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**PROGRAM
FEATURES**

24/7 Crisis Availability

Parent Engagement

Individualized Service
Plans

Family Focused

No eject/No reject
policy

Cultural and Linguistic
Competence

Focus on Strengths

Team Work

NJ YAP COMMUNITY ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Youth Advocate Programs provides intensive wraparound advocacy services that help keep kids and communities safe, promoting well-being, health and resilience by meeting concrete, cognitive and emotional needs, teaching skills, and making positive connections to the community. We do this by blending concepts from wraparound planning, mentoring, trauma-informed care and positive youth development in our YAPWrap model.

We partner with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to serve 150 youth ages 12-18 in Atlantic, Camden, Essex, Middlesex and Ocean counties. We provide 10 hours/week of individualized wraparound advocacy services delivered by community-based Advocates, including a group-based, trauma-informed therapeutic component.

SERVICE COMPONENTS

INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND ADVOCACY: Guided by the wraparound planning process and Individualized Service Plans (ISPs) developed during the intake and assessment process, trained YAP Advocates will provide youth and their families with holistic and customized mentoring, wraparound support and linkages to community supports.

GROUP SERVICES: Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS) is an evidence-based group structured psychotherapy treatment designed to improve the emotional, social, academic and behavioral functioning of youth exposed to chronic interpersonal trauma (e.g., ongoing physical abuse) and/or separate types of trauma (e.g., community violence). Additional group interventions are utilized based on the needs of each youth. These group interventions can include the use of restorative Peace Circles or elements of the Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations curriculum.

SUPPORTED WORK: Eligible youth ages 14-18 may participate in Supported Work, a form of subsidized (paid) employment training that provides short-term, real work experience and that reduces barriers to employers taking on high-risk young people by having them supervised and paid by YAP. We prioritize employment opportunities that provide participants with age-appropriate substantive tasks that build specific vocational abilities and promote transferable soft skills such as timeliness, appropriate demeanor and dress and taking directions.



Date Referral Received: _____

Date Participant Contacted: _____

YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAMS, INC.
Community Based Violence Prevention Program
REFERRAL FORM

1) Participant's Name: _____

2) D.O.B. _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Email Address: _____

3) Referring School: _____

Grade: _____ Municipality: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Person Requesting Services: _____

Contact Information/Phone: _____

4) Identify Risks for Violence:

☐ Low Educational Achievement/Truancy	☐ Access to Weapons in the Home/Community
☐ Poor Supervision at Home	☐ Exhibits Impulsiveness/Poor Behavior Control
☐ Parental Conflict	☐ Hx of Foster Care/DCPP Involvement
☐ Substance Use of Family Members	☐ Hx of Fighting/Bullying
☐ Substance Use of Student	☐ Incarceration of Family Members
☐ Economic Inequality	☐ Hx of Aggressive Behavior
☐ Low Family Cohesion	☐ Associates with Delinquent Peers

5) Reason for Referral:

Signature Authorizing Services Date

YAP Signature Date