

TOMPKINS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2017 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



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

OVERVIEW



When the Youth Services Department began in 1977, the organization was charged with shaping 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 providing comprehensive coordinating services. In 2017, we celebrated how this behind-the-scenes department continues to put young people first and provide backbone support for youth in all communities within Tompkins. The Youth Services Team consists of caring adults who remain committed to ensuring that our vision for a desirable future becomes a reality for all youth within Tompkins County. We are proud to present our 2017 Report to the Community.

EMPOWERMENT

Helping others to achieve their own
SUCCESS

Staff supported seven Community Councils/Youth Commissions, that consist of over 50 volunteers, with a variety of projects including conducting needs assessments, writing annual reports, and holding fundraising events. These efforts help to support at-risk youth throughout Tompkins County.

A new five-year agreement was negotiated with eleven municipalities to allow youth throughout the County to participate in recreational programs to meet new friends, learn new skills, and have positive new experiences.

A summary of highlights was produced and distributed of the student survey to educate community members about drug, alcohol, and mental health issues of teens in Tompkins County.

Eleven trainings were provided on a variety of topics to help direct service staff achieve success in the field.



Seeing the bigger picture and planning for the
future

VISION

Three agencies provide a summer youth employment program offering skills development, job training and first-time job experience to youth 14 to 21. In a contract between TCYSD and Workforce Development Board, we monitor these agencies and provide feedback, with the success of the young people being the prime focus, for the betterment of these programs.

Our Department has dedicated a portion of its efforts supporting youth employment. In 2017 a report was done on "disengaged youth" with the recognition that not all youth engage in the workforce in ways that lead to successful outcomes or may not engage in the work force whatsoever. This report continues to inform our work for how we engage partnering agencies in the advancement of youth employment in TC. We are devoted to collaborating, implementing, improving, and innovating around youth employment.



2017

INNOVATION

Continually searching for new approaches

TCYSD Celebrates 40 Years!

The Tompkins County Youth Services Department (TCYSD) supports municipalities and organizations that provide services to young people.

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary during 2017, TCYSD created the Caring Adult Campaign. The department put out a call for nominations of caring adults who have positively impacted young people and provided their own behind-the-scenes support to youth.

40 Caring Adults were randomly selected from over 100 nominations received. Those chosen were formally honored at the TCYSD 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 18th.

To view all accepted nominations of the Caring Adults in the Tompkins County community, visit: 40CaringAdults.Wordpress.com or search #40CaringAdults



Commitment to honest and fair communications

INTEGRITY

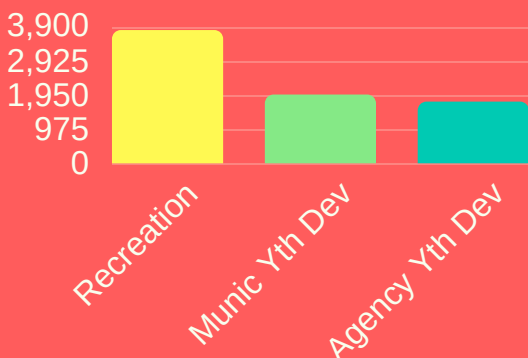
Results Based Accountability (RBA) allows the Youth Services team to get a glimpse of how contracted organizations are continually improving their services to support young people. The RBA model uses performance measures and community indicators to see the impact organizations are making. Through simple language, we have been able to measure how much, how well and ways young people are better off. In 2017, we launched agency scorecards as a transparent way to show the ways agencies continue to improve Tompkins County for youth and families. Check out the agency scorecards linked to each Achieving Youth Results goal on our website.



Proper management of resources entrusted into our care

STEWARDSHIP

2017 YOUTH SERVED WITH RESOURCES FROM TCYSD



2017 RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION

