

Special Activities:

Program participants will also be able to participate in special activities that will involve them more in the community. By working in the community garden, participating in community activities, and completing assigned community service, our program participants can contribute to the wellbeing of the Newport News community.

Transportation:

Transportation will be provided



Hours of Operation:

The program will operate between the hours of 8:00am thru 8:00pm Monday thru Friday, and varying hours on Saturdays. Program hours may adjust during the summer months.

Referral Sources:

The Y.E.P currently has six approved referral sources. Those sources are:

- Newport News Juvenile Domestic Relations Court (NNJDRC)
- Newport News Court Services Unit (NNCSU)
- Newport News Department of Human Services (NNDHS)
- Newport News Public Schools (NNPS)
- Newport News Juvenile Services Outreach and Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP)
- Street Outreach Workers

Client Criteria:

The Program Participants that we service must qualify based on specific criteria in order to receive services. They must demonstrate or have the following:

- Curfew Violations
- At-Risk Behavior(s)
- Runaways
- Criminal Behavior
- School Infractions
- Substance Abuse

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

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Mission:

To provide services, support, and supervision for at risk youth within the city of Newport News; and to ensure on-going, positive youth development and accountability.

Objectives:

The objectives of the program are as follows:

- To provide a safe and structured environment.
- To be a catalyst for Recidivism Reduction by providing needed services.
- To promote personal, social, and family growth and accountability.
- To reinforce academic performance.
- To increase life skills.

Goals:

Holistic approach in that the needs of the total youth are addressed ,

- Educational
- Vocational
- Social
- Recreational
- Nutritional
- Developmental
- Self-Awareness

Target Population:

At risk youth between the ages of 12 and 17 that reside in the City of Newport News.

Program Requirements:

- Suspended and Expelled students must have classwork and must attend all day.
- 30 – 60 days
- All paperwork must be signed
- One valid emergency contact number
- Mandatory exit interview

Facilitated Groups:

The majority of the core area trainings will be facilitated by NNJS staff and Interns, with the exception of the educational component. The educational component will be covered by either a NNPS certified teacher, a volunteer, or NNJS staff.

Education

Life Skills

Substance Abuse

Anger Management

Conflict Resolution

Job Readiness (Vocational)

MRT: Moral Recognition Therapy

ART: Aggression Replacement Training

Youth Empowerment Program



Curriculums:

The following curriculums were chosen to assist the program with the character building aspect of our program. These curriculums are evidence based and will serve as valuable tools in the enrichment of our youth.

- Phoenix-New Freedom Curriculum
- MRT: Moral Recognition Therapy
- Thinking for a Change (T4C)
- ART: Aggression Replacement Training
- Virginia Rules

Certification Opportunities:

Program Participants who participate in the Y.E.P have the opportunity to earn certification. These certifications will assist our Program Participants in obtaining jobs and completing or furthering their education.

ServSafe Program

STEAM/On-line Activities

Tablet Programming: EDOVO or Acellus

Job Readiness:

Focus on skills that will prepare them for the varying steps of entering, to sustaining and on to advancement

- Many session will be done in the work environment
- Small groups, so that no one falls through the cracks
- Participants can be as young as 15 years of age
- Yearly Operation

Family Involvement:

Family Needs Assessments

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE'S)

Individualized person centered service plans

Meaningful collaboration

Connecting families to available resources