

2020 Program Report Card: Supports for Youth with Disabilities



Achieving Youth Results (AYR) Goal:
Children and youth will have optimal physical and emotional health.

Program: Recreational Support Services
Agency: Ithaca Youth Bureau

CLIENTS:
Youth ages 2-21 who have a developmental disability.

PARTNERS:
School districts, TST BOCES, Racker Centers, Blue Sky Center, Ithaca College, Cornell University, YMCA, OPWDD, TC Mental Health Services, Mental Health Association, LifePlan, Finger Lakes Independence Center, ABA Certified professionals

RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY HEADLINE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HOW MUCH:

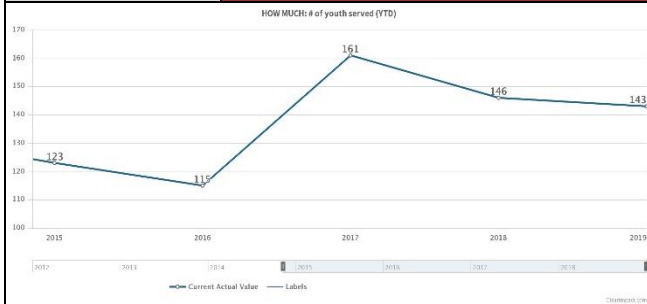
143 Youth*

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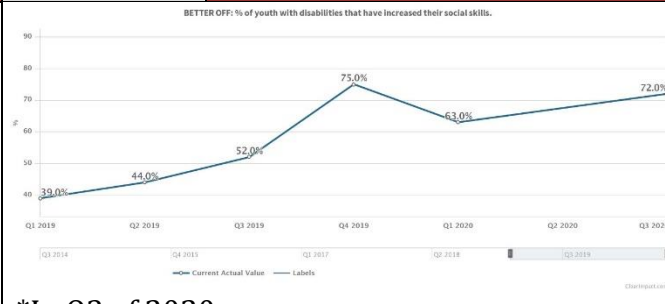
72%*

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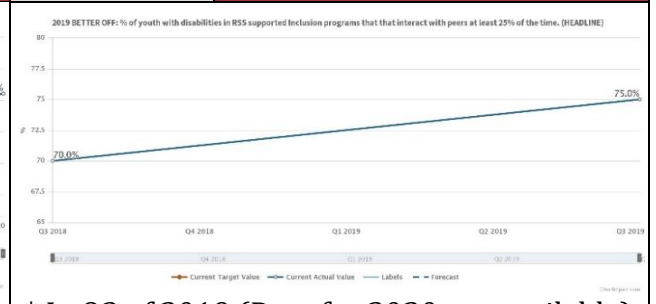
75%*



*Youth served in 2019



*In Q3 of 2020



* In Q3 of 2019 (Data for 2020 not available)

THE STORY BEHIND THE DATA

GRAPH 1: # of youth served – At the end of Quarter 3 2020, RSS will have served 55 youth for a total of 963 hours. We provided very little programming from April-July due to being furloughed and resumed programs in August with all of the new COVID policies and restrictions in place. There were no summer camps this year so that greatly affected what we did in Q3 of 2020. We plan to provide programs in the 4th quarter within the current limitations.

GRAPH 2: % of youth with disabilities that have increased their social skills. – RSS believes that most of the youth who participate will be able to increase social skills by positive interaction with their peers and staff. RSS staff assess each youth to determine what environments and groups they will be successful in, and have the opportunity to grow socially by interacting with their peers and cooperating by playing games or doing different shared activities. RSS staff assists youth in learning ways to socially interact in a positive way.

GRAPH 3: % of youth with disabilities in RSS supported Inclusion programs that participate in activities with their typical peers 25% of the time. - This measure is captured annually during Quarter 3 only, to measure summer camp inclusion. In 2019, the measure was slightly revised from 50% to 25% of the time, which should increase the percentage of success as the goal of interaction with peers has been reduced. This performance measure was not able to be captured in 2020 as it relates strictly to summer camps and summer programs which did not occur due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AGENCY ACTION PLAN TO "TURN THE CURVE"

2021 Action Plan

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2020 Action Plan & Status

HOW MUCH

- Rotational offerings of programs and participants. **↑ Accomplished**
- Collaborate with Ithaca College Therapeutic Recreation and Outdoor Education Leadership Department. **↔ In process**
- Job sharing with RSS Adult Department. **↔ In process**

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- Create individualized goals. **↑ Accomplished**
- Communicate with parent/caregiver and other staff. **↑ Accomplished**
- Utilize strategies like schedules, social stories, pictures. **↔ In process**

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