 Dr. Martin King Blvd. in White Plains, Monday through Friday, in accordance with the Court Calendar. Funding: IIK

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

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The Children's Village Sanctuary Program provides emergency shelter for over 200 Westchester runaway and homeless youths between the ages of 12 to 17. In addition to food, shelter and clothing, the program offers skilled assessment, medical care, counseling, case management, and aftercare services to stabilize youths in crisis and help them take control of their lives. The program provides a 24-hour Hotline, 1-888-997-1583, which serves approximately 500 callers annually. Emergency respite is also provided at the shelter to assist families and youths to work through issues to prevent youths from running away; from becoming a PINS (person in need of supervision); or from being placed outside of the home. The Sanctuary Program operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and serves youth countywide. Funding: COPS, RHYA

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DROP-IN CENTER [*\(return to table of content\)*](#)

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The Drop-In Center's Education and Employment Center is designed to empower young people aged 14 - 24 in their successful entry into the workforce. The Drop-In Center has a strong focus on job readiness training, job placement, life skills training, and serves youth from around Westchester County. The Center offers a rich, rotating schedule of programming on critical issues for at risk young people. Funding: COPS

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The Respite program provides 110 youth, ages 0 - 18, who have significant mental health needs, with therapeutic activities and wrap around supports. These activities foster the development of “protective factors” so that the youth can remain in the community and avoid hospitalization and out of home placement. The program also provides family support and respite for their multi-stressed caregivers. It is also designed to promote and support community-based activities (like summer Camp Success) for these high risk children. During the school year, the program operates Mon. – Thu. 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Fri. 2:00 p.m. to midnight, Sat.-Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. During the summer, the program operates Mon.-Thu- 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Fri. 4:00 p.m. to midnight and Sat. - Sun 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Funding: IIK

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH COUNCILS ([return to table of contents](#))

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This program engages youth, ages 11 – 18, in the Westchester County Youth Councils (Junior and Senior), which are county-wide leadership programs that are dedicated to fostering leadership development, increasing self-esteem, developing awareness of issues that impact young people, and teaching them creative and practical skills to effectively express opinions and advocate around issues. The program's mission is to stimulate interest in community service, youth leadership, and social activism for middle and high school youth with opportunities to impact social and public policy as well as their peer group. The Senior Youth Council meets every Monday night from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and the Junior Youth Council meets every Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. In addition, youth participate in a variety of community service projects and advocacy-related initiatives throughout the month which may take place days, evenings, and weekends. Funding: IIK

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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM ([return to table of contents](#))

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The Strengthening Families Program provides evidence-based family skills training to 24 youth and their families. The program is designed for high risk teens at risk of gang involvement and targets families who need parenting skills training. The program aims to reduce the likelihood of future involvement in the juvenile justice system and/or foster care for the young people. Young people are taught skills to resist peer pressure and negative peer influences, and make their own healthy decisions. The program operates year round and offers workshops over two 14 week cycles for 3 hour sessions, with a follow up booster session for each cycle. In between workshops, program facilitators participate in planning, training, and community collaboration. This program primarily serves White Plains and Central Westchester, but is open to youth and families countywide. Funding: IIK

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM ([return to table of contents](#))

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To combat teen dating violence, intimate partner abuse, and issues experienced by youth and adolescents who have witnessed domestic violence, the Domestic Violence Education and Prevention Program (DVEP) serves middle and high school students throughout Westchester County through classroom presentations, individual counseling, group counseling, and peer mentoring. The program operates: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (and until 9:00 p.m. at times) and weekends from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (for community outreach days). This program serves youth countywide. Funding: IIK

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NFTE teaches entrepreneurship skills to 700 high school students in districts throughout Westchester County. The entrepreneurship program utilizes classroom instruction and business plan competitions to help youth become economically productive members of society by improving their academic, career, decision making, and life skills. The program serves Greenburgh, Mt. Vernon, Yonkers, Valhalla, Yorktown Heights, White Plains, Port Chester, and Tuckahoe. Funding: OCFS YS

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Educational advocacy services are provided to 85 youth, ages 5 – 20, who are facing school problems such as failure, dropping out, disciplinary problems or failure to enroll. Services result in more appropriate school services that ensure: access to school, improved behavior, and better educational progress leading towards graduation. Program operates Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Funding: IIK, OCFS SDPP

WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES

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CENTER LANE ([return to table of contents](#))

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Center Lane provides after school and evening activities including educational workshops, discussion groups, youth leadership training, counseling, advocacy, and social events for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, trans-gender and questioning (lgbtq) youth. The program aims to reduce isolation and high risk behaviors and to support healthy development among the youth, ages 14 – 21. Center Lane also provides extensive community education to facilitate positive change for (lgbtq) youth in Westchester. Funding: IIK

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PARENT CHILD HOME PROGRAM AND PARENT CHILD CENTER PROGRAM

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The Parent Child Home Program (PCHP), which is a nationally recognized best practice parenting program, strengthens families and prepares young children to succeed academically. The program increases language and literacy skills, enhances social-emotional development, and strengthens the parent child relationship. The Parent Child Center (PCC) is a drop-in play group for low income parents or caregivers and their pre-school children. This component of the program develops learning readiness and builds parents' self esteem and parenting skills by developing language and pre-literacy skills. The program operates Monday through Friday from 9:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and serves 538 low income parents and their pre-school children. The Parent Child Center is open every Thursday (except August) from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Funding: IIK

PROGRAMS SERVING THE GREENBURGH AREA

THE CENTER FOR HUMAN OPTIONS

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PEER LEADERS WITH PURPOSE [*\(return to table of contents\)*](#)

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The Peer Leaders with Purpose Program will work with 100 youth, ages 10-15. The program develops leadership assets and abilities. It provides them with the support they need to avoid high risk behaviors including gang involvement, sexual activity, substance abuse, and criminal behavior, and to manage pressure, problems, and conflicts. The program begins by addressing the needs of individual youth, training them as leaders, and branches out through them to their peers and through community service. Funding: IIK, OCFS YS

PROGRAMS SERVING THE MT. KISCO AREA

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

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MT. KISCO FUN CLUB [*\(return to table of contents\)*](#)

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The Fun Club provides after-school extensive youth development programming for 100 children ages 5-12. Youth obtain learning strategies and character developmental skills, peer, and mentor relationships, and drug and alcohol resistance techniques within a safe, structured setting. In addition, a full service kitchen has recently been added where youth can enjoy a healthy meal. Funding: IIK, OCFS YI

PROGRAMS SERVING THE MT. VERNON AREA

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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS [*\(return to table of contents\)*](#)

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This program recruits, screens, and trains adult mentors. Volunteers mentor 76 children between the ages of 7 – 18 from single parent households, for 8 – 10 hours per month, for at least one year. The mentor and child will engage in activities ranging from recreational to homework help. Unmatched children & family are contacted regularly and are invited to bi-monthly program activities. Program site locations are in Mt. Vernon, White Plains, and Yonkers. Funding: IIK

FAMILY TIES OF WESTCHESTER

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DAUGHTERS OF DESTINY PROGRAM [*\(return to table of contents\)*](#)

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Daughters of Destiny will provide structured support in three communities, for 40 girls ages 8-18, that integrates relational theory, resiliency practices, and skills training in a format designed to use culture and community to increase girls' positive connection, personal and collective strengths and competence. The program operates 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in Mt. Vernon on Tuesdays, Ossining on Wednesdays, and Yonkers on Thursdays. Funding: IIK

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MANY PATHS: CAREER CENTER FOR TEENS [*\(return to table of contents\)*](#)

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Many Paths: Career Center for Teens prepares 25 Mt. Vernon High School students for their future after graduation. Each youth is assisted in developing a career plan which enables them to explore careers, the military, and skills training programs, associates and Bachelors Degree programs, and apprenticeships. Students also gain valuable work experience which includes employment preparation, job shadowing, service learning, internships, and employment. Funding: IIK

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HEALTHY FROM BIRTH FOR LIFE ([return to table of contents](#))

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Healthy from Birth for Life will sustain and enhance its Social Health Marketing Campaign aimed at improving birth outcomes in Mt. Vernon and Peekskill for 30 youth, ages 13 – 21, by addressing the consequences of childhood obesity. Youth will adopt healthier lifestyles now to reduce chronic diseases. Program operates Tuesday in Mt. Vernon and Wednesday in Peekskill from 3:30 – 5:30. Funding: IIK

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

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YOUTH EDUTAINMENT SERVICES ([return to table of contents](#))

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Youth Edutainment Services (YES) is an early intervention after-school education enrichment program held at AB Davis Middle School in Mt. Vernon. It provides a full cadre of services to help 40 highly at-risk 8th grade students, ages 13 - 15 succeed in and remain in school while reducing their at-risk behaviors. YES will assist individuals in achieving their personal goals and to become a contributing force in their community. The program operates Monday – Friday 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. during the school year and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. during the summer. Funding: IIK

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OFF THE STREET PROGRAM [*\(return to table of contents\)*](#)

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Off the Street is an after-school program which trains and hires high school students to provide homework assistance and personal mentoring to elementary school students who are struggling with poor academic, behavior management, and social skills. The program seeks to improve the grades, behaviors, and attitudes of the elementary students and the teens. The program operates at Hamilton School in Mount Vernon Monday through Thursday from 3:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Mentor and tutor training takes place July through September. Funding: IIK

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PROGRAMS SERVING THE NEW ROCHELLE AREA

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THE STRIVE DANCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ([return to table of contents](#))

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Through involvement in dance and positive youth development activities, 25 girls between the ages of 11-16 in New Rochelle, will learn to avoid violence peer influences, and risky behaviors and while developing protective factors, will have opportunities to learn and practice constructive skills for now and for their futures. The programs hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Funding: IIK

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PROGRAMS SERVING THE OSSINING AREA

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PROGRAMS SERVING THE PEEKSKILL AREA

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HEALTHY FROM BIRTH FOR LIFE ([return to table of contents](#))

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Healthy from Birth for Life will sustain and enhance its Social Health Marketing Campaign aimed at improving birth outcomes in Mt. Vernon and Peekskill for 30 youth, ages 13 – 21, by addressing the consequences of childhood obesity. Youth will adopt healthier lifestyles now to reduce chronic diseases. Program operates Tuesday in Mt. Vernon and Wednesday in Peekskill from 3:30 – 5:30. Funding: IIK

CITY OF PEEKSKILL YOUTH BUREAU

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ADVANCING LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES FOR TEENS [*\(return to table of contents\)*](#)

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The purpose of the Advancing Leadership Initiatives for Teens (LIFT) is to reduce multiple risk factors for 60 youth ages 11 – 14 in the areas of academic failure, use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, juvenile delinquent and aggressive/gang behaviors during non school hours through improving social competencies, sense of purpose, community and self. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Funding: IIK

PROGRAMS SERVING THE PORT CHESTER AREA

DON BOSCO COMMUNITY CENTER OF PORT CHESTER

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB-SALESIAN ORATORY [*\(return to table of contents\)*](#)

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Don Bosco Boys & Girls Club operates six days a week to provide after-school and weekend youth programming for 425 at-risk children, ages 8-18. As a gang prevention program, Don Bosco provides age appropriate activities in a safe place for kids. Funding: IIK, OCFS SDPP

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FIT FOR LIFE ([return to table of contents](#))

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Fit for Life Program promotes healthy lifestyles and teaches nutrition lessons for 2,500 students, ages 5-18 in the Port Chester School District. A combination of classroom instruction and small group sessions are utilized in addition School Based Health Centers which afford youth the opportunity to receive physical exams and comprehensive health services. Funding: IIK

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YOUTH AND POLICE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE ([return to table of contents](#))

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North American Family Institute provides a three-phased Youth & Police Leadership Initiative program for 30 13-18 year-old males, at-risk of gang involvement in Port Chester. The program consists of case management and outreach services; a coordinated youth and police training program; and a leadership academy for training graduates. Funding: IIK

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PROGRAMS SERVING WHITE PLAINS

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YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ([return to table of contents](#))

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El Centro Youth & Enrichment Program provides to 175 Hispanic youth, ages 4 – 18 strong personal values, a commitment to learning, and the development of social, moral, and emotional competencies through bilingual boys and girls scouts, computer technology and tutorial services for White Plains High School students. As a result, they will learn how to take care of their health and to make positive use of their leisure time, to develop into competent, caring adults ready to participate in society. The program hours for the Tutorial component are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Culture through Technology component is offered Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the Girls and Boys Scouts meetings being held Wednesday, Friday and/or Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funding: IIK

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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS ([return to table of contents](#))

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This program recruits screens & trains adult mentors. Volunteers mentor 76 children between the ages of 7 – 18, from single parent households, for 8 – 10 hours per month, for at least one year. The mentor & child will engage in activities ranging from recreational to helping with homework. Unmatched children & family are contacted regularly and are invited to bi-monthly program activities. Program site locations are in Mt. Vernon, White Plains, and Yonkers. Funding: IIK

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STEP-UP! ([return to table of contents](#))

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This program provides case management and outreach for 30 White Plains youth, ages 14 – 21, at risk of gang involvement. The program uses a violence reduction strategy, which includes youth-police partnership training, targeted toward African American and Hispanic youth involved in risky behaviors, failing in school or involved in the criminal justice system. Step Up! helps to build community trust, skills, and knowledge so that youth have a true opportunity for success. The program operates Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funding: IIK

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The GEMS Program supports girls from elementary through their high school years ages 5 to 18. The girls get accurate and helpful information on informed risk taking, health and wellness, gender-neutral careers, and visits by college career staff. Staff members address social skills and support positive interactions by providing activities where the girls can role-play, have group discussion and social outings. Funding: OCFS YS

PROGRAMS SERVING THE YONKERS AREA

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STUDY BUDDY ([return to table of contents](#))

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The Study Buddy Program provides job skills training for 30 youth, ages 14 – 16, who will participate in classes that teach interpersonal skills in the workplace, job search, resume development, application completion and interview skills, and career exploration. Conflict resolution will be incorporated throughout the curriculum. Leadership development will also be provided. The programs hours of operation are Monday – Friday 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Funding: IIK

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The City of Yonkers has the most youth poverty and high school "non-completers" in Westchester County. The WORK program will recruit youth in community centers and high schools in Yonkers, who are 14-20 years old, assess their needs, provide job readiness training, refer them to jobs, monitor their progress, and evaluate their performance. The program will help youth secure a job and learn how to secure a job. The program serves 500 youth. Funding: OCFS SDPP

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Greyston's Leaders of the Future Program serves 30 Yonkers youth ages 10-15. The program includes educational enhancement, entrepreneurship and technology training, conflict resolution and anti-bullying education, substance abuse prevention training, and cultural enrichment based on "proven practices" for youth at grave risk for social, academic, and personal underachievement. Funding: IIK

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RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL GREEN TEAM ([return to table of contents](#))

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The Green Team program at Riverside High School will engage 34 students, ages 13 – 16, in a 12 month hands-on environment education and community service program designed to increase environment awareness and community engagement, improve academic achievement, and encourage internships and employment opportunities in green jobs among participants. The program operates on the school calendar for 3 hours per week, with some weekends. During the summer, hours are 8 hours per week. Funding: IIK

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JUNIOR DOCENT PROGRAM ([return to table of contents](#))

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The Junior Docent Program provides 65 Yonkers public high school students with cultural enrichment and life skills. Students are trained to be junior docents at the Hudson River Museum and gain valuable work experience and career exploration. Junior Docents provide gallery tours, conduct workshops, make off-site trips to cultural institutions, plan group activities, and serve as interns in various museum departments. The program builds communication skills, confidence, leadership, and interpersonal skills. Junior Docents meet weekly during the school year for 2 hour sessions. The new docents meet on Wednesdays from 2:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.; the docents who have been in the program for 2 years meet on Fridays from 3:30p.m. – 5:30 p.m. All docents are required to work at the museum one weekend day each month from 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. In the summer, junior docents may work at the Museum Camp, which runs Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Funding: IIK, OCFS SDPP

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NEPPERHAN YOUTH CORP ([return to table of contents](#))

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The Nepperhan Youth Corp provides academic support, physical activity, violence and gang prevention, community building, musical, dance and drumming through a drum and bugle corps, mentorship activities and leadership building activities for 60 adolescent youth, ages 8 – 18. The program's hours of operation are Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and Saturday 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Funding: IIK, OCFS SDPP

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The YMCA provides 76 youth, ages 15 – 21 with opportunities for employment training leading to certification in specialized areas. These specialized areas include life guarding and fitness training. These areas will provide certification that will make a youth more marketable. The youth will also have the opportunity to create resumes, get some practical experience, develop cover letters, and participate in mock interviews. The programs hours of operation are Monday –Friday 5:30 pm– 9:30 pm. Funding: IIK, OCFS SDPP

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The P.E.A.R.L. ® Program empowers 30 girls ages 13 to 18 to optimize their potential for a productive future. Building on youth's strengths and positive values and utilizing an asset-development approach it provides a supportive, safe and culturally diverse environment where they can develop positive leadership qualities through career, employment, and community action exploration. Funding: IIK

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INTIMATE REALITIES & AFTER SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

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This program uses the arts to provide structured activities designed to foster positive attitudes and outcomes for disadvantaged youth. Youth engage in many art forms to channel energies into positive pursuits rather than the negative pursuits that the streets may provide. Performance for many community groups is a part of the training for these youth and many go on to careers in the arts. In 2009, more than 8,000 residents of Westchester County had an opportunity to experience YTI as actors, dancers, and musicians. Funding: COPS