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Mission Statement

The Westchester County Youth Bureau promotes positive youth development based upon the belief that families and extended families are fundamental sources of care, support and guidance for children and youth. Our schools and other community-based services both formal and informal are appropriate and effective complements to this foundation. The Youth Bureau seeks to nurture and strengthen the capacity of these basic institutions to foster positive youth development for Westchester's young people.

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)

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)

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

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 (IJK)

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

COUNTY WIDE PROGRAMS:

☐ CENTER FOR HUMAN OPTIONS, INC.

234 North Central Ave. Suite 203 R, Hartsdale, NY 10530

Director: Janeira Forté

946-6992

WESTCHESTER PEER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Contact Person: Janeira Forté

946-6992

Youth Served: 240

Funding Stream: IIK

The Westchester Peer Development Program is designed to train youth, ages 10 to 21, as positive peer leaders and reduce the incidents of substance abuse and other high-risk behaviors and to give parents the tools they need to support their children. Program components include Summer Leadership Project, Rap Rooms, Leadership Skills Training & Peer Counseling and Cottage Meetings.

☐ CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, INC.

Echo Hills Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

Director: Jeremy Kohomban

693-0600 ext.1201

SANCTUARY PROGRAM

Contact Person: Roger Williams

593-0667 ext. 102

Youth Served: 200 - Direct

500 - Hotline

Funding Stream: RHYA

COPS/IIK

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.

THE DROP IN CENTER

Contact Person: Marlon Wilson

423-2621

Youth Served: 250

Funding Stream: COPSIIK

The program serves youth transitioning-from-foster-care, homeless, and street adolescents, ages 16-21, at risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system & dependence on social services. The program aims to achieve the following outcomes: youth maintain housing & employment, acquire

GEDs, attend academic, vocational, and technical programs, show leadership ability, increase their employment-related knowledge & gain developmental assets.

□ EL CENTRO HISPANO

346 So. Lexington Ave. White Plains, NY 10606

Director: Isabel E. Villar

289-0500

EL CENTRO HISPANO YOUTH & ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Contact Person: Judith Aucar

289-0500

Youth Served: 275

Funding Stream: COPS/IJK

The Youth Enrichment Program has five components: Culture X Technology, Bilingual Girl and Boy Scouts, and Pace/Centro Hispano Tutorial and the Community Services Program for High School Students. The program will help to instill positive values, a commitment to learning, and social, moral, and emotional competencies. At completion of the program, participants will show 85-95% school progress; 85-95% will develop positive skills; 75-90% will make positive use of leisure time; 75-90% will show positive transition to adulthood and 75-95% of participating parents and youth will have knowledge of how to improve their health. The program serves youth 5 to 21 years old.

□ FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER (FSW)

One Gateway Plaza Port Chester, NY 10573

Director: Thomas Sanders

937-2320

A. D. A. P. T.

Contact Person: Bernard Murell

668-9124

Youth Served: 80

Funding Stream: IJK

ADAPT Services offers mediation services to youth, ages 13 to 15, and families with the primary purpose of diverting youth from family court, formerly PINS, school suspensions and other consequences through the empowerment of families to partialize and identify problems as well as to develop strategies that reduce conflict in the home. Upon completion of the program, an A.D.A.P.T. teen will have increased knowledge about communication, listening and ways to resolve or defuse conflict.

BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS

Contact Person: Thomas Mitchell
937-2320 ext. 133

Youth Served: 90
Funding Stream: YDDP-YI

This program recruits, screens & trains adult mentors. Volunteers mentor children between the ages of 7 and 15, from single parent households, for 8 to 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 & families are contacted regularly and may attend monthly program activities.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Contact Person: Ken Mitchell
872-5287

Youth Served: 108
Funding Stream: COPS/IJK

This program is an expansion of Youth Forum, which provides peer support for youths who have experienced serious emotional difficulties. The program provides a unique opportunity for youth, ages 16 to 23, to develop specialized life skills including conflict resolution, artistic expression, and communication.

RESPIRE PROGRAM

Contact Person: Eric Toth
872-5283

Youth Served: 175
Funding Stream: IJK

The Respite Program serves 175 youngsters under 18 in Westchester County who are at the highest level of risk among high-risk programs for children's intensive mental health services in the county. Through the provision of therapeutic activities and supports from mentoring to adventure challenges, Respite builds on the strengths of these most vulnerable children in order to help them be safe at home.

WESTCHESTER JUNIOR YOUTH COUNCIL

Contact Person: Susan Wayne/Laura Washington
872-5286/872-5224

Youth Served: 30
Funding Stream: IJK

Westchester County has the unique opportunity to establish and support the Westchester Junior Youth Council to engage youth between the ages of 11 to 13 in positive youth development work, critical thinking, problem-solving, and advocacy related initiatives that affect a broader audience of middle school youth.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Contact Person: James Duffy
872-5225

Youth Served: 30
Funding Stream: OCFS/IJK

The WCYC is an advocacy and youth empowerment program for high school age youth that provides a unique opportunity to establish and support youth leadership by reinforcing skills such as positive communication, critical thinking, problem-solving and advocacy around issues that affect their peer group.

❑ **JEWISH COUNCIL OF YONKERS**
584 North Broadway
Yonkers, NY 10701
Executive Director: Janice Lubin Kirschner
423-5009

JCY YOUTH LITERACY PROGRAM

Contact Person: Janice Kohn
423-5009

Youth Served: 3396
Funding Stream: IIK

This intergenerational program utilizes one on one mentoring across Westchester County, in schools and public facilities, to help at-risk, under privileged youth attain healthy, productive lives through youth literacy initiatives. The program serves youth ages 0 to 21.

❑ **LOWER HUDSON VALLEY PERINATAL NETWORK (LHVPN)**

Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Co. Med.Ctr.
95 Grasslands Rd. Valhalla, NY 10595
Director: Jan Mittan
493-8231

HEALTHY FROM BIRTH FOR LIFE PROGRAM

1 Kid's Corner, Valhalla, NY 10595
Contact Persons: Cheryl Hunter-Grant 493-6435
Medical Director: Heather Brumberg, MD, MPH 493-8491

Youth Served: 40
Funding Stream: IIK

The Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network's goal is to improve birth outcomes in Westchester County, through Social Health Marketing Campaigns in Mt. Vernon and Peekskill. Youth ages 10 to 21, are encouraged to engage in healthy behaviors early in life to reduce the incidence of preventable chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity.

❑ **MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

2269 Saw Mill River Rd. Bldg. 1A Elmsford, NY 10523
Director: Dr. Carolyn Hedlund
345-5900 ext. 201

CASA (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES)

Contact Person: Jackie Boissonnault, LMSW
345-3993 ext. 208

Youth Served: 55
Funding Stream: YDDP-YI

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program is a volunteer based program, which operates in the community and the Family Court. Adult CASA volunteers are assigned by Family Court Judges to children's cases of abuse, neglect, juvenile delinquency and PINS, in order to monitor the case plan and ensure the child's medical care, mental health, education and permanency planning. The program serves youth ages 0 to 21.

CCSI PROGRAM

Contact Person: Annette Peters, LCSW
345-5900 ext. 229

Youth Served: 52
Funding Stream: SDPP

This project is part of the County's Coordinated Children's Services Initiative. Clinical case management services are provided to youngsters, ages 10 to 21, at high risk of residential placement, many of whom are identified as PINS. The program serves the whole family, utilizing a strength-based philosophy of integrated community care, and provides around the clock coverage.

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Contact Person: Laura Sapirstein
824-5544

Youth Served 30
Funding Stream: COPS/IIK

This program serves the older PINS youth, ages 16 and 17. The Educational Advisor coordinates with Probation Staff, in an effort to identify and eliminate barriers to regular attendance and to ensure appropriate educational placement. The Educational Advisor meets with student, parents, school staff or anyone involved with the child's education to assess the current education status, review attendance and academic records, and recommend possible services (CSE, GED, VESID). The Education Advisor also conducts training with parents, court staff, attorneys, school staff, etc. regarding education laws and a child's education rights.

ONE TO ONE MENTORING

Contact Person: Vida Mitchell
345-3993 ext. 216

Youth Served: 20
Funding Stream: SDPP

MHA offers a mobile community-based adult mentoring program to 20 youth, ages 8 to 18, who have been identified through one of the many MHA program staff. Many of the children are mentally ill, seriously emotionally disturbed, educationally and developmentally delayed and/or in foster care and at risk family situations. Volunteer mentors are recruited, trained and matched with children to provide supportive adult relationships to these at risk youth.

PINS GIRLS GROUP

Contact Person: Annette Peters, LCSW
345-0700 ext. 229

Youth Served: 34
Funding Stream: IIK

The PINS (Persons in Need of Supervision) Girls Group is a collaborative effort between MHA and the Department of Probation which offers girls, ages 13 to 18, residing in Yonkers who are PINS or on probation the opportunity to focus on accountability for one's behavior, anger management, positive self-care and developing healthy relationships in order to teach and model positive youth development.

☐ NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP (NFTE)

70 West Red Oak Lane White Plains, NY 10604

Director: Joel Warren

697-7577

WESTCHESTER YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

Contact Person: Joel Warren

697-7577

Youth Served: 600

Funding Stream: IIK

NFTE teaches entrepreneurship to low-income high school aged youth in Mt. Vernon, Greenburgh Tuckahoe, Port Chester, Yorktown, Ossining, Valhalla, Peekskill, Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown, Shrub Oak, Yonkers, and White Plains so they can become economically productive members of society by improving their academic, business, technology, and life skills.

☐ RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SUNY

Liberal Studies / Continuing Education Purchase College SUNY

735 Anderson Hill Rd. Purchase, NY 10577

Director: Margaret Sullivan

251-6040

SUNY - GREAT POTENTIAL PROGRAM

Contact Person: Gregoriann Rollins

251-6891

Youth Served: 60

Funding Stream: IIK

The Great Potential Program will provide year-round programming to 60 Middle School students in New Rochelle, Ossining, Elmsford and Peekskill. Great Potential will provide and evaluate tutoring, homework assistance, college/career exploration, cultural enrichment, individual/group counseling, leadership development, mentoring/role modeling experiences, and community service opportunities.

☐ STUDENT ADVOCACY

3 West Main St. 2nd Fl. Elmsford, NY 10562

Director: Lisa Syron

347-7039 ext. 101

OVERCOMING THE ODDS

Contact Person: Lisa Syron

347-7039 ext.101

Youth Served: 235

Funding Stream: SDPP

The Overcoming the Odds project offers educational advocacy services on behalf of at risk youth, ages 10 to 21, facing significant school problems. It results in more appropriate school services that ensure: access to school, improved behavior and better educational progress leading toward graduation.

☐ WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES (WJCS)

845 North Broadway White Plains, NY 10603

Executive Director: Alan Trager

761-0600

CENTER LANE/HEALTHY TRANSITIONS

Contact Person: Thomas Miller

761-0600 ext.132

Youth Served: 235

Funding Stream: YDDP-YS

The mission of Center Lane is to reduce isolation and high-risk behaviors and to support healthy development among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (lgbtq) youth, ages 14 to 21. The program provides support groups, counseling, advocacy, youth leadership training, therapeutic recreation, social events, and family support. The program also provides extensive community education in an effort to facilitate positive change for lgbtq youth within Westchester communities.

FAMILY MATTERS

Contact Person: Carolyn Murphy

237-6089

Youth Served: 70

Funding Stream: SDPP

Family Matters provides services to 70 seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents, ages 0 to 18, who are at high risk of out of home placement due to social, emotional and behavioral difficulties at home and in school. Services include case management, crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy and collaboration with other service providers. Services are family-driven, strength-based, individualized, community-based and culturally competent. Children/adolescents graduating from the program will be participating in school; they will exhibit improvements in pro-social skills; family life will be more stable; there will be a decrease in reports of child abuse and neglect, juvenile arrests, PINS, substance and alcohol abuse, and a decrease in the number of hospitalizations related to the risk factors. In addition the families will be more connected to appropriate community resources and supports.

PARENT - CHILD HOME PROGRAM

Contact Person: Patrice Cuddy

949-7699 ext. 324

Youth Served: 401

Funding Stream: YDDP-YS/COPS/IIK

The Parent-Child-Home Program, is a home based literacy and best practice parenting program that strengthens families and prepares children ages 0 to 4 years old to succeed academically. By developing language and pre-literacy skills, the Parent Child Home Program ensures that children enter school ready to learn. Similarly, the Parent-Child Center is a drop-in play group for low income parents and their pre-school aged children. This program component develops learning readiness and builds parents' self esteem and parenting skills.

YOUNG PARENTS ACHIEVE

Contact Person: Terry Lanigan

949-7699 ext. 326

Youth Served: 120

Funding Stream: YDDP-YS

This program provides intensive case management to pregnant and parenting adolescents ages 13 to 21, in the communities of White Plains, Sleepy Hollow, Ossining, Port Chester, and New Rochelle to prevent them from dropping out of school and to support utilization of pre-and post-natal medical

services. Services include case management, individual and group counseling and support, advocacy for following through with educational goals, referrals for pre and post natal medical services, parent education and support groups.

YOUTH SUCCESS

Contact Person: Suzanne Doll
813-5515

Youth Served: 40
Funding Stream: COPS/IJK

This program serves adolescents 14 to 16 years of age, in the communities of Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle and Pelham. The program assists youth with serious emotional, behavior and social problems who are at high-risk of out of home placement and/ or who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquent by the New Rochelle Family Court. The goal of the program is to provide comprehensive and intensive services, including job shadowing and coaching, and opportunities for job readiness and life-skills training, mentoring, substance abuse counseling and individual, group and family counseling. It incorporates the NCTI (the National Curriculum & Training Institute, Inc) Cognitive Life Skills Curriculum, a research based, nationally replicated skill building curriculum. Youths are helped to successfully apply for and maintain jobs.

PROGRAMS SERVING THE MT. KISCO AREA:

☐ BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

351 Main Street Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
Director: Brian P. Skanes
666-8069

FUN CLUB AFTER SCHOOL/ADVENTURE CLUB

Contact Person: Barbara Cutri
666-8069

Youth Served: 200
Funding Stream: IJK

The Fun Club provides extensive after-school programming for children, ages 5 to 18, with particular emphasis on programs geared towards youth, ages 10-14. Club members obtain learning strategies and character development skills, peer and mentor relationships, and drug and alcohol resistance techniques within a safe, structured environment.

PROGRAMS SERVING THE MT. VERNON AREA:

☐ COLLEGE CAREERS FUND OF WESTCHESTER, INC.

190 East Post Road – 3rd Floor, White Plains, NY 10602
Executive Director: Blanche Walker
428-3435

STEP FORWARD PROGRAM

Contact Person: Blanche Walker
428-3435

Youth Served: 40
Funding Stream: IJK

The Step Forward program is a remedial education program for 40 Mt. Vernon students ages 16 to 21. The goal of the program is to improve the quality of life of the youth served and enable them to

function positively in their community. An integral part of the program is the life skills training combined with educational opportunities and preparation for the GED Test.

☐ MT. VERNON YOUTH BUREAU

City Hall, Roosevelt Square Mount Vernon NY 10550

Executive Director: Camille Banks-Lee

665-2344

MT. VERNON YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Contact Person: Camille Banks-Lee

665-2344

Youth Served: 70

Funding Stream: IIK

The Youth Bureau will provide a year-round comprehensive job-readiness training/youth employment program that targets underserved youth (i.e. transitional living) in Mt. Vernon. This program will enhance the employment readiness skills of 70 youth, ages 14 to 17 years old, through an experience of academic enrichment, consisting of resume writing, field trips and interaction with guest speakers from local businesses and community based organizations. A culinary arts program also prepares 15 youth for careers in the food and hospitality business.

SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM

Contact Person: Camille Banks-Lee

665-2344

Youth Served: 70

Funding Stream: IIK

The Safe Haven after school and summer program housed at the Graham Elementary School, serves children, between the ages of 7 to 12 years old, who participate in a variety of activities in a safe and nurturing environment. This is also a job readiness program for five high school students. This program fosters positive youth development through mentor/mentee relationships, structured programs, field trips and special workshops.

☐ WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (WestCOP)

2269 Saw Mill River Rd. Bldg. 3 Suite G16

Elmsford NY 10523

Director: Winston Ross

592-5600

YOUTH EDUTAINMENT (YES)

Contact Person: Harry Dawkins

665-5138

Youth Served: 40

Funding Stream: COPS/IIK

YES, an early intervention after school education enrichment program, will provide a full cadre of services to help 40 highly at-risk 7th and 8th grade students succeed in and remain in school while reducing their at-risk behaviors. YES will assist individuals in achieving their personal goals and being a contributing force in their community.

☐ WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES (WJCS)

845 North Broadway White Plains, NY 10603

Director: Alan Trager

761-0600 ext. 214

OFF THE STREET

Contact Person: Louise Albin

949-7699 ext. 364

Youth Served: 110

Funding Stream: COPS/IJK

The program trains and hires high school students to provide educational 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 teens and the elementary school students. The program operates Monday through Thursday in the afternoons at Hamilton Elementary School in Mt. Vernon.

PROGRAMS SERVING THE OSSINING AREA:

☐ CENTER FOR HUMAN OPTIONS

234 North Central Ave. Suite 203 R, Hartsdale, NY 10530

Director: Janeira Forté

946-6992

OSSINING SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM & RAP ROOM

Contact Person: Janeira Forte

946-6992

Youth Served: 40

Funding Stream: YDDP-YS

Through the Center's Summer Leadership Project and Rap Room Program, youth ages 10 to 15, learn character building and leadership skills that help them avoid high risk behaviors (e.g. illegal substance abuse, pre-marital relations, crime, gang involvement) and are provided with a regular opportunity to meet, talk, listen, learn and resolve personal issues, problems and conflicts through obtaining "advice" from their peers and session facilitators.

PROGRAMS SERVING THE PEEKSKILL AREA:

☐ PEEKSKILL YOUTH BUREAU

City Hall, 840 Main St. Peekskill, NY 10566

Director: Valerie Swan

734-8418

THE SAVVY PARENT & YOUTH PACT

Contact Person: Darryl Francis

734-2051

Youth Served: 125

Funding Stream: IJK

Provides a 12 month comprehensive program to 125 inner city youth, ages 13 to 21, during non traditional after school hours that will develop self esteem, self worth, promote educational success and positive decision making skills, diverting them from criminal/Juvenile Justice System and gangs. The program will provide cultural enrichment through hip-hop with a major concentration on parent involvement.

LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES FOR TEENS
Contact Person: Valerie Swan/Kaeka McCune
734-8418/734-2186

Youth Served: 65
Funding Stream: IIK

Provides a comprehensive Violence Prevention Training Academy for 65 City youth ages 11 to 15. Participants will develop skills and training necessary to combat gang involvement, resolve conflicts, reduced incidents of Middle School violence while improving their physical well being and developing social competencies such as inter-personal and cultural competence.

PROGRAMS SERVING THE PORT CHESTER AREA:

☐ GUIDANCE CENTER

70 Grand St. New Rochelle, NY 10801
Director: Amy Gelles
636-4440 ext. 240

PORT CHESTER RISK PREVENTION PROGRAM

Contact Person: Lee Guich
381-6110 ext. 106

Youth Served: 210
Funding Stream: YDDP-YS

The Guidance Center's Port Chester Youth Risk Prevention Program is a school based youth development program that addresses the emotional and behavioral needs of newly immigrated Hispanic elementary and middle school youth. Comprised of two components: Project Unity and Project Get Together, the program encourages emotional and intellectual development, promotes pro-social behavior and helps youth adjust to new school communities. The program serves youth ages 5 to 15.

☐ PORT CHESTER CARVER CENTER

400 Westchester Ave. Port Chester, NY 10573
Director: Damyn Kelly
939-4464

GATEWAY

Contact Person: Dawn Jenkins
939-4464

Youth Served: 300
Funding Stream: SDPP

The Gateway Project seeks to impact the teen pregnancy and STD rates through a curriculum for middle school students and leadership to community strategic planning focused on middle school students. The youth served are ages 10 to 21.

TEEN OUTREACH PROGRAM (TOP)

Contact Person: Derek Vincent
939-4464

Youth Served: 100
Funding Stream: IIK

The Teen Outreach Program is a comprehensive year-round youth development program designed to foster positive development of vulnerable youth through effective adult supports and skill-building training and experiential opportunities. The program serves youth ages 14 to 18.

PROGRAMS SERVING THE TARRYTOWN AREA:

☐ BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

351 Main Street Mt. Kisco, NY 10549

Director: Brian P. Skanes

666-8069

***FUN CLUB AFTER SCHOOL /
ADVENTURE CLUB TARRYTOWN***

Contact Person: Brian P. Skanes

Youth Served: 200

Funding Stream: IIK/COPS

666-8069

The Fun club provides extensive youth development programming for children, ages 6 to 18, with a particular emphasis on programs geared towards youth, ages 10 to 14. Club members obtain learning strategies and character development skills, peer and mentor relationships, and drug and alcohol resistance techniques within a safe, structured setting. Programs are located in Mt. Kisco & Tarrytown.

PROGRAMS SERVING THE WHITE PLAINS AREA:

☐ WHITE PLAINS YOUTH BUREAU

11 Amherst Place White Plains, NY 10601

Director: Frank Williams

422-1378

DeKALB AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Contact: Deveria Searcy

422-1378

Youth Served: 45

Funding Stream: IIK

This program provides an after school center that provides homework help, chess instruction and computer support for academic improvement. It will serve 45 youth living in 86 Dekalb grades K to 12. The program will also serve the parents of the participants through monthly meetings and home visits as needed. The children will improve their homework completion as well as their reading for pleasure. Through chess their attention span and thinking skills will improve. Parents will become more involved in their children's school performance.

STEP UP!

Contact Person: Linda Puoplo

422-1378

Youth Served: 30

Funding Stream: IIK

Step Up! Utilizes the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model to address the needs of White Plains most at-risk African American and Hispanic male youth. Step Up! Impacts youth and community change. Components include: coordinating steering committee; outreach and case management; and youth-police partnership training. Step Up! Builds community, trust, skills and knowledge so that all youth have true opportunity for success. The program serves youth ages 14 to 21.

YOUTH AIMING FOR FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

Contact Person: Patricia Staffiero
422-1378

Youth Served: 52
Funding Stream: IIK

Youth Aiming for Financial Independence provides education, training, and skill development for high school students interested in entrepreneurship and trades. Students learn business skills including effective business plans. The program serves youth ages 13 to 21.

☐ YWCA OF WHITE PLAINS

515 North Street White Plains, NY 10605

Director: Dr. Amy Kohn

949-6227 ext. 104

GIRLS EMPOWERED THROUGH MEANINGFUL SUPPORT (GEMS)

949-6227 ext. 105

Youth Served: 103

Funding Stream: YDDP-YS

The Gems program supports girls from elementary school 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.

PROGRAMS SERVING THE YONKERS AREA

☐ C.L.U.S.T.E.R.

20 So. Broadway Yonkers, NY 10701

Director: Toni Volchok

963-6440 ext.209

STUDY BUDDY

Contact Person: Lutonya Russell-Humes

963-6440 ext.234

Youth Served: 35

Funding Stream: COPS

Study Buddy is a youth development program, which will place 35 youth, ages 14 to 17, in positions of academic responsibility as tutors to elementary school students. Tutors will develop good work habits as well as a sense of educational commitment and self-worth. The program will also provide critical academic support to over 450 elementary students.

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL OF YONKERS, INC

20 So. Broadway-Suite 514 Yonkers, NY 10701

Director: Gregory Arcaro

969-3616

W.O.R.K.

Contact: Lucille Ruth

969-3616

Youth Served: 1200

Funding Stream: YDDP-YI

Of 1,200 Yonkers Minority Youth, ages 14 to 20 who are seeking employment, 375 will get full and part time jobs. 200 more will increase their employment skills through work skills training, pre-job counseling, and job search assistance and referral services.

☐ GREYSTON FOUNDATION

212 Park Ave. Yonkers, NY 10703

Director: Steven Brown

376-3900

GREYSTON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Contact Person: Matthew Shelley

376-3900 ext. 264

Youth Served: 60

Funding Stream: COPS/IIK

The Greyston Youth Development Program will provide 60 youth, ages 5 to 17, a structured and safe after-school environment with a special focus on technology and enterprise education. Program outcomes include increased self-efficacy, community service, leadership development, and building a strong foundation for long-term educational and career success.

☐ H.O.P.E. INC.

45 Ludlow St., Suite 210, Yonkers, NY 10705

Director: Winifred Hartnett

964-0920

HOPE WAY GROWING & SHARING INTERGENERATION PROGRAM

Contact Person: Andrew Chappell

964-9501

Youth Served: 70

Funding Stream: COPS/IIK

H.O.P.E. WAY provides an after school program combined with training and employment services/homework help/ tutorial services/ educational support/ socialization/ basic skills building/ recreational/cultural arts and long term mentoring for high risk youth ages 13 to 18. H.O.P.E. WAY will provide a vehicle for youth to attain/maintain a successful/rewarding employment experience and to help them view themselves as valuable resources to their community.

☐ HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM

511 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY 10701

Director: Michael Botwinick

963-4550 ext. 236

JUNIOR DOCENT PROGRAM

Contact Person: Rebecca Kraus

963-4550 ext. 219

Youth Served: 75

Funding Stream: COPS/IIK

The Junior Docent Program of the Hudson River Museum provides 75 Yonkers Public School students, ages 11 to 18, 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 helps youth build confidence and enhance their interpersonal skills.

☐ NEPPERHAN COMMUNITY CENTER

342 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY 10701

Director: Jim Bostic

965-0203

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

Contact Person: Shanita Thompson

965-0203

Youth Served: 40

Funding Stream: OCFS-SDPP

This program provides a ten module curriculum for at risk youth, ages 12 to 20, to create basic self-sufficiency life skills, enhance their marketability through the instruction of employment skills, and enhance youth understanding of those skills and responsibilities as it relates to employment, relationships, and sexual behavior.

NEPPERHAN YOUTH CORPS

Contact Person: George Abrams

965-0203

Youth Served: 120

Funding Stream: COPS/IIK

The Nepperhan Youth Corps will target 120 youth, ages 10 to 21, and provides a year round program that includes academic support, physical activity, violence prevention, community building, musical and drumming instruction through a drum and bugle corps, male mentoring activities for adolescent males, and leadership building activities.

RE-ENTRY/TRANSITIONS PROGRAM

Contact Person: Lisa Clark

965-0203

Youth Served: 40

Funding Stream: IIK

The Nepperhan Community Center Transitions Program will target 40 youth, ages 16 to 21 years of age, and will provide a year round program that includes outreach and recruitment, registration/assessment, participant profile/plan, peer mentorship, and case management services.

☐ TEATOWN LAKE RESERVATION

1600 Spring Valley Rd. Ossining, NY 10562

Director: Fred Koontz, PhD

762-2912 ext. 116

WAY OUT THERE

Contact Person: Fred Koontz

762-2912

Youth Served: 30

Funding Stream: YDDP-YI

WAY OUT THERE is a year round program that serves 30 youth, ages of 13 to 18, of the HOPE WAY Program at Teatown Lake Reservation. Work Appreciation For Youth (WAY) (a PEPNet Model Program with 15 years of experience), working with Teatown, aims to increase high school

graduation rates, decrease criminal involvement, increase academic achievement and self-sufficiency upon graduation from high school.

☐ YMCA OF YONKERS

17 Riverdale Ave. Yonkers, NY 10701
Director: Gregory du Sablon
963-0183

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Contact Person: Gregory du Sablon
963-0183

Youth Served: 150
Funding Stream: COPS/IIK

The YMCA will enroll 150 youth, ages 13 to 21, in an employment-training program that focuses primarily on lifeguard certification but also includes maintenance, school age child care, fitness, receptionist, clerical and administration training. The youth will complete 50 hours of Employment Training, 50 Hours of work readiness, 10 hours of soft skills, interview workshops and 20 hours of on the Job Training.

TEEN OUTLET

Contact Person: Gregory du Sablon
963-0385

Youth Served: 100
Funding Stream: YDDP-YS

The YMCA plans to enroll 100 youth, ages 13 to 21, in our Teen Outlet Without Violence Program. The following components will be incorporated: Tutorials, Recreation, Computer Training, Swimming, Workshops for gang awareness and information, field trips, guest speakers from the PBA, Special investigations unit, Bureau of Youth Services and the Yonkers Police Department. The goal of the program is three fold: 1. to provide a safe haven with supervision and organized activities. 2. To incorporate life and soft skills and to prepare the youth for the job market. 3. To provide alternatives to violent behavior utilizing conflict resolution and to bring a high sense of awareness to the consequences of gang involvement.

☐ YOUTH THEATRE INTERACTIONS (YTI)

P.O. Box 1187 Yonkers, NY 10702
Executive Director: Mamie Duncan-Gibbs
963-3040

INTIMATE REALITIES & AFTER SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

Contact Person: Mamie Duncan-Gibbs
963-3040

Youth Served: 199
Funding Stream: SDPP/COPS/IIK

YTI utilizes the arts to foster positive attitudes among disadvantaged youth. YTI also provides well supervised, culturally enriching activities as alternatives to the streets for 199 youngsters, ages 5 to 21, during after-school hours and all day during the summer.