

2018 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, Racker Centers, Blue Sky Center, Ithaca College, YMCA, OPWDD, Mental Health Services Subcommittee

RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY HEADLINE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HOW MUCH:

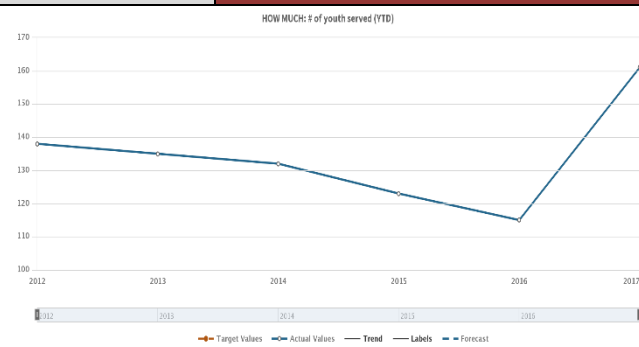
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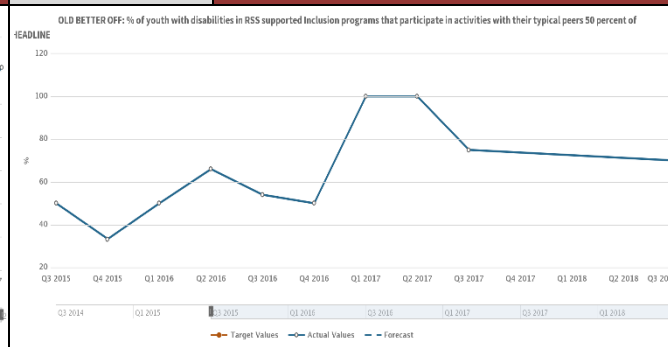
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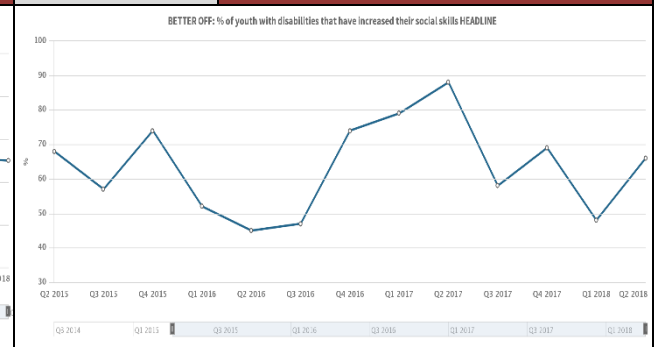
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*Youth served in 2017



*In Q3 of 2017



* In Q2 of 2018

THE STORY BEHIND THE DATA

GRAPH 1: # of youth served - 120 is the number of youth with disabilities we proposed to serve in our funding/contractual request. At the end of Quarter 3, 2018 we have surpassed that goal. We strive to achieve the appropriate balance between the number of youth served and the number of service hours provided to each individual participant.

GRAPH 2: % of youth with disabilities in RSS supported Inclusion programs that participate in activities with their typical peers 50 percent of the time. - Getting current RSS youth participants to participate in activities with their typical peers is more challenging than it sounds. While many programs in the Youth Bureau have developed their skills and capacity to include youth with disabilities into their programs, not many community agencies are prepared for the needs of our participants. Without significant staff effort and outreach, it is challenging for families to find programs and activities that are able to meet their needs. RSS will see a slight increase in Inclusion numbers as we will be more intentional about inviting youth to

participate in typical recreation. This measure will be captured annually during Quarter 3 only, to measure summer camp inclusion.

GRAPH 3: % of youth with disabilities that have increased their social skills. - This data will continue to look varied across years and quarters due to several factors including: the number of youth without typical social skills, the frequency and duration of contact hours with individual youth and the number of participants. Our measures do not currently include enough non-verbal indicators, which means that youth without typical social skills alter the data significantly.

AGENCY ACTION PLAN TO "TURN THE CURVE"

2019 Action Plan

HOW MUCH

- Collaborate with Ithaca College Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Department. Meet with Professor of OT at Ithaca College.
- Designate a staff as a Volunteer Coordinator. Meet with staff to discuss Volunteer Program Development.
- Specify 1 day a week as rotation of activities and rotation of participants.

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- Refine social skill measurement tool.
 - Work with TCYS staff to refine the measure to more effectively gauge what we do.
- Research how to obtain ABA certification.
- Include more typical youth in program.

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- Include pictures of youth with disabilities in typical recreation programs.
- Create training for Volunteer Coaches and offer training to other recreation agencies.
- New RBA measure decreases peer interaction time to 25% which is a more reasonable goal.

2018 Action Plan & Status

HOW MUCH

- Collaborate with Franziska Racker Centers to provide staff for Camp Inclusion. ↑ **Accomplished**
- Include student volunteers as part of course curriculum. ↔ **In process**
- Provide 1:1 swim, biking, play group on weekends. ↑ **Accomplished**

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- Develop Social Story for key programs. ↔ **In process**
- Include siblings in weekend programs. ↑ **Accomplished with great success**
- Identify 2 social goals from IEP and focus on those in recreation programming. ↑ **Accomplished**

BETTER OFF

- Forum in March for area camp director. ↑ **Accomplished**
- Bring ADA Specialist to community for overview. ↑ **Accomplished**
- Be a designated training site. ↔ **In process**