

TOMPKINS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2016 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Investing time, resources, and funding in communities
to enable all youth to thrive in school, work, and life

OVERVIEW



Over the past 39 years the Tompkins County Youth Services Department has shaped the future of Tompkins County through providing community resources, assisting youth serving agencies and municipalities, showcasing best practices and research, advocating for young people, and coordinating services. Our services are provided to all communities within Tompkins County to support the diverse needs of our County. The Youth Services Team is committed to ensuring that our vision for a desirable future becomes a reality for all youth within Tompkins County through utilizing our values which serve as the backbone not only for the work that we take on, but for this report. We are proud to present our 2016 Report to the Community.

EMPOWERMENT

Helping others to achieve their own success

We visited eight municipal boards across the county to present information about the Recreation Partnership in preparation for the renewal of the agreement in 2018.

As partners of Community Coalition for Healthy Youth (CCHY), we helped organize two community forums on heroin/opioids and a town hall meeting on underage drinking.

We annually support seven community councils/youth commissions that collectively consist of 50 volunteers. These volunteers help identify priority youth needs and create programs to support youth in their communities.



Seeing the bigger picture and planning for the future

VISION

We partnered in organizing the first "What's Next" career expo, a chance for 100+ Tompkins teens to learn about careers in our community for the non-college bound student.

In collaboration with partners of CCHY and area secondary schools, we administered the Communities that Care Youth Survey to 3,960 students in grades 7-12. For most schools, this was the fifth time they participated in the biannual survey, allowing for time-trend analysis since 2008.



2016

INNOVATION

Continually searching for new approaches



During 2016, our department sponsored and/or coordinated 14 training events, which gathered 404 participants. Topics were chosen and developed based on the needs, interests and requests of agency staff and municipal and community members.

We worked with partners to successfully launch a media campaign in October to raise awareness on the topic of commercial sexual exploitation of children within Tompkins County. Over 770 impressions were made through our 9 campaigns and listenforthesigns.org.

Commitment to honest and fair communications

INTEGRITY



We updated and published data sheets which provide information from the U.S. Census, NYS Health Dept., Education Dept. and others on our local youth population. This information is available to anyone looking for a central repository of data for grant writing or planning purposes at tompkinscountyny.gov/youth.

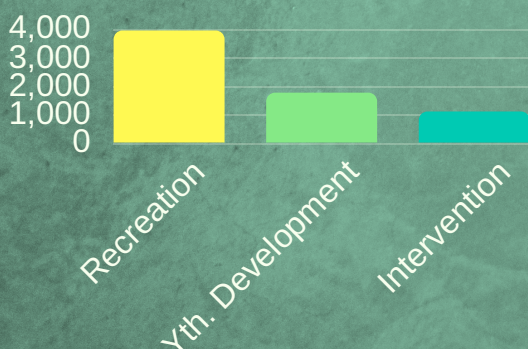
We participated in the Re-Entry RFP Group to review potential program providers, objectively review proposals, and support the development of high end performance measures in tracking program impact.

2016 marked an open enrollment funding cycle for our agency services. We received requests for over \$700,000 in youth programs and services to begin in 2017. We were able to fund approximately 50% of the requested amount.

Proper management of resources entrusted into our care

STEWARDSHIP

2016 YOUTH SERVED WITH RESOURCES FROM TCYSD



2016 RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION

