



Achieving Youth Results

2019 Pitch Program

The work of Achieving Youth Results brought our community together to develop an action plan for Tompkins County which may more fully support youth and their families.

The Youth Services Department hosted its second annual community-wide AYR Pitch Program in March of 2019. This was an opportunity for Tompkins County non-profits to compete for funding. Those competing were matched with community coaches, leaders in the community that could support and help prepare the non-profits presenting.

Nine area organizations were awarded a total of \$13,000. We are pleased to present the results of this year's Pitch Program.

Pitch Program Results

Multicultural Resource Center: \$2,500
Ithaca Youth Bureau/Cass Park: \$2,050
CCE Lansing Fishing Derby: \$600
Town of Dryden Rec. Dept.: \$1,150
Enfield Community Council: \$1,000
Southworth Library: \$1,200
Ithaca Children's Garden: \$1,200
CCE Our Side of the Mountain: \$2,900
It's Talktime Dryden!: \$675

960 Youth Served

Ages 0-24

From 14 Municipalities



Participant Feedback

"All of the [participant] responses were overwhelmingly positive. [Event attendees] indicated that they learned new ways to support their child's vocabulary and language development."

"We enjoyed the process, the program, and the ability to think outside the box for our library programming."

"The pitch program was a positive twist on the typical grant application process. The competitive aspect combined with the presentation made the process more meaningful and helped to develop speaking and presentation skills for the pitch participants. Having a mentor provided in the process was a valuable element in making the project more relevant and valuable in the community."