



COUNTY OF ERIE
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Erie County Youth Bureau

2009 Annual Report

Director's Statement

2009- A Look Back

Greetings from the Erie County Youth Bureau!

2009 was an exciting time here at the Erie County Youth Bureau; a time of revitalization in our Youth Bureau, and a time of hope for our young people. I will start with some numbers, and move on to some success stories. 23,637 young people throughout Erie County participated in Erie County Youth Bureau funded programs, and we granted 117 contracts with more than 70 youth serving agencies throughout Erie County. While these numbers are impressive, we all know the work we do is about more than just numbers. For the first time since 2007, we have a full Erie County Youth Bureau staff, and a full and active Erie County Youth Board. In July we hired Mark Gawronski as our AmeriCorps Vista and Donna Mertel as Senior Account Clerk, and in December we hired Nadia Moore as our Planning Coordinator. We are thrilled and fortunate to have these three talented and committed individuals on our staff!

In 2009 our Request for Proposal process and scorecard were updated, and agencies were regularly visited and monitored by both Youth Bureau staff and Board Members. Community Resource Maps were created to help us identify gaps in the community and to make funding decisions. This was one example of the successful merger of the Youth Bureau into the Department of Social Services, as we are now part of a large entity with many resources. We were able to implement phase one of both our Results Based Accountability plan to obtain outcomes and data with Karen Finn, and our gang and violence prevention initiative with Moses Robinson. In addition, the former "Youth Best Award" was renamed in memory of longtime Youth Bureau Planning Coordinator Darcel Hunter, and we were honored to do so. Ianna Spann was the first recipient of the Darcel Hunter Memorial

Scholarship. Ianna participated in the Teen Skills Initiative at the Buffalo Museum of Science, a youth development, service, and employment program for high school minority females in the City of Buffalo. The following is a quote from Ianna's scholarship essay:

"Working with this program has shown me what hope looks like. I am able to see how the presence of teenage women, like myself, working in the field of science provides others with hope. Hope that their children will have a future and that despite all the violence and confusion that is happening today, our youth can still succeed. I see the role I play in the lives of others and I appreciate the experience and opportunities that I am gaining by working with children and science, which I love."

Darcel believed in hope for our young people, and worked each and every day to improve the lives of young people in our community. On behalf of our current Youth Bureau staff, we are proud to partner with you and do the same. I would also like to highlight one of our agencies, with the theme of hope in mind.

The Massachusetts Avenue Project is an organic, urban, agricultural training program. During the growing season youth focus on hands on activities in the garden and marketing and selling their produce locally. As the growing season ends, the focus of the program shifts to business education, garden planning activities, program evaluation, and planning and implementing community projects. Young people grow the food, sell it at markets and on a mobile farm, design labels, teach the process to other young people, and were even able to sell their salsa at Wegmans, which is no easy task. Best of all, this past year all of the senior high school students involved went on to college as first generation students. This is a prime example of hope for our young people, and Massachusetts Avenue Project is an agency we are proud to partner with.

A special thank you to the volunteer members of the Erie County Youth Board, Commissioner of Social Services Carol Dankert, Deputy Commissioner of Youth Services Tom Lillis, Senior Fiscal Analyst NeCole Ervin, Planning Coordinator Nadia Moore, Senior Account Clerk Donna Mertel, and AmeriCorps Vista Mark Gawronski. These individuals work tirelessly on behalf of our agencies and young people throughout Erie County, and it is an honor to work with them on a daily basis.

In conclusion, thank you for the important work you do. As I travel throughout the Western New York community I am continuously amazed by the dedication so many have to young people. It is a privilege to work in the youth development field, to work with so many fine people and agencies, and to serve as Youth Bureau Director for Erie County. Best wishes in 2010!

Sincerely,

David Rust, Director, Erie County Youth Bureau

Youth Board

Laverne Ampadu	Cindy Horrigan
Jeff Bagel	Carolynn Hurley
Aniela Baj	Jillian Gorman-King
David Caywood, <i>Chair</i>	Kathleen O'Brien
Magdalena DeLeon	Daniel Pellegrino
Max Donatelli	Mike Randall
Donald Gernatt	Emma Reid
Karen Hargrove	Rebecca Roman
Ronjonette Harrison	Tony Williams
Sean Lora-Hetzner	

Liaisons to the Board

Christine Carr	Susan Morisson
Christine Garmon-Salaam	Mike Paolini

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

Youth Development Coordinators

Christine Garmon-Salaam Joseph Proietti

AmeriCorps VISTA

Mark Gawronski

Erie County Youth Bureau Staff

David Rust, *Director*
NeCole Ervin, *Senior Fiscal Analyst*
Nadia Moore, *Program Coordinator*
Donna Mertel, *Senior Account Clerk*

Erie County Department of Social Services Youth Services Division

Carol Dankert, *Commissioner*
Thomas Lillis, *Deputy Commissioner for Youth Services*

2010- A Look Forward

While it is great to look back, it is equally important to look forward. The work accomplished in 2009 was a building block for the work to come in 2010 and years beyond. A few of our projects currently in process include:

- Continuing to implement Results Based Accountability with Youth Bureau funded agencies to show data and outcomes. The data and outcomes Results Based Accountability will provide will only make both the Erie County Youth Bureau and our partnering agencies stronger when pursuing additional funding opportunities.
- Incorporating New York State Touchstones and the Quality Youth Development System.
- Monitoring of all our partnering agencies to see firsthand the important work you are doing.
- Development of an Erie County Youth Services website, which should be live by May.
- Implementing our youth developed and youth led gang and violence prevention initiative program.
- Continuing to strengthen the Youth Services Center by adding more positive development programs to the Youth Detention Facility. A partnership with Literacy Volunteers is already active and underway!



[Computers for Children Inc.]

2009 Youth Board Members			
Members	Affiliation	Tenure	Term Expiration
Laverne Ampadu	Director- Family Resource Center, Community Charter School	1992	12/31/2011
Jeff Bagel	CFRE, Senior Director of Development, Genesee Country Village and Museum	2009	10/1/2011
Aniela Baj	Legislative Assistant, Councilman David Franczyk	2000	12/31/2011
David Caywood	Principal Law Clerk, Hon. Christopher Burns, New York State Supreme Court	2009	8/1/2011
Magdalena DeLeon	Housing Aide, Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	2008	12/31/2011
Max E. Donatelli, Jr.	Director of Intake & Family Engagement, Baker Victory Services	2009	8/1/2011
Donald Gernatt	Executive Vice President, Gernatt Asphalt	2006	12/31/2011
Jillian Gorman-King	Youth Program Coordinator, Town of Cheektowaga Youth Bureau	2009	8/1/2011
Karen A. Hargrove	Manager of MIS, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority	2006	12/31/2011
Ronjonette Harrison	Juvenile Resource Coordinator, Erie County Family Court	2009	12/31/2011
Cyndi Horrigan	Alumni Relations Director, Diocese of Buffalo	2001 as Liaison, 2009	12/31/2011
Carolynn Hurley	Compliance Coordinator, Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled	2008	12/31/2011
Sean Lora-Hetzner	Agency Relations Manager United Way of Buffalo & Erie County	2006	12/31/2011
Kathy O'Brien	Compliance Coordinator, Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled	2009	12/31/2011
Daniel Pellegrino	Student (Youth Member), Kenmore West High School	2009	8/1/2011
Mike Randall	Security Officer, McKinley Mall	2009	10/1/2011
Emma Reid	Student (Youth Member), Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart	2009	8/1/2011
Rebecca E. Roman	Student (Youth Member) Canisius College	2008	12/31/2011
Tony D. Williams	Director of Operations, Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Inc.	2006	12/31/2011
LIAISONS			
Members	Title	Tenure	Term Expiration
Christine Carr	Executive Director Computers For Children, Inc.	2003	N/A
Christine Garmon-Salaam	Youth Development Coordinator, Office of Child & Family Services- New York State	Permanent OCFS Liaison	N/A
Susan Morisson	Program Director, The Center for School & Community Partnership	2002	N/A
Mike Paolini	Senior Associate Director, University at Buffalo School of Management- Career Resource Center	2009	N/A

Youth Board

The Erie County Youth Board is composed of volunteers appointed by the Erie County Executive and confirmed by the legislature. Board members serve for two year terms and have regular meetings on the second Monday of every month. This past year, there have been many changes both to the Board and initiated by the Board. 2009 saw the addition of ten (10) new Board members, bringing the total number of current members to nineteen (19). These members have been selected for their knowledge and insight into youth and family problems, and for their willingness to give of their time, talents, and expertise in providing recommendations for solving these problems.

The biggest change to the Youth Board involved updating the Youth Board By-Laws to create five new Committees tasked with increasing the overall effectiveness of the Youth Bureau. The five new Committees include the Darcel Hunter Scholarship Committee; the Funding Priorities and Outcomes Committee; the Site Visit Committee; the Funding and Grants Committee; and the Gang and Violence Prevention Committee. All board members will serve on at least one committee and each committee is tasked with creating measureable outcomes. The following are Committee descriptions:

- ***Darcel Hunter Scholarship Committee***

In past years, the Youth Bureau awarded a scholarship titled “Youth Best Award” to deserving youth in Erie County. With the passing of former Program Coordinator Darcel Hunter, the Board voted to change the name of the Youth Best Award to honor Darcel’s memory and his devotion to the Youth of Erie County. This Committee has the responsibility of distributing and marketing the scholarship to worthy candidates, as well as defining the rules and regulations of scholarship distribution. The primary goal of the Committee is selecting the

candidate who most embodies the virtues upon which Mr. Hunter devoted his life.

- ***Funding Priorities and Outcomes Committee***

The Funding Priorities and Outcomes Committee is responsible for tracking opportunities for improved Youth Bureau funding. The Committee will investigate the types of programs being offered by youth agencies and/or develop the type(s) of programs which should be offered. This Committee has the important task of determining where funding is needed the most so that the Youth Bureau may offer the best range of services. It will do so by analyzing the results and outcomes of already funded programs, as well as new, unfunded programs, creating a comprehensive report and statistics of the needs of Erie County’s youth.

- ***Site Visit Committee***

Although all Board members are required to attend at least two site visits of Youth Bureau contracted agencies, members of this committee will attend five different site visits and will thus be able to report back to the Board with a more detailed view of agency procedures and functioning. This Committee’s findings will be essential for the *Funding Priorities and Outcomes Committee* to determine the best direction for Youth Bureau funding. These members are the front line in seeing past program paper applications by being witnesses to actual program delivery.

- ***Grants Committee***

The Grants Committee is responsible for researching any new funding opportunities available to the Youth Bureau. This Committee will investigate potential grant opportunities for which the Youth Bureau qualifies. Members will then decide which grants are worth pursuing

and how the Youth Bureau will go about pursuing them—be it through a grant writer or through writing the grant itself. Furthermore, this Committee has the responsibility of tracking all funding coming into the Youth Bureau and ensuring that continued funding is available by lobbying government officials or creating new fundraisers.

- ***Gang and Violence Prevention Committee***

The Gang and Violence Prevention Committee will be responsible for creating initiatives that undermine gang activity and youth violence throughout the county. This Committee will research opportunities and programs that keep youth out of gangs and out of detention facilities. Members will help to oversee the newly created Youth Bureau Gang and Violence

Prevention Program, and will secure funding needed for its continued success.

In addition to the creation of the Youth Board Committees, an additional change to the By-Laws was passed to transform the antiquated Executive Committee. Formerly, this Committee was made up of a Board Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson, Second Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary. These roles were viewed more as ceremonial and lacking purpose. Thus, the new Executive Committee will consist of a Chairperson as well as the heads of the five newly created Committees. The Executive Committee will still serve its former functions, but will also meet to ensure each committee is meeting its goals and to ensure that the committees are working together to achieve worthwhile results.



[African American Cultural Center]

2009 County Funded Agencies

The Youth Bureau funds year round programs in three different categories: Youth Development Delinquency Prevention (YDDP), Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP), and Runaway Homeless Youth Agencies (RHYA). YDDP programs target basic youth service programs for youth ages 6-20, and focus on prioritized areas such as Academic Enrichment, Career Enrichment, Counseling, Gang and Violence Prevention, Literacy, Mentoring, and Youth Leadership, Engagement, and Service. SDP Programs target specific youth groups, such as school dropouts, victims of child abuse or domestic violence, teen parents, and many other youth at risk of specific negative outcomes. Finally, RHY

Agencies try to meet the many needs of runaway and homeless youth, including a safe place to stay, temporary lodging, counseling services, and life training. These agencies also develop a plan that runaway and homeless youth can use, once they leave the agency, that will help them and their families get back on track.

For 2009, the Youth Bureau funded 57 programs in 55 different agencies. The Youth Bureau funded 45 YDDP programs (45% of funds), 13 SDP Programs (21% of funds), and 2 RHY Agencies (34% of funds). Approximately 75% of agencies were located within the City of Buffalo, and 86% of County Youth Bureau funds were distributed to agencies within the City of Buffalo, a much needed resource in the third poorest city in America.

Summer Primetime Programs and the Darcel Hunter Scholarship

The Summer Primetime funding cycle is appropriated by the Erie County Youth Bureau and awarded to local agencies that must target at-risk youth between 10-18 years of age, including youth living within a family below 200% of poverty. The Primetime program is aimed at giving youth positive places to go and things to do during the summer months, a time when at-risk youth don't have the structure that schools offer throughout the academic year. Programs include arts, community service, recreation, field trips and also provide educational components. This year's Primetime funding cycle ran from July 1st – September 5th, and the Youth Bureau funded 48 different agencies, totaling \$663,928. At the end of the summer, the Youth Bureau sponsored a Primetime Picnic and invited all summer-funded agencies to bring youth with them for a day of fun and celebration – more than 500 young people were in attendance (10 per agency plus

an adult chaperone). The picnic was held at the Buffalo Zoo on August 12th, and the youth were able to watch Clumsy the Entertainer and to participate in arts and crafts, bingo, games, and a scavenger hunt. Those youth who found all items in the scavenger hunt had the opportunity to win prizes including bikes, back-to-school supplies, and even a new IPOD. In addition to the Youth Bureau, this year's picnic was sponsored by Computers For Children Inc., Best Buy, Wegmans, D & L Bikes, Office Depot, Wilcro Signs, the Police Athletic League, and Ingram Brothers Catering.

The Summer Primetime Picnic also saw the distribution of the Youth Bureau's first ever Darcel E. Hunter Scholarship Award to one deserving high school student from Erie County. Darcel Hunter was the former Program Coordinator for the Erie County Youth Bureau and its acting Director before he passed away in the fall of 2008. Darcel was with the Youth Bureau for approximately twenty years and everyone who knew him knew of his dedication and service to the youth of Erie County. Because of his great service, the Youth Bureau

renamed the former Youth Best Award after Darcel. This \$1,000 college scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school student who best exemplifies Darcel's belief in community service, education, compassion, and generosity. This year, Ianna Spann was awarded the scholarship. Over the past few summers she has participated in an academic and service program at the Museum of Science for girls wishing to pursue a career in science. Ms. Spann enrolled at Fredonia to pursue a degree in Chemistry. Erie County Executive Chris Collins presented the award.

One funded agency, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie County, served 75 young people in a group mentoring program. They participated in community service projects such as visiting seniors in a nursing home and stocking shelves at the food bank; vocational pursuits including

visiting a local library and touring college campuses; life skills such as grocery shopping and writing a resume; and recreational activities including attending a Bison's game, fishing, and visits to Niagara Falls and the Buffalo Naval Park. "Primetime opens amazing opportunities to kids who traditionally lack structured activities during non-school hours", said Robert Moss, Founder and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie County. "Primetime is a perfect answer to allow agencies to expand programming during these essential hours. Without it, more of the youth in our community will lack the structured activities they both need and grow from. Best of all, it allows them to be kids," he added. Tom Lillis, Deputy Commissioner of Youth Services agreed, adding, "Primetime programs add to youngster's quality of life. This is a necessity for healthy development, not a luxury."

A Partnership for Youth

The Partnership for Youth Program targets 100 youth from Erie County annually, ages 14-18, who are enrolled in school and in danger of becoming a dropout. These youth are economically disadvantaged and living at or below the poverty level. Agency providers must be Workforce Investment Act (WIA) certified. Targeted youth are lacking basic skills required to become gainfully employed including educational attainment, socialization skills, communication skills, and positive role models in becoming productive citizens. Services participants receive include tutorial skills, structured recreation

activities, summer employment opportunities linked to academic and occupational learning, paid and unpaid work experiences, occupational skills training, leadership activities, supportive services, and adult mentoring for not less than 12 months. A Partnership for Youth is a federally funded program in collaboration with the Erie County Youth Bureau, Workforce Investment Board, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and the New York State Department of Labor. Grants are awarded by the Erie County Youth Bureau and Workforce Investment Board.



AmeriCorps VISTA

The Youth Bureau has maintained its partnership with the Serve New York Program of WNY AmeriCorps VISTA to build stronger communities and sustain mentoring programs. AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer In Service To America) is a twelve month, full time commitment focusing on capacity building activities. VISTA members are, in essence, grants, won by the Youth Bureau in the form of membership service. They must be 18 years old, and usually have a Bachelor's Degree. VISTA members are required to be available 24 hours a day. They cannot have part-time jobs or be employed in any other paid position while serving as a VISTA. Furthermore, members cannot be full-time students. Their year with the Youth Bureau is focused on creating sustainable projects that will increase Youth Bureau capacity to serve the Youth of Erie County.

The Erie County Youth Bureau has won two terms of service with AmeriCorps VISTA members. James Bonanno, the first AmeriCorps VISTA, completed his year of service with the Youth Bureau this past July 2009. James came to the Youth Bureau with a Master's degree in European History from the University at Buffalo. He came during a rough transition

Boys and Girls Club Youth Detention Program

When the Erie County Youth Bureau and Youth Detention Facility merged into the Youth Services Center, one of the primary goals was to add Youth Bureau positive development programming into the Youth Detention Facility. In 2009 the Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo, in

period, which saw the passing of Darcel Hunter, former Youth Bureau Program Coordinator, who left behind an unsurpassed legacy of service to the youth of Erie County. With Darcel's passing, there was a time when James was the only Youth Bureau staff available. Himself being new to the Youth Bureau, James became its de facto representative and did a remarkable job holding the Youth Bureau together with the help of the Youth Services Department. James carried out agency site visits, communicated with the Youth Board, and took on many responsibilities in handling agency-related affairs. With the appointment of the new Youth Bureau Director, James was able to focus on monitoring the grant cycles and RFP process for funded agencies. When James' term of service ended, the Youth Bureau signed Mark Gawronski as its second AmeriCorps VISTA. Mark recently graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology prior to his appointment. During his term of service, Mark has helped in reviewing agencies on site visits, handling many Youth Bureau communications, and even helping to revise the Youth Board By-Laws to their current state. He also led the development of the Youth Bureau's first Annual Report. Mark is currently in the process of creating the Youth Bureau's first website—a much needed tool that will help serve the Youth Bureau, its funded agencies, and the citizens and youth of Erie County.

collaboration with the Erie County Youth Detention Center, was awarded a federal "Second Chance Mentoring Grant" in the amount of \$567,000 to be used for a program that reduces recidivism among juvenile offenders and gives them positive development tools to overcome their past mistakes. The Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo has been active in the Erie County Youth Detention Center since 2002. This grant will allow for expansion of

staff and programming in the center through October of 2012. It will also connect youth to both their local Buffalo clubhouse and provide a long-term mentor upon their release.

Youth in the Detention Center are generally aged 13 to 16 years old, and are at risk of academic failure, substance abuse, gang activity, and repeated juvenile delinquency. The three main goals for the program are reducing recidivism, providing a successful transition to home communities, and ensuring that the youth build a sense of leadership, responsibility, and self confidence. In order to achieve these goals, the Boys and Girls Club staff will recruit and

train mentors from D'Youville College who will facilitate all areas of youth development. Mentors will work with the young people for a minimum of 24 months. A variety of programs will ensue to ensure youth will be well prepared for life after the detention facility—education and career development programs, health and life skills programs, academic support, and character and leadership development programs. The program will be measured through attendance records, pre- and post-tests, report cards, mentor and parent surveys, journalizing, and other quantitative and qualitative measures of both outcomes and processes.



[Boys and Girls Club of East Aurora]

Towns, Villages, and Municipal Youth Bureaus

The Erie County Youth Bureau is a proud member of the Western New York Association of Youth Bureau's. Municipal Youth Bureau's within Erie County providing additional and valuable resources to youth include Amherst, Buffalo, Clarence, Cheektowaga, Hamburg, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Orchard Park, City of Tonawanda, Town of Tonawanda, and West Seneca. Monthly meetings are held at the Lancaster Youth Bureau. David Rust, Director of the Erie County Youth Bureau, also serves as an at-large Board Member of the New York State Youth Bureau Association. The Erie County Youth Bureau made Municipal Youth Bureaus, towns, and villages eligible for almost \$500,000 in programmatic aid in 2009.

2009 Fiscal & Programmatic Impact of the Erie County Youth Bureau

Erie County Youth Bureau Programs

YDDP Programs –	45 contracts with 43 agencies.	
Total dollar amount =	\$506,291	
Number of youth served =	11,910	
New agencies =	5	
SDPP Programs –	13 contracts with 12 agencies.	
Total dollar amount =	\$245,763	
Number of youth served =	4,044	
New agencies =	2	
Runaway Programs –	2 contracts with 1 agency.	
Total dollar amount =	\$193,465	
Number of youth served =	1,000	
Total number of site visits =	1	
Homeless Programs –	4 contracts with 2 agencies.	
Total dollar amount =	\$246,783	
Number of youth served =	1,030	
Total number of site visits =	2	
Summer Primetime –	49 contracts with 46 agencies.	
Total dollar amount =	\$663,928	
Number of youth served =	5,553	
Total number of site visits =	46	
APY Programs –	4 contracts with 4 agencies.	
Total dollar amount =	\$169,800	
Number of youth served =	100	
Total number of site visits =	4	
Erie County Youth Bureau Programs		\$2,026,030
Aid to Municipal Youth Bureau's, Towns, & Villages		\$ 497,758
Total Fiscal & Programmatic Impact- ECYB		\$2,523,788

2009 Erie County Youth Bureau Programs

Agency	City	Postal Code	Legislative District	Category	Funding Allocated for 2009	Primetime Funding for 2009	RHY Funding for 2009	APY Funding for 2009
Act for Youth of Buffalo & EC	West Seneca	14224	9	YDDP	8,400			
African American Cultural Center	Buffalo	14208	3	P		13,500		
AmeriCorps VISTA Matching Grant	Buffalo	14210	2	P		6,000		
Back to Basics	Buffalo	14206	2	P		17,500		
Be-A-Friend Big Brother Big Sister of Erie County	Buffalo	14207	6	SDPP	42,000	14,500		51,000
Blossom Garden Friends School	Collins	14043	13	YDDP	3,360	11,000		
Bob Lanier Center	Buffalo	14215	7	YDDP	12,600	14,000		
Boy Scouts of America	Buffalo	14225	8	YDDP	16,800			
Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo	Buffalo	14210	2	YDDP	21,000	36,000		
Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo - Detention Center	Buffalo	14211	7	P		25,000		
Boys & Girls Club of Depew/Lancaster	Lancaster	14086	5	YDDP	6,720			
Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora/Springville	East Aurora	14052	13	YDDP	10,080	14,500		
Boys & Girls Club-Eden	Eden	14057	12	YDDP	8,400	10,000		
Boys & Girls Club of Elma/Marilla/Wales	Elma	14059	5	YDDP	8,400	5,000		
Boys & Girls Club-Holland	Holland	14080	5	YDDP	10,920	10,000		
Boys & Girls Club of The Northtowns	Buffalo	14207	10	YDDP	12,600	27,000		
Boys & Girls Club of Orchard Park	Orchard Park	14127	13	YDDP	6,720	5,000		
Buffalo Community Center Collaborative	Buffalo	14216	3	P		8,000		
Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers-FNL	Buffalo	14204	3	YDDP	8,400			
Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers-YAP	Buffalo	14204	3	YDDP	8,400			
Buffalo Museum of Science	Buffalo	14211	3	P		12,800		
Butler Mitchell Association	Buffalo	14213	6	P		10,000		
Buffalo Public Schools	Buffalo	14202	3	APY				31,800

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Catholic Charities (SIS I, II, Southtowns)	Buffalo	14203	3	YDDP	37,800			60,500
CEPA Gallery	Buffalo	14203	3	YDDP	8,400	12,000		
Child & Adolescent Treatment Services	Buffalo	14202	3	SDPP	12,600			
Child and Family Services	Buffalo	14202	3	SDPP	16,800			
Community Action Organization	Buffalo	14209	7	YDDP	10,920	10,000		
Community Action Organization - SOS	Buffalo	14209	7	P		8,000		
Compass House	Buffalo	14209	3	SDPP	10,080		332,912	
Compeer of Greater Buffalo	Buffalo	14202	3	SDPP	16,800			
Computers for Children	Buffalo	14216	11	YDDP	12,600	20,000		
Cradle Beach Camp	Angola	14006	12	YDDP	8,400	14,500		
Crucial Human Services	Buffalo	14211	3	YDDP	10,920	12,000		
Delavan-Grider Community Center (Metro Community)	Buffalo	14215	3	YDDP	12,600	14,500		
The Family 25 Inc.	Buffalo	14215	7	P		14,000		
Father Belle Center Erie Regional Development	Buffalo	14201	6	YDDP	14,280	14,500		
First Hand Learning	Buffalo	14214		P		15,000		
FLARE Program	Buffalo	14214	7	YDDP	8,400	10,000		
Franciscan Center	Buffalo	14210	2	SDPP	21,000		107,336	
Friends of Asarese	Buffalo	14222	6	P		5,000		
Girl Scouts of WNY	Buffalo	14214	11	YDDP	10,500			
Gliding Stars	Amherst	14228	14	YDDP	12,600			
Hasek's Heroes	Buffalo	14207	6	YDDP	12,600			
Haven House-Child & Family Services of Erie County	Buffalo	14202	3	SDPP	10,920			
Healthy Community Alliance	Gowanda	14070	13	YDDP	6,396			
Hispanics United of Buffalo	Buffalo	14201	6	SDPP	14,763	14,000		
Hopevale	Hamburg	14075	1	YDDP	12,600			
House of Karnak	Buffalo	14204	3	SDPP	16,800			
Jericho Road Ministries	Buffalo	14213	6	P		8,950		
Lackawanna Sports & Education	Lackawanna	14218	1	YDDP	21,000	5,000		
Leadership Buffalo	Buffalo	14203	3	YDDP	12,600	14,178		
Literacy Volunteers of Buffalo & Erie County	Buffalo	14209	3	YDDP	10,920	18,000		
Matt Urban Comm. Center	Buffalo	14212	1	YDDP	16,800	18,000		

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Massachusetts Ave. Project	Buffalo	14213	6	P		14,500		
Native American Community Services	Buffalo	14207	6	YDDP	15,120			
National Federation for Just Communities of WNY	Buffalo	14202	3	SDPP	39,480			
North West Buffalo Community Center	Buffalo	14207	6	YDDP	12,600	14,000		26,500
Old First Ward Community Center	Buffalo	14204	1	YDDP	10,080	14,500		
Planned Parenthood of Buffalo & Erie County	Buffalo	14214	7	SDPP	15,120			
Police Athletic League of Buffalo	Buffalo	14202	3	YDDP	10,080	30,000		
Primetime Picnic	Buffalo			P		15,000		
Read to Succeed	Buffalo	14202	3	P		15,000		
Refuge Temple	Buffalo	14204	3	YDDP	6,395			
Salvation Army	Buffalo	14202	3	SDPP	12,600			
Schiller Park Community Services	Buffalo	14221	3	YDDP	8,400	10,000		
Seneca Babcock Community Association	Buffalo	14210	2	YDDP	10,080	11,000		
St. Philip's Center	Buffalo	14215	7	YDDP	8,400			
Town of Tonawanda Youth and Recreation	Tonawanda	14150	10	P		13,000		
University Heights (Gloria Parks)	Buffalo	14214	7	P		12,000		
Urban Christian Ministries	Buffalo	14204	3	YDDP	8,400	8,500		
Valley Community Association	Buffalo	14210	2	YDDP	10,080	14,500		
West Side Community Services	Buffalo	14213	6	YDDP	15,120	14,500		
Willie Hutch Jones Sports and Education	Buffalo	14208	7	P		10,000		
WNY United Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse	Cheektowaga	14227	2	SDPP	16,800			
YMCA-William Emslie	Buffalo	14206	3	YDDP	8,400			
Total:				75	752,054	663,928	440,248	169,800

Total:	2,026,030
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*2009 NYS Aid Eligibility					
Type	Municipal Name	2000 Youth Population	Recreation Eligibility	Service Eligibility	Initiative
Village	Akron	823	687.21	617.25	
Town	Alden	1,716	1,432.86	1,287.00	
Village	Alden	780	651.30	585.00	
Town	Amherst	31,435	26,248.23	23,576.25	11,002.25
Village	Angola	738	616.23	553.50	
Town	Aurora	2,027	1,692.55	1,520.25	
Village	Blasdell	748	624.58	561.00	
Town	Boston	2,225	1,857.88	1,668.75	
Town	Brant	415	346.53	311.25	
City	Buffalo	91,084	76,055.14	68,313.00	31,879.40
Town	Cheektowaga	18,852	15,741.42	14,139.00	6,598.20
Town	Clarence	8,091	6,755.99	6,068.25	2,831.85
Town	Colden	929	775.72	696.75	
Town	Collins	1,096	915.16	822.00	
Town	Concord	1,247	1,041.25	935.25	
Village	Depew	4,166	3,478.61	3,124.50	
Village	East Aurora	1,858	1,551.43	1,393.50	
Town	Eden	2,429	2,028.22	1,821.75	
Town	Elma	3,064	2,558.44	2,298.00	
Town	Evans	4,489	3,748.32	3,366.75	
Village	Farnham	107	89.35	80.25	
Town	Grand Island	5,555	4,638.43	4,166.25	
Town	Hamburg	12,067	10,075.95	9,050.25	4,223.45
Village	Hamburg	2,953	2,465.76	2,214.75	
Town	Holland	1,125	939.38	843.75	
Village	Kenmore	4,334	3,618.89	3,250.50	
City	Lackawanna	5,383	4,494.81	4,037.25	1,884.05
Town	Lancaster	6,383	5,329.81	4,787.25	2,234.05
Village	Lancaster	2,862	2,389.77	2,146.50	
Town	Marilla	1,742	1,454.57	1,306.50	
Town	Newstead	1,454	1,214.09	1,090.50	
Town	North Collins	671	560.29	503.25	
Village	North Collins	341	284.74	255.75	
Town	Orchard Park	6,929	5,785.72	5,196.75	2,425.15
Village	Orchard Park	850	709.75	637.50	
Town	Sardinia	827	690.55	620.25	
Village	Sloan	861	718.94	645.75	
Village	Springville	1,213	1,012.86	909.75	
City	Tonawanda	4,415	3,686.53	3,311.25	1,545.25
Town	Tonawanda	15,232	12,718.72	11,424.00	5,331.20
Town	Wales	825	688.88	618.75	
Town	West Seneca	11,748	9,809.58	8,811.00	4,111.80
Village	Williamsville	1,224	1,022.04	918.00	
Total:		267,313	223,206.36	200,484.75	74,066.65
Total Aid for Erie County Municipalities:				497,757.76	

*Note: Some municipalities choose to waive their eligibility to a town, municipal youth bureau, or back to the Erie County Youth Bureau.

The following summaries show all YDDP, SDPP, RHYA, and Primetime programs funded by the Youth Bureau, including program and contact information for the 2009 year. (Many agencies often change their programs for new funding cycles; therefore this information is only for the 2009 year.)

Erie County Youth Bureau
-2009 Contact & Services Listing-

ACT FOR YOUTH AT ERIE 1 BOCES

ACT for Youth provides training to the Buffalo and Erie County Development Partnership to build the capacity of the partnership to achieve its goals of mobilizing the community in asset building initiatives, increasing the meaningful engagement of youth in the community and championing cross-systems collaboration. *Does not provide direct service to youth.*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

The Prime Time summer program provides services for at risk youth ages 10-13 who are idle for three or more hours daily. Services include a wide variety of educational and art forms, including lunch and field trips.

BACK TO BASICS OUTREACH

The Primetime Summer Program includes three sites: Site I - 906 Broadway, Buffalo, NY. Monday – Friday, 10am-5pm. mentoring program that emphasizes making good life decisions. Field trips include the Collins Correctional Facility. Site II -Masjid Dar Us Salaam, 75 East Parade St., Buffalo, N.Y. 10am-2pm. Classes that emphasize basic reading and writing skills. Site III – 585 Williams St., Buffalo, NY. Monday – Friday, 3:00pm-7:pm. Stop the Violence Coalition. Youth intervention program is designed to assist youth who are ex gang members.

BE-A-FRIEND PROGRAM, BIG BROTHERS-BIG SISTERS INC.

This program provides Individual and Group Mentoring services to address the needs of children between the ages of 6 and 15 from across Erie County, who come from an environment of physical and/or emotional abuse and/or neglect. Approximately 100 children will be placed into a mentoring relationship where volunteers and professional staff will work with youth to provide the benefits from the effects of a positive role model. In addition to regular year round programming, summer Primetime programs are also offered.

BLOSSOM GARDEN FRIENDS SCHOOL

Program activities include a summer youth employment program, community service projects, computer education, drama, arts and crafts, academic tutoring, and outdoor recreational activities. Affirmation and conflict resolution activities will also take place. Planned for 20 youth ages 6-20 from rural southern Erie County. The site also includes a summer Primetime program, which is an extension of regular services, as well as Alternatives to Violence classes and computer science classes during a six week summer session. Field Trips include hiking and picnics.

BOB LANIER CENTER

This program will provide academic assistance; pregnancy, substance abuse, STDs-HIV/.AIDS prevention; conflict resolution, character education classes, sports, cultural, recreational activities to improve the social abilities and knowledge of 60 youth and their parents on Buffalo's East Side in a safe after-school environment. In addition, the summer Primetime program provides services to youth between the ages of 10 -18, in three components: Academic Enrichment, Life Skills Development, and Activities component.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL, INC.)

The Boy Scouts of America will expand its outreach to disadvantaged urban youth by partnering with qualified local organizations to provide hands-on experiential learning to teach youth positive behaviors, the avoidance of violence and other social and life skills. Located on three sites in Buffalo, NY: Asbury Shalom Zone, 520 7th street; True Bethel, 907 East Ferry; West Side Comm. Center, 161 Vermont St.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF BUFFALO

Through SMART Programming, the Southside Clubhouse will provide at least 75 at-risk youth members exhibiting self destructive behavior. Weekly, age appropriate sessions help youth to overcome the many challenges associated with poverty using positive, healthy strategies.

For the Primetime program, a variety of diversified program activities are developed around five core areas: Education and Career Development, Health and Life skills, the Arts, Character and Leadership Development, and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB - DEPEW - LANCASTER

Power Hour is a homework help and tutoring club for 700 youth that runs Monday through Friday, both afternoon and evening sessions. The response and need is so great that this program's allotments have increased.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS – EAST AURORA

The program is designed to provide youth with positive, alternative activities in which to participate during their leisure, discretionary time. Youth served ages 5-18.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EDEN

To inspire and enable all youth members to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens through active participation in positive youth development activities during their leisure time. The Summer Primetime program activities include a day camp, field trips, and educational and recreational activities.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ELMA, MARILLA AND WALES

Smart Moves and Power Hour are nationally tested programs that empower at risk youth with the knowledge and ability to prevent deviant behavior.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HOLLAND

The club is open every day after school for its members (ages 7 -18), providing them with a safe place surrounded with caring adults who are positive adult role models. Our programs attract at-risk youth into the club and expose them to developmental assets, as measured by the Rochester READY Tool.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE NORTHTOWNS

The Smart Moves program involves staff, youth, and community members collaborating to address the problems of substance abuse and early sexual activity amongst the youth served. Small and large group sessions are designed to give youth accurate information about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and teenage sexuality to raise self esteem by improving their skills in resisting peer pressure. The program will serve 650 youth ages 9 - 16 in the City of Tonawanda.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ORCHARD PARK

Smart Moves and Power Hour are nationally tested programs that empower at risk youth with the knowledge and ability to prevent deviant behavior.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BUFFALO – YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY PROGRAM

Provides program activities to the youth at the Erie County Youth Detention Facility, 810 East Ferry St., Buffalo, NY. Prime Time enhances normal summer programming. Upon release, youth are invited to join the Boys & Girls Clubs.

BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER COLLABORATIVE

This was funded for the Summer Primetime program. It is an association of human service agencies representing the City of Buffalo, which is committed to developing initiatives, programs, financial support, and advocacy, as a collaborative to improve services and opportunities for communities throughout the city. Membership currently consists of thirteen community centers throughout the City of Buffalo.

BUFFALO FEDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

Program Title: Youth Advocacy Program (YAP)

The program provides advocacy services to 160 youth 5-20 years of age and their families at school suspension hearings and conferences for the determination of mental and/or learning disabilities to ensure that students due process rights are upheld within the Buffalo educational system.

BUFFALO FEDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

Program Title: Fun and Learning

Tutoring, homework assistance, problem solving, communication skill building, and recreational activities will address the needs of 80 youth who are reading below grade level, and at risk of failing grades or lacking skills for making good decisions affecting their lives. The program serves youth, ages 5 to 14, in the Masten and Ellicott areas of Buffalo. After-school activities will be located at Futures Academy located, 295 Carlton St., Buffalo.

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

This Summer Primetime program offers Teen Skill Initiative (TSI), a program for high school minorities who reside in the City of Buffalo. The program will address the need for meaningful youth employment, job skill development, and positive youth development for at-risk teenage girls using science as a vehicle.

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

With this program through the APY Grant, 31 at risk youth who have dropped out or are unable to complete high school will have three main goals: to attain basic skills, to enter unsubsidized employment, and to attain a GED. Program participants will also receive job readiness and occupational skills training. 50% of participants who earn a GED will go on to post-secondary education, college, military, or apprenticeship.

BUTLER-MITCHELL ASSOCIATION

“City Kids at Summer Camp” Education Program intended to improve the immediate and future quality of life for the youth of our city through educational, recreational and cultural activities. 50 youth (boys) ages 11-14 will attend camp Weona at no cost to them.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 1

Program Title: School Intervention Services

Program provides counseling to 1,000 youth and families across Erie County who are dropouts and high risk youth who require early school intervention, using individual and family therapy.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2

Program Title: South towns School Intervention Service

This program provides counseling to 90 youth and their families who are dropouts and at-risk youth who require early school intervention, using therapeutic models.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT TREATMENT SERVICES

Program Title: Child Advocacy Center

This program will provide individual and group counseling services, provided by a trained mental health therapist, for children who are victims of abuse. Located in Buffalo.

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

The goal of the About FACE (Families Approaching Conflict Effectively) project is to provide alternative methods to address high risk behavior. The project will aim to increase adaptive family behaviors, decrease attitudes supportive of high-risk behavior, and decrease future involvement with the juvenile or criminal justice system.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - HAVEN HOUSE

This program includes therapy, educational and recreational services for children and families who are/have been residents of a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Interventions occur with individual children, mothers, families and with groups composed of children, parents and/or families.

C.E.P.A GALLERY

The Summer Primetime program, Writing with Light, is a comprehensive delinquency prevention and intervention program that targets anger management and youth engagement and leadership for at-risk youth living 200% below the poverty line. Students will benefit from positive interactions with peer mentors and professional teaching artists as they create photographs & written works.

COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION

The program offered at the Edward Saunders Community Center is an academic enrichment program emphasizing the importance of reading/ELA and math competence. We use four core components: reading club, culture club, drama club, and debate club to provide students with academically enriched activities, character development and leadership opportunities.

COMPASS HOUSE

This program provides a crisis shelter and counseling center for runaway and homeless youth in Erie County. Compass House provides shelter, food, crisis counseling, family and group counseling, referral services, advocacy and aftercare. The program will serve 1000 youth ages 12 to 18, 24 Hour/ 7 Days a Week.

COMPASS HOUSE

Program Title: Compass House Resource Center

This program provides non-residential, transitional support services for homeless youth ages 16-21, will provide case management services, crisis hot-line, referral, advocacy, individual counseling, group instruction, independent living skills training and recreational opportunities.

COMPEER OF GREATER BUFFALO

Volunteer mentors, professionally trained, will provide mentoring services to improve the lives of youth by being positive role models and developing a one to one friendship in the City of Buffalo.

COMPUTERS FOR CHILDREN

A program designed to help at-risk youth learn marketable job skills in the field of computer technology, as well as providing individual development skills. Youth learn about computer hardware concepts in addition to software applications. Second site located at 1799 Clinton St., Buffalo, NY.

CRADLE BEACH CAMP

The Summer Primetime program serves 900 at-risk children and children with special needs. Youth participate in various “play stations” activities such as t-shirt designing, news letter club, cooking, nature activities, team sports, swimming, camping. Five, 24 hour camp sessions, June 30 – August 23rd.

CRUCIAL HUMAN SERVICES

A program designed to build resiliency, resistance and negotiation skills in under-served and at-risk youth between the ages of 5 and 20, through educational, cultural, social and recreational activities. The Umoja Project emphasizes overall academic enrichment, reading and mathematics enhancement, and cultural awareness.

DELAVAN-GRIDER, METRO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The Youth Employment Program will provide job readiness training workshops and job placement services to youth participants ages 13-20. Youth will gain essential knowledge of job search, resume writing, interviewing techniques and work place etiquette. Placement in GED classes, trades training, and colleges will be made. Program cycles will be offered after school and during the summer.

ERIE REGIONAL HOUSING DEV. CORPORATION- FATHER BELLE CENTER

The Belle afterschool program will serve at least 80, 6-12 year old youth. When school is not in session the center will offer programs during the day. During the summer months, we will operate a summer academic/recreational camp program for the kids. Activities include swimming, field trips, etc.

FAMILY 25, INC.

The “Check & Connect” program will be extended to the summer for students at risk of failure in Buffalo Public Schools. Programming entails mentoring, tutoring, and recreational activities. Sporting and recreational events also planned for the summer.

FLARE PROGRAM – FILLMORE LEROY AREA RESIDENTS

The program provides ELA instruction, conflict resolution, recreation, hands on science, financial fitness for youth, community gardening, and youth community development activities.

FRIENDS OF ASARESE

Asarese-Matters Summer Camp program will provide regular systematic contact with adult mentors around a curriculum that encourages appropriate socialization, academic enrichment, conflict resolution and service to the community. Will serve twenty youth and run for five days.

FRANCISCAN CENTER

Program Title: The Franciscan Center Youth Home

The program provides transitional shelter (8 beds) for males ages 16-21. Formal counseling in the areas of substance abuse/addiction, suicide, teen pregnancy, education and employment guidance, physical/emotional abuse, sexual molestation is available to these youth and their families. Also, referrals are made to other local human resource agencies. The program will serve 100 youth. Hours: 24 Hour/ 7 Days a Week.

FRANCISCAN CENTER

Program Title: The Franciscan Emergency Shelter

The program provides emergency shelter (6 beds) for males ages 16-21. Formal counseling in the areas of: independent living skills, substance abuse/addiction, suicide, teen pregnancy, education and employment guidance, physical/emotional abuse, sexual molestation is available to these youth and their families. Referrals are made to other local agencies. The program will serve 160 youth. Hours: 24 Hour/ 7 Days a Week.

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY

The Girl Scout Rural and Urban Learning Experience will provide Girl Scout programs and services to neighborhoods, while promoting interaction with positive adult role models.

GLIDING STARS

Program provides adaptive Ice Skating instructions for persons with disabilities and engages primary youth for both skaters and volunteers. Program spends 26 weeks during the school year featuring special training, teamwork and public performance.

HASEK'S HEROES – DOMINIC HASEK YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUE

Program utilizes the basics of skating and hockey skills in a structured environment designed to provide delinquency prevention and skill building to youth 4-17 years of age.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

The Rural Youth Counseling Program (RYCP) provides counseling and parent education services to un-served or underserved at-risk youth and their families in southern Erie County.

HISPANICS UNITED OF BUFFALO

The program will serve limited English speaking youth ages 13-21, who are dropout prone due to failing grades. Tutoring, homework assistance and remedial instruction will increase skills, while also motivating youth to continue in school and improve their overall academic performance. Job readiness skills workshops, job placement services, and assistance with employment applications will also be offered.

HOPEVALE, INC.

The Parent and Abused Child Treatment (PACT) program provides, assessment, individual, family and group counseling as well as educational, referral, discharge and follow-up services for youth, ages 11-17, having neglected and/or abuse histories.

JERICHO ROAD MINISTRIES

The Focused Learning for Youth (FLY) program assists middle school refugee students in achieving the grade context and knowledge of their American peers, focusing primarily on literacy and math. Weekly Workshops and Experimental Learning programs will be held each week.

MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE PROJECT

Growing Green Summer Primetime program through hands-on activities at the MAP urban farm, in the kitchen, at area farms, and at farmers markets. Youth gain knowledge about growing, preparing and marketing their own food, as well as nutrition, sustainability, and food systems issues. Youth plant, maintain and harvest a ½ acre urban farm with a variety of vegetables, flowers and herbs, and plan weekly meals.

LACKAWANNA SPORTS & EDUCATION

Program provides community with meaningful educational and recreational activities such as sports, field trips, self-esteem seminars dealing with peer pressure and drug/alcohol abuse. Program will promote a sense of community and character development through team work, discipline, integrity and sportsmanship.

LEADERSHIP BUFFALO INC.

The purpose of the program will be to provide 45 high school youth with information and skills in leadership to empower them to become active, knowledgeable and responsible citizens in the community. 2 day retreat session, a series of monthly full and half day sessions.

LT. MATT URBAN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Matt Urban Community Center will provide an after school and summer day program of educational and recreational services for youth ages 6-18 years of age. This program includes tutoring services, individual counseling sessions, and life skills workshops, parenting workshops and information and referral services and organized recreation activities.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY

The peer tutoring program recruits local teens who work one on one with other youth. We train them in literacy tutoring and place under adult supervision to work with children who are mostly Black or Hispanic pupils of Buffalo Public Schools attending SURR or SINI designated school in grades 4-8. Locations at FLARE, 307 Leroy Ave.; and Goodwill Family Enrichment Center, 119 William St.

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

CIRCLE (Crisis Intervention and Referral for Continuing Linkages and Education) provides initial intervention & linkage services to 70 Native American youth ages 5-20. Circle also offers wellness activities and workshops on crisis related issues and services to the general Native American youth population.

NORTH WEST BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER

Program provides supervised recreation, arts/crafts, field trips, a Teen Summit and community clean-up opportunities for youth residing in the Housing complex of the Riverside/Black Rock community.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY & JUSTICE

An innovative prevention project for 16-21 year old youth who are incarcerated at the Erie County Holding Center for the first time. This program works collaboratively with Judges and Law Enforcement to give these youth a second chance. Counselors work with each youth helping them adjust to the crisis of incarceration and assist the youth as he/she re-enters the family, the educational system and place of employment.

OLD FIRST WARD COMMUNITY CENTER

Program services include the Street Safe Kids program that provides a safe, supervised haven from conflict and violence in the Old First Ward community.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OR BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY

A total of six (four female and two male) teen pregnancy prevention programs will be conducted in high need zip codes within Erie County. Each program is 10 weeks in length and meets once per week. All programs are taught by professional trainers and focus on issues such as media literacy, diversity, values and virtues, sexuality and health.

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE OF BUFFALO

Several program sites located in Buffalo will provide at risk youth 6-18 with supervised recreation, socialization activities and community service projects.

READ TO SUCCEED BUFFALO

In collaboration with a number of coalition partners, Read to Succeed will implement a ten week summer community assessment project for literacy. Targeting at-risk youth, participants will be paid for 20-25 hours of service per week dependent upon their age and role in the project. As employees and students, the young people will develop a community map and collect data for use in determining what programs and services are lacking, ineffective or underutilized within the community.

REFUGE TEMPLE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

A comprehensive prevention based program serving youth that will appeal to teens with varied social interests. The program will be comprised of supervised social recreation and educational activities.

SALVATION ARMY

This program provides troubled families that cannot agree on visitation an option that prevents undue risk to children caught in the middle of post-divorce hostilities that lead to physical violence, kidnapping and neglect. Mediation and supervised visitation restore low-stress access to children to their non-custodial parents denied their natural right to visit.

SCHILLER PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES

To provide needed support for youth, so that they may succeed academically, and make education a priority in their life. With rising levels of violent crime committed in our community, our activities will provide a safe, structured atmosphere where youth can turn to have fun and stay out of trouble.

SENECA BABCOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Services include a “Family Computer Room” where over 400 youth and their families will have access to the internet and computer training. Our youth program consists of athletics, creative arts, and recreational activities.

ST. PHILIP'S COMMUNITY CENTER

The Young Achievers Program addresses the problem of academic and social failure of disadvantaged minority youth in grades K-8, and seeks to empower them and enrich them through educational activities, preventative workshops and recreational activities. The program will serve approximately 150 youth.

TOWN OF TONAWANDA YOUTH, PARKS, & RECREATION

The Summer Primetime program targets youth crime, loitering and gang activity among high-risk youth. Along with onsite playground and spray pool operations, program will provide a wide range of physical, social, cultural, natural, recreational, and intellectual opportunities for the participating youth. Field trips planned.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS C.D.A. – GLORIA PARKS

The Summer Primetime program offers a safe and affordable environment where youth can gather to participate in educational and recreational activities. The program enhances youth in academic enrichment, socialization skills, developmental assets, delinquency prevention, and innovative programming. Fencing instruction course and summer camps for youth offered. Field trips planned.

URBAN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

This program works with community service volunteers to educate young people in prevention strategies that deal with criminal behavior and avoiding the material temptation of gangland lifestyle. Approximately 300 youth, 13-21 years old will be served.

VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Striving for Excellence is a comprehensive youth program that features various academic and social components. A family case management component will be comprised of prevention workshops and trainings, mostly dealing with anger management and conflict resolution, and family sessions to deal with issues occurring at home.

WEST SIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Program activities will provide youth an opportunity to channel energies and relieve stress through active recreation; provide multimedia computer lessons and other electronic reference materials and provide resource assistants and tutors who will provide individualized educational assistance on homework assignments and projects.

WILLIE HUTCH JONES SPORTS CLINIC

The Summer Primetime program provides free of charge individual fundamental sports skills instruction, academic enrichment, youth internships, computer skills instruction, Spanish and Arabic instruction, and referrals to vocational trades' apprenticeship classes. Program targets school dropouts, runaway-homeless youth, and youth in need of a safe place. Activities at multiple location sites in Buffalo.

WNY UNITED AGAINST DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

This program works to increase assets (protective factors) in the Buffalo Public School system through Social Competency and conflict resolution trainings, as well as aggressive parent and community outreach. The focused assets development services include (protective factors): 24 (Bonding to School), 28 (Integrity), 32 (Planning and decision making), 33 (Interpersonal Competence), 36 (Peaceful Conflict resolution), 38 (Self esteem). Grades 5 and 6 are targeted from schools 3, 18, 31, 94, 28, 33, 40, 43, 44, 93, and 92.

YMCA – WILLIAM EMSLIE

This program provides daily recreational and educational activities to 100 youth residing in the Ellicott District. The program seeks to help children in the development of their social, education and recreational /physical skills.