

Annual Report

2014

Programs and Services for Youth and Families of the Town of Huntington

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Huntington Youth Bureau System

The Huntington Youth Bureau is an agency of town government whose main function is to represent and serve the needs, interests and welfare of youth and families. The work of the Youth Bureau is firmly rooted in the commitment of helping youth and families develop to their highest potential, by involving them in aspects of the process as well as developing integrated, comprehensive system of programs and services designed to meet their current and emerging needs.

The Youth Bureau contracts with three regional Community and Youth Agencies (CYA's), as well as with the Special townwide Projects of the Huntington Youth Bureau Youth Development Research Institute, Inc. to deliver these services.

The Youth Bureau is also comprised of a Youth Board, a culturally, socially and economically diverse citizen board recruited from all areas of the Town in order to reflect a broad variety of perspectives on family and community life in Huntington. The Supervisor of the Town appoints the Youth Board members.

The Huntington Youth Bureau comprehensive system of youth services is funded by the Town of Huntington, NY State Office of Children and Family Services, NY State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, Suffolk County Youth Bureau, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, New York State Council on the Arts, corporate foundations, private foundations and individual donors.

**Most programs are provided to residents of the
Town of Huntington FREE of charge.**

Our Mission:

**To promote the growth, development and well-being of
youth and families in the Town of Huntington.**



Huntington Youth Bureau System

Community and Youth Agencies (CYA) Services and Programs

Neighborhood-based CYAs provide a broad spectrum of services that include counseling and social, cultural and recreational activities. Programs are available evenings, weekends, holidays, during school lunch and after school. CYAs run programs as diverse as peer mediation, band nights, basketball programs and discussion groups. Each CYA is a non-profit, community-based organization, overseen by a Board of Directors that is composed of both youth and adults and represents the diverse needs, cultures and interests of the community.

Tri Community and Youth Agency (Tri CYA)



Serving youth and families living in the school districts of Cold Spring Harbor, Huntington and South Huntington.

Big H Shopping Center

809 New York Ave

Huntington Station, NY 11746

Phone: (631) 673-0614

310 West Hills Rd

Huntington Station, NY 11746

Phone: (631) 673-3303

Turkey Lane

Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

Phone: (631) 367-8891

Website: www.tricya.org

Youth Directions & Alternatives (YDA)



Serving youth and families living in the school districts of Harborfields, Elwood and Northport / East Northport.

7 Diane Court

East Northport, NY 11731

Phone: (631) 261-7901

8 Gates Street

Greenlawn, NY 11740

Phone: (631) 261-6218

Website: www.ydaonline.org



Huntington Youth Bureau System

Regional Enrichment Agency of Commack and Half Hollow Hills (REACH CYA)



Serving youth and families living in the school districts of Commack and Half Hollow Hills.

Manasquan School
525 Half Hollow Rd

Dix Hills NY 11746

Phone: (631) 549-9417

Old Farms Elementary School

Calvert Ave

Commack, NY 11725

Website: www.reachcya.org

Special Programs

F.A.C.I.L.E. (Family Advocacy Crisis Intervention Life Education)



Serving youth, ages 5 through 21, in the Town of Huntington The Huntington Youth Bureau and Family Service League of Suffolk, Inc. jointly run Project FACILE (Family Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Life Education) and its Family Center, which provides support and advocacy programs for the children, youth and families of Huntington.

790 Park Avenue
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90 East 5th Street (Manorfield)

Huntington Station, NY 11746

Phone: (631) 425-9694

Website: www.fsl-li.org



Huntington Hotline

(631)-549-8700

This T.D.D./T.T.Y. equipped, 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week Hotline allows Huntington youth and their families to access services when in crisis.

Website: www.licconline.org



Huntington Youth Bureau System

Special Townwide Projects and Programs

Huntington Youth Bureau Youth Development Research Institute, (HYBYDRI, Inc.)



Huntington Drug & Alcohol Counseling Center

271-3591

Provides confidential treatment, crisis intervention and referrals for those with substance abuse problems and education and prevention programs in schools and the community.



Project Excel

271-5499

Provides comprehensive youth development programs, including GED and SAT preparation; job counseling, development and placement; entrepreneurship; community services; and art enrichment programs for all youth. Project Excel develops skills, talents and self-discipline that will empower them to make healthy and productive life choices.



Sanctuary Project

271-2183

Serves homeless and runaway youth - and those in danger of becoming homeless or runaway - by providing counseling, crisis intervention, emergency shelter and prevention services to strengthen youth and their families.



Youth Court

271-5547

Trains teens to dispense justice to their peers—in real court. Volunteer youth perform roles of prosecuting and defending attorney, judge, bailiff and jury. Youth offenders under 16, who have committed their first misdemeanor crime, are given the opportunity to have their case heard by a jury of their peers.



Huntington Youth Bureau System Highlights and Achievements

Huntington Youth Bureau System

Together, each organization and project served 27,471 youth and families. Services and programs provided included educational, recreational, youth development, counseling (including drug and alcohol services), skill development, cultural and special prevention programming and presentations.

The Huntington Youth Bureau system of services benefited from the commitment of over 562 volunteers. Volunteers offer their expertise and skills by assisting youth with afterschool homework help; mentoring and serving as positive role models; supervising field trips; teaching youth how to be artists. Their impact and efforts are too vast to even count. These volunteers came to us with an impressive array of backgrounds and expertise with the common goal of building the competencies of youth.

Tri Community and Youth Agency (Tri CYA)

Tri CYA conducted the **Back to School Stay in School** program presented by the NAACP. One hundred and one students attended this program which included the assistant superintendents from Huntington and South Huntington School Districts. Discussions included the importance of attending school, what the children's goals were and how school tied into those goals. There were also presentations from Police Officer Drew who is the school resource officer and demonstration by a local artist. Full dinner was served and each child received a bag with school supplies and giveaways.

Youth Directions and Alternatives (YDA)

YDA developed and implemented a "Community BBQ" at the request of the Northport-East Northport Community Drug & Alcohol Task Force. A large number of local businesses, including the East Northport Volunteer Fire Department, donated their time, money and goods to make this a rousing success. Over 100 adults and youth turned out for this drug & alcohol free event.



FACILE

In 2014, 344 Children participated in an open lunch program that was sponsored in conjunction with Long Island Harvest. The program provided lunch for school aged children once a week at the Manor Field Family Center. The program ran for 6 weeks from July 17, 2014 through August 21, 2014.

REACH Community and Youth Agency

Free trips were offered to 54 youth of Millennium Hills. Trips included Bowling, Video Game Truck, Boomers Fun Park, Broadway's Rocky, and Otsego Park (Youth from Tri-CYA joined youth from REACH CYA for a fun-filled evenings at Otsego Park. Teens enjoyed Basketball, Baseball, Tennis and use of the playground equipment. Pizza and Italian Ices were served compliments of REACH CYA.

Huntington Drug and Alcohol Counseling Center

Prevention Services: Red Ribbon Week is a national alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually every October. To acknowledge Red Ribbon Week, prevention staff developed a drug awareness presentation and a Red Ribbon Week Healthy Choices game. This presentation was held in three Middle Schools; Elwood, Northport and East Northport for 1200 6th, 7th and 8th grade student participants. It was also held at Silas Wood Intermediate School for 600 6th grade student participants.

Treatment Services: Our bilingual component provides individual and group services in Spanish to a total of 60 Spanish speaking clients, 19 clients retained from 2013 and 41 new admissions for 2014. Clients are primarily referred by the Court System, Department of Parole/Probation, Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services and Alternatives for Youth which refers adolescents and their family to receive individual and family therapy.



Project Excel

In February, Project Excel was asked to present a parents FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) workshop at Walt Whitman High School. Parents were asked to bring their financial information needed to complete the FAFSA form. Parents were guided step by step, line by line and were able to walk away from the workshop with complete FAFSA forms. Parents also made follow up appointments with our counselors for college exploration and scholarship information. The program was highly successful that it was replicated in Harborfields Library at total of 15 families were serviced. As a result, Project Excel is building FAFSA workshops in to the core offering of programs.

Sanctuary Project

Staff conducted Parent Study Groups (PSG) for parents using STEP; an evidence- based approach to parenting and reached 13 families. Parent study groups were held at REACH CYA Parent Resource Center and Huntington Station Library. Feedback regarding the PSGs was favorable and Sanctuary has been requested to conduct future PSGs in the community.

Huntington Youth Court

Huntington Youth Court provided training for 22 youth volunteers from 8 high schools in the Town of Huntington: Northport, Harborfields, Huntington, Walt Whitman, Half Hollow Hills West, Half Hollow Hills East, Commack and St. Anthony's. Training topics included, Youth Court Overview, Defining Youth Court Roles, Restorative Justice, Conflict Resolution, Jury Deliberation, Cultural Diversity, Ethics and Confidentiality, Respect, Courtroom Etiquette, Opening and Closing Statements, Direct and Cross Examination and Mental Health Issues. The training took place at Huntington Town Hall every Thursday from October through December for a total of 10 weeks. Volunteers concluded their training by taking a "Youth Court Bar Exam" and were sworn in as new members at the annual Induction Ceremony in December.



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