

2022-2023 ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW

More Clients

During the 2022-2023 program year, YCAP continued to serve the most vulnerable members of our Yonkers Community. These programs include but are not limited to WIOA, OVS, OASAS and of course, Nutrition Support. We continue to assist clients in any way possible, whether it's direct or referral services. We will continue to implement new programs to help those in need.

Teen Outreach

Although we provide services to everyone from 0 to 99, we have recently concentrated our efforts on the teen population. Starting with the Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act, (WIOA), this program allows us to provide workforce development to 50 underserved youth between the ages of 14-24. with vocational training, life skills and paid internships. Our newly acquired Office of Victim Services, (OVS) program provides much needed mental health therapy and support to teenagers who have been a witness or a victim to a crime.

Community Engagement

Our 25-plant bed community garden provides horticultural therapy for community members. We also engage the community through various events throughout the City of Yonkers. We have tables at the Yonkers Riverfest, National Night Out, LGBTQ parade, and the African American Heritage Festival at the Kensico Dam where we distribute different items from gift cards to bags of food.

Community Support

For the 2022-2023 season, we've helped a large number of participants with rental and utility assistance ranging between \$500-\$2,000 per household. Our "Back to School" voucher program has provided clothing vouchers to north of 175 families, relieving them of the stress of purchasing school clothing for their children. The aforementioned programs, in addition to YCAP's college book purchase program, community garden and financial literary program help provide the support our clients need.

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More Food

600,000, is the number of pounds of food that we have distributed to our Yonkers residents during the 2022-2023 year. This number is made possible through multiple partnerships including but not limited to the City of Yonkers, United Way of Putnam & Westchester, local restaurants, supermarkets and of course, our largest contributor, Feeding Westchester.

Future Leaders

We are supporting our young adults on their way to becoming future leaders. This is done through multiple programs here at YCAP. These programs include but are not limited to our Summer Youth Leadership Program, where we teach 10–13-year-olds the importance of being a good leader in your community; Back to School Initiative which provides families of middle school students vouchers for clothing so that the kids feel confident while they are in school. We also provide college bookstore vouchers for those who are going into secondary education.

Mental Health Support

Our mental health support services have been a tremendous asset to our client population. Although it has only been in existence for a little over two years, we have been able to connect a large number of individuals to our LMSW's. In addition to our regular mental health support programs, we've added our new OVS program where we have been able to provide mental health support to teens who have been a victim and or have witnessed a crime. Our services include individual, family, and group therapy.

More Partners

Partnerships are a key factor in our growth and client assistance. As our programs grow, so does our need to have a wide array of community-based partners. This allows us to reach and serve more clients in the community. Our largest partner is Feeding Westchester. This partnership allows us to provide nutrition support to thousands of individuals yearly. In 2023, we proudly received the "Feeding Westchester Partnership Award".

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