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"DFY COOKBOOK" actually is a potpourri of ideas, rather than a compilation of the select menus of any one person. The collection was compiled by and for Mr. Edelman, to provide an insightful overview of the kinds of community programs which can and do serve the needs of youth in various locations around New York State. It is hoped that inspired by these examples, others will be motivated to concoct their own ideas to benefit youths everywhere.

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INTRODUCTION

Since 1945, the New York State Division for Youth's Local Assistance program has provided administrative direction and financial reimbursement to villages, towns, cities and counties throughout New York State for the development and operation of recreation, youth service and youth bureau activities. Local agencies and counties have, over the past years, developed excellent programs to meet the needs of their particular youth populations, geared toward preventing juvenile delinquency, minimizing recidivism and reintegrating delinquents and young offenders into their communities. Over 2,200 youth projects are currently receiving state aid reimbursement under Local Assistance for their operations and are providing services to all segments of the State. Still, we find that youth crime is a major problem in the State while local communities are vigorously attempting to provide for the multiple and varied needs of their youth. Programming innovative approaches to solving youth problems has become a major challenge to both the State and localities in their attempt to arrest the increasing youthful crime statistics and to extend their services to meet all the needs of their communities.

DFY COOKBOOK has been developed to address these issues. Through the sharing of information on existing programs utilizing new approaches in serving youth and experiencing success in addressing youth problems, we find that other communities with similar concerns can effectively create new programs or extend their services. The goal is one of allowing communities to learn and share valuable information on the efforts of concerned community groups and municipal and county governments throughout New York State. The title, DFY COOKBOOK, was adopted to reflect what the Division, under the direction of Mr. Peter B. Edelman, believes to be some very

exciting "recipes" for the development of youth services. The book contains basic information on exemplary programs which have been making inroads in the field of prevention and youth development.

The Selection Process

Recommendations of programs to be included in this reference booklet were sought from the Division's Local Assistance field offices, which provide all the development and administrative supervision services for the 62 counties of the state. Based upon these recommendations, the Enhancement of State-Local Planning Unit, an LEAA funded planning project (DCJS #1944D), then proceeded to draft program descriptions highlighting program goals and objectives, target populations, method, staff, cost and contact personnel. First drafts were forwarded to the program selected for their review, verification, comments and recommended changes. Responses received were built into the final drafts which appear in the catalog.

As a result of the many recommendations forwarded to the unit developing the catalog, there was a need to delineate the programs into comparable service areas. After careful consideration of all the areas being served, the programs were subdivided into the following five somewhat arbitrary and frankly overlapping categories:

A.) Preventive Services for the Delinquent or "High Risk" Youth

Although all youth programs, whether recreational or youth service, have prevention as a major goal, programs selected under this category represent current trends in the prevention of initial or further contact with the criminal/juvenile justice system. They reflect approaches to reintegrating young offenders into the community and diverting potential delinquents. Included among these are services provided for probationers, diversion programs within local police departments, services for runaway youth and services for the ex-offender.

B.) Problem-Oriented

These programs are targeted on alleviating problems often associated with youth crime, such as youth unemployment, educational disadvantages, family disintegration, lack of advocacy services, and the like. The programs described have been quite successful in providing services to counter these problems and are highlighted because of their success and the Division's commitment to fund these types of projects.

C.) Alternative Methods

The group of programs described under this third category offer new or alternative methods to solving youth problems and concerns. Such approaches include the outward bound type program, the use of volunteer families to provide temporary shelter for runaways, peer outreach programs, and family services. The programs included have had great success in reaching their goals through the implementation of these experimental, non-traditional approaches.

D.) Services for Neglected Groups

Programs described here are geared toward providing youth services to groups often neglected, thereby assuring that all youths of the State are being served. Highlighted are programs providing services for minority youths, handicapped children, pregnant teenagers, abused children, and female runaways.

E.) Traditional-Successful Services

These traditional services are the mainstream of delinquency prevention and youth development, providing leisure time activities, recreational programs, and counseling services for all youth. The existence of these types of programs has prevented the juvenile crime rate from reaching

even higher levels. They include the teen centers, the arts and crafts programs, multi-service youth centers, and recreational programs. Under this heading, the descriptions include programs which have been quite successful in serving their youth and as such can be highlighted as model programs for other communities to replicate.

The task of selecting a representative sample of model programs was a difficult one in that the number of potential models far superseded the target number of programs which were to be catalogued in the reference booklet. Careful consideration of all recommended programs was undertaken, and those program descriptions most consistent with the goals and objectives of the reference material were included in the final draft. An attempt was made to provide an adequate number of model programs representing the Division's commitment to provide for the most comprehensive and successful youth service network in the nation.

SUPPLEMENTS

Future supplements to the "cookbook" will be developed to recognize projects and programs not represented in this edition, such as the various outstanding programs sponsored through local Parks and Recreation Departments and summer rural recreation programs. The Division looks forward to a continuing process of recognizing new and innovative youth services as they develop and to providing basic information about these programs to all prime youth-serving agencies throughout the State. In addition, special attention will be drawn toward selecting model Youth Bureaus and programs from areas underrepresented or not represented in this initial catalogue.

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Preventive Services for Delinquents or "High Risk" Youth

The National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Goals and Standards placed preventing juvenile delinquency as one of its major priorities, and of equal importance, preventing the young offender from further contact with the criminal justice system.¹ Current literature in the field also reveals the need for intervening in the early stages of the youth's contact with the system in order to decrease the recidivism rate and break the cycle of recidivism. Many programs receiving state aid reimbursement under the Division's Local Assistance Program have developed methods of intervention aimed at minimizing the involvement of the youth offender with the criminal justice system as well as preventing the involvement of highly potential offenders. They include programs at the local police level (Juvenile Aid Bureaus), community organizations, services for runaways, and programs sponsored in cooperation with the local Family and Criminal Courts. Highlighted within the following pages are just a few of these programs currently operating and reporting highly successful outcomes. Of particular interest are the programs sponsored by the local police departments involving the community. For the most part, these programs have dual purposes: one of diverting the borderline or potential offender from formal contact with the courts, and another of attaining the cooperation of the community and its youth in a concerted effort to reduce crime.

¹National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals, "A National Strategy to Reduce Crime", (U.S. Government Printing Office: 1973), pg. 23

The following programs appear as models for programs providing preventive services for the delinquent or "high risk" youth:

Greece Police Department - "Storefront Cops" - Monroe County, New York

Urban League of Rochester - "Educational Re-Entry Project" - Monroe County, New York

Child and Family Services - "Amherst First Offender Diversion Program" - Erie County, New York

Seneca Falls Police Department - "Juvenile Aid Bureau" - Seneca County, New York

The Center for Youth Services, Inc. - "THE CENTER" - Monroe County, New York

Thresholds of Schenectady, Inc. - "Thresholds" - Schenectady County, New York

Oswego County Probation Department - "Life - 1977" - Oswego County, New York

Schenectady Police Department - "Schenectady Police Community Service Center" - Schenectady County, New York

Compass House, Inc. - "Compass House" - Erie County, New York

Probe, Prisoner Rehabilitation, Inc. - "Broome County Diversion Program" - Broome County, New York

Community Legal Rights Foundation - "Youth and the Law" - Albany County, New York

Voluntary Action Center of Dutchess Co., Inc. - "Youthful Offender/Community Service Project" - Dutchess County, New York

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Albany Police Department - "Juvenile Aid Bureau" - Albany County, New York

Greece Police Department

"Storefront Cops"

Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To divert juvenile offenders from the criminal justice system and prevent illegal youth activities through appropriate handling of actual and potential juvenile offenders.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Greece Police Youth Division offers a well-rounded counseling program for community members. In cooperation with the police department, the civilian staff provides a variety of services to youth whose objectives are as follows:

- To provide immediate intervention in the handling of youthful offenders and access to viable alternatives to the traditional juvenile justice system
- To educate youth regarding the juvenile justice system and to improve the youth image of police
- To provide youth with personalized assessment of problems and needs, and comprehensive services including direct counseling and referral for social services, recreation and job assistance
- To improve understanding between parents and youth to maximize positive family reinforcement of youth development

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves all youth residents of the Town of Greece and their families. Emphasis is placed on youth age 7 thru 15 years, of both sexes.

METHOD

The program's hours of operation are from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Monday thru Friday, and from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturdays. The program is open to all residents, with free services offered and confidentiality maintained. The services offered include target counseling sessions as follows: 430 individual counseling sessions, 200 group sessions, 250 family counseling sessions and about 300 telephone counseling sessions.

"Storefront Cops"

In addition, the program offers employment counseling, referral services to other agencies and client follow-up activities. The staff works closely with other service agencies in identifying gaps in community preventive services, fostering new interrelationships between the law enforcement and social work professions for more appropriate handling of youthful offenders, and in providing alternatives to status offenders. They have also created a community advisory board to provide a broad range of community input for determining project objectives and activities.

The project, thus far, has resulted in an 83% decrease in petitions to the Family Court from the Greece Police Department. The petitions are now more appropriate with a present 17% informal adjustment rate at intake, compared with a 50% rate prior to the project and a 34% present rate for the county. Community and client response to the project has been overwhelmingly supportive and positive.

STAFF

Personnel includes a project director, a services coordinator and a youth services referral counselor.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$50,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$25,000 in state aid.

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Urban League of Rochester
"Educational Re-Entry Project"
Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To serve the needs of high school dropouts in the community who have been charged with criminal offenses.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Re-Entry project is designed to help inner-city youngsters in trouble with the law to continue their education after they have either been released from the local criminal justice institution or have been referred prior to a final court disposition. The objectives of the program are to help clients resume their work toward a high school diploma combined with providing remedial education and counseling services. The program focuses on increasing the client's interest in returning to school, exploring viable alternatives regarding educational programs to which he might be directed, and providing remedial curriculum designed to re-motivate him toward the educational process.

TARGET POPULATION

The program is geared toward inner-city high school dropouts, ages 16 to 21, who are considering resuming their education. Approximately 100 referrals will be enrolled during 1977, the majority of whom will be males.

METHOD

Youth are referred to the program by the Monroe County Jail, the Pre-Trial Diversion Program, the Probation Department, the Public Defender, and other court related agencies. Staff contacts the school officials two weeks following intake to begin negotiating re-entry. Youth are accompanied by staff to a meeting with appropriate school officials prior to the time of re-entry. Participation in the program may, in some cases, be stipulated by the court as a condition of release or a consideration of the judge in cases "adjourned in contemplation of dismissal."

Prior to re-entry, the clients are enrolled in an academic curriculum designed to strengthen the youth's interest and motivation to return to school. Program staff attempt to do this by using innovative teaching methods in English, math, and reading and mediums such as films and popular magazines. One staff member provides instruction to improve the English language skills of Spanish-speaking clients. All enrollers are tested regularly to measure their progress.

"Educational Re-Entry Project"

In addition to classroom work, the students take field trips to places of interest, are exposed to guest speakers discussing career choices and topics related to the youth's personal development, and participate in youth workshops. The client is allowed to begin at his own level and work at his own pace. Maximum flexibility is provided to accommodate the client's individual needs by allowing the client to attend at least one of four sessions offered each day.

STAFF

Personnel includes a director, two instructors, one instructor aide, and a clerical worker.

COST

Program costs for 1977 is estimated at about \$54,650. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$27,324 in state aid.

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Child and Family Services
"Amherst First Offender Diversion Program"
Erie County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To divert first offenders between the ages of 16 and 21 from the criminal justice system and to prevent their recidivism.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program offers youths an opportunity to avoid a criminal record as well as offering the courts an alternative in dealing with young offenders. Specifically, the program sets out to help youths develop self-awareness and a realization of personal responsibility for their actions. It also wishes to help youths make their first encounter with the criminal justice system their last.

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves youth who have appeared before the Town of Amherst Courts, including those arrested in Amherst and living in other communities. It includes those with first offense charges of misdemeanors and town ordinance violations. The program is not extended to traffic infractions except at the judge's discretion.

METHOD

Youth are referred to the program by the court and attendance at a 15 week group treatment program is mandatory. The weekly two-hour sessions are conducted by professional counselors on the staff of Child and Family Services. The agency also contacts the families offering individual or family counseling which is provided if it is found to be helpful, necessary and wanted. Contact is made through a letter to parents of participants encouraging them to attend a group meeting with Program Staff and a Family Counselor from Child and Family Services. At this meeting, the program is explained to the parents, the involvement of their child is discussed, and the need for and availability of Family Counseling is explored.

At the conclusion of the group sessions, each youth is given an individual interview and an evaluation. A recommendation is then processed to the court as to whether or not to dismiss the charges.

"Amherst First Offender Diversion Program"

Group sessions are held at the Amherst Regional Office of Child and Family Services, Saturday mornings 9:30 to 11:30 AM and Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Participants are encouraged and expected to take an active part in the group's activities and discussions. The sessions are structured so as to provide useful and helpful communication, as well as being flexible enough to deal on a one-to-one basis. Youths are encouraged to express feelings and talk about their problems freely. All activity and discussion within the group is kept strictly confidential.

The program also has a research component which provides on-going assessment and evaluation. The program has been found to deal effectively, accomplishing its goal to intervene, using the group experience, counseling and educational methods to prevent first offenders from becoming repeaters in the court system.

STAFF

Personnel includes a program coordinator, a social work assistant, and a supervisory consultant from the Child and Family Services Agency.

COST

For 1977, total cost of the project is \$11,227. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$4,885 in state aid. This program is funded by the Amherst Youth Board through a contract with Child and Family Services.

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Seneca Falls Police Department

"Juvenile Aid Bureau"

Seneca County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To prevent juvenile crime and delinquency and to help divert youth from possible court involvement.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Juvenile Aid Bureau is a part of the local police department whose responsibilities lie in the providing of counseling and diversion services to youth before they become involved with the juvenile justice system. The juvenile aid officer provides a personal contact and involves himself with the community youth in an attempt to curtail the seriousness of future problems and possible court appearances.

TARGET POPULATION

The youths served are from the village and town of Seneca Falls. Approximately 4,000 youths are located in the area. Ages range from 3 to 17 years of both sexes.

METHOD

The juvenile aid officer carries on a number of activities geared toward the prevention of crime, safety programs and the like. The officer is on call 24 hours a day, and maintains a regular 8-hour day, 40-hour week work schedule. In addition, an average of 40 hours a month is worked by the officer with no compensation.

Counseling of youth accounts for a great deal of the juvenile officer's time. The officer also engages in lectures, about 18 sessions a year, covering bicycle safety, personal safety, babysitting hints, and talks on the dangers of children dealing with strangers. Tours of police departments, fire departments, and courtrooms are also conducted, and Hunter Safety courses are provided. In addition, the officer holds conferences with youth and parents discussing individual problems. He also works closely with school officials to curtail truancy and school problems.

This year a new program was introduced which provides "supervisors" to oversee youth workers on volunteer work programs. Youth workers are

"Juvenile Aid Bureau"

youth who have fallen into trouble but have not reached court action. Summer job program applicants are also interviewed and their applications processed, and job positions are suggested to the Manpower (CETA) Program.

STAFF

Personnel includes a juvenile aid officer and a part-time secretary.

COST

Total cost for 1977 is about \$16,021. The NYS Division for Youth will provide about \$1,250 in state aid.

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The Center for Youth Services, Inc.

"THE CENTER"

Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a comprehensive package of counseling and developmental services accessible to youth in Monroe County.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

THE CENTER is a unique and diversified program responding to the variety of youth needs in the Monroe County area. THE CENTER works specifically to provide:

- A combination of crisis and counseling services easily accessible and attractive to Monroe County youths
- Emergency housing, crisis intervention, family counseling and advocacy services for the runaway youth and the potential runaway
- Youth development services which include several programs designed to enhance the positive development of youth in this community

TARGET POPULATION

THE CENTER serves all youths within Monroe County, males and females, 12 to 21 years of age. The runaway services are restricted to youths 13 to 18 years old, both sexes, who are seriously considering leaving home or have actually left home and are in need of help. A main office in downtown Rochester and Satellite locations in Gates and in Penfield together with staff extension activities in city and county high schools have increased accessibility to youths in the county.

METHOD

THE CENTER operates in three locations and maintains evening and Saturday hours until 11:00 PM. The agency is based upon a strong conviction that youth possess the potential to make important decisions for themselves in a responsible way. All of the agency's services are designed to enhance this potential in the youth served. For this reason, THE CENTER works with youth on a strictly voluntary basis.

THE CENTER has two main program components: (a) Crisis and Helping Services and (b) Youth Development Services. Under the former component, services include individual and group counseling; advocacy, legal information and advice; a telephone counseling program staffed by trained volunteers; specialized crisis, individual and family counseling and housing services

"THE CENTER"

for runaways; casework services; and an extension network into the criminal justice agencies which has resulted in written referral agreements between THE CENTER and all of the Monroe County law enforcement agencies. There exists a 24-hour counseling service for runaways in housing. Housing is provided through a temporary emergency housing system which is community based and utilizes volunteer families to house the youths. A network of 35 to 40 families are carefully screened and trained and have been able to provide housing to runaways at a cost less than \$1.00 per night.

Legal counsel is provided by a team of seven volunteer attorneys giving advice on matters of drug, criminal, family, motor vehicle and juvenile law.

The second component, Youth Development Services, includes a volunteer placement service which provides a combination of volunteer counseling, referral and follow-up services for high school aged youth. Potential volunteers meet with placement staff to explore interests, skills and motivations and volunteer sites are identified accordingly. Approximately 25 to 30 agencies with particular volunteer needs have maintained referral agreements with THE CENTER. Follow-up and monitoring of referred youths takes place on a periodic basis.

The YDS also sponsors Life Skills Workshops in area high school classrooms and youth organizations. These workshops provide experiential education opportunities in areas of concern to youth. Topics addressed are usually contemporary issues not dealt with in most high school classes. Emphasis is on the group interaction and the affective domain in the learning process.

A third area of service in the YDS is a Youth Employment Training Program, The Road To Somewhere. It is designed to introduce youth to the factors they should consider when making a career choice, provide them with information on where to look for facts about careers and guide them in the decision making process. Through group process, special career development, education and a two week internship in a business or organization related to the youth's interest area, youth will become more knowledgeable about themselves and the job market, and thus better able to choose a satisfying job that fulfills their needs.

Volunteers are used and trained by staff to participate in the Temporary Emergency Family Program (35 families); telephone counseling program (20 to 25 volunteers); and the volunteer attorneys program (7 to 10 attorneys trained and maintained by the coordinating attorney).

STAFF

Personnel includes a director, assistant director, counseling supervisor, ten counselors, a youth development specialist, an agency and housing specialist, bookkeeper, secretary and program assistant.

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COST

Total cost for the program during 1977 is approximately \$225,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$51,004 in state aid. The remainder comes from other governmental sources as well as private grants and contributions.

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Thresholds of Schenectady, Inc.

"Thresholds"

Schenectady County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a constructive course of instruction in decision-making for inmates in the Schenectady County jail.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Thresholds Program provides decision-making instruction to inmates in an overall attempt to prevent recidivism. This particular program has also expanded its services to include a diversion program, with a majority of clients being youths. Its objectives are:

- To continue teaching the Thresholds course to inmates in six week cycles
- To expand the training program for inmate counselors, diversion counselors, teaching and administrative staff
- To provide an extensive counseling program for court referrals in an attempt to divert the clients from further participation in crime and court involvement

TARGET POPULATION

Approximately 90 inmates from the Schenectady County jail will be involved with the Thresholds teaching program. Another 40 clients are expected to participate in the diversion program, referred by the Schenectady City and County Courts.

METHOD

The Thresholds Program utilizes para-professional volunteers trained in special techniques to teach a course that is designed for people who experience difficulty in taking responsibility for their own lives. The six week course focuses on developing decision-making and problem-solving skills, involving group and one-to-one counseling sessions. The program uses a variety of techniques to stimulate imaginative and constructive thinking about situations, people, life styles and goals. The sessions include the use of structured conversation, art forming, rituals, workshops, and lectures.

"Thresholds"

The program continues to train new volunteers once or twice a year. The volunteer recruitment has been expanded to allow for a number of new volunteers to participate in the diversion program. It offers a one-to-one counseling relationship that is made available after business hours and on weekends to all clients in need both as a scheduled component and in times of personal crises.

STAFF

The staff is made up of volunteers. Each volunteer must complete a basic weekend of two days and a six week pre-service training of two sessions each week.

COST

Total cost for 1977 is approximately \$7,300. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$2,000 in state aid.

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Oswego County Probation Department

"Life - 1977"

Oswego County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To involve county youths on probation in an integrated program that will enhance their psycho-social development and enrich leisure time activities and meaningful work experience.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to involve probationers in a program that includes employment, group and individual counseling, and educational and recreational activities. Specific objectives are:

- To provide a means for more effective utilization of participant's time during the summer
- To provide the opportunities for participants to earn money regularly in a socially acceptable and legal manner
- To provide a means for insuring continuity of supervision of probationers; and to change the nature of contacts between probationers and probation officer
- To provide more structured and supervised peer group interaction than is usually possible during the academic year

TARGET POPULATION

The Life program aims at serving 36 to 42 probationers aged 14 to 19, for 35 hours per week for an 8 week period. The participants are drawn from all areas of the county.

METHOD

The program structures employment and enrichment activities for 35 hours per week. Occasional late afternoons, evenings and weekends are used for a series of work enrichment and field experience activities. Over the entire eight week period, a minimum of 8 to 10 hours is devoted to job readiness skills; a minimum of 12 to 15 hours is devoted to personal growth skills; a minimum of 8 to 10 hours are recreation oriented; and a minimum of 8 to 10 hours is devoted to educational activities.

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Participants are paid the hourly minimum wage up to a maximum of 35 hours. Primarily, outdoor beautification work experiences are provided. During 1976, CETA employed all the program participants and provided wages for crew leaders.

Small groups of five or six participants and a crew leader are formed and work together on a variety of activities. In addition to the work experience, peer group interactions and feedback are central components of the entire Life project. Youths interact with each other and their probation officers to change their low self-esteem, their attitudes, and their image of the "stereotype" probation officer.

Evaluation is conducted on a periodic basis and all participants are contracted to fulfill specific obligations.

This program has been selected for a National Achievement Award by the National Association of Counties. The award was presented at the Association's annual meeting in Detroit, Michigan, July 24-27, 1977.

STAFF

Staff includes a program coordinator and an assistant coordinator.

COST

Expenditures for the 1977 summer program is approximately \$3,280 with the NYS Division for Youth providing \$1,640 in state aid.

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Schenectady Police Department
"Schenectady Police Community Service Center"
Schenectady County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To establish and develop a realistic non-hostile relationship between young people from the community and the police.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program's overall objective is to assist inner-city youth to be better able to use and appreciate the present community resources available to them. In addition, this specialized police unit works with the County Probation Department to assist the probation officers by having some of their clients report to them for counseling. Other objectives include:

- Assisting residents in registering grievances with appropriate city agencies
- Identifying and attempting to resolve problems in the community which may lead to crime
- Informing the young people involved in the different inner-city programs of the help available to them in regards to alcohol and drug abuse

TARGET POPULATION

The program services all Schenectady County youths between the ages of 8 and 21 as well as the adults of the community. Approximately 13,000 people are served by the Center, predominately from the lower and lower-middle income neighborhoods within the county.

METHOD

The Center is open 84 hours per week, Monday through Saturday. The unit develops and implements programs and activities for the youth of the community such as a boxing program, martial arts and group leadership activities. They also establish liaison and attend meetings with community groups and organizations. Some youths assist the groups in registering grievances.

The program is assessed and evaluated through the examination of records kept on each participant, meetings with the Advisory Board and the utilization of police statistics.

"Schenectady Police Community Service Center"

STAFF

Staff includes a director, three full-time and two part-time community aides.

COST

The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$21,960 in state aid to run the program.

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Compass House, Inc.

"Compass House"

Erie County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide temporary shelter and supportive services for runaway youths.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Compass House is a program responding to the need for temporary shelter services for runaways in Erie County. Specifically, the program sets out to:

- Provide food and temporary shelter 7 days a week, 24 hours a day to a maximum of 8 runaway teenagers on any one night
- Provide crisis counseling and referral services in order to prevent youths involvement in the juvenile justice system
- Provide family counseling to youths and their families to prevent future runaway episodes in the family
- Provide aftercare services to runaway youths and their families

TARGET POPULATION

Services are provided to runaway male and female teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18. During 1977, the program will serve approximately 475 youths. In 1976, 83% of the youths served were from Erie County and Western New York while the remaining were from elsewhere in the United States and Canada.

METHOD

The program operates on a 24-hour, 7 days a week basis providing food and shelter, counseling, referral and aftercare services. It expects to provide temporary shelter for 325 youths, crisis counseling for 475 youths, and referral services for 400 youths. Aftercare services are provided for 60 youths and their families after they leave Compass House through a volunteer foster family program as well as through individual and group counseling by an aftercare counselor. Approximately 30 volunteers are trained through a seven week training course designed to acquaint them with the operations of the program and on how to assist runaway youth.

"Compass House"

Training includes the development of individual and group counseling skills and the ability to follow operating procedures of the program. Volunteers are supervised by the volunteer coordinator and through monthly volunteer meetings.

In order to improve upon and/or develop new programs to meet needs, follow-up questionnaires are sent out to all former residents. The forms enable the youths served to evaluate the work and services offered by the program.

Compass House is also a member of the National Network of Runaway and Youth Services and the New York State Coalition of Alternative Youth Services. These organizations allow the program to receive and share information on offering services to runaways from a state and national perspective.

STAFF

Staff includes a director, five full-time counselors, five part-time fill in counselors, and clerical workers.

COST

During 1977, the program expenses will total approximately \$80,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$8,000 in state aid for house and program expenses.

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Probe, Prisoner Rehabilitation, Inc.

"Broome County Diversion Program"

Broome County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To divert young offenders from incarceration and decrease the recidivist rate.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Broome County Diversion Program is a crime prevention program, offering young first offenders an opportunity to evaluate his/her life-style and work on constructive options. It offers alternatives to the youth and the judges, DA's office, Public Defender's Office, etc., in order to effectively meet the following objectives:

- Redirect the patterns of criminal behavior of young first time offenders
- Provide youthful offenders with employment orientation and development
- Provide individual counseling
- Make available vocational training opportunities
- Provide educational and life skill counseling

TARGET POPULATION

The program services are available to men and women between the ages of 16 and 20 years who are in the pre- or post-adjudication stage of the criminal justice system in Broome County.

METHOD

The program receives referrals through the courts and the public defender's office. The referrals must be in the pre- or post-adjudicatory stage of the court process and do not have histories of chronic alcoholism or extensive drug abuse.

Those in the pre-adjudicatory phase, if they do well in program, may have their cases dismissed with no criminal record or receive an improved disposition. Those in the post-adjudicatory phase are most likely to have either a deferred sentence imposed or a conditional discharge.

"Broome County Diversion Program"

Once a referral is made, an evaluation is conducted, followed by a specified program submitted to the courts outlining an individualized program which includes counseling, employment counseling and development, employment or available vocational training options, educational opportunities, supportive services needed, and a change of residence if needed. A contract is then developed indicating activities and goals. Periodic progress reports are submitted to the courts as well as indications as to changes in the participant's program.

The counselors assist individuals in setting realistic goals as they relate to school, vocational training and employment. Overall program activities include awareness sessions on the law, individual counseling, employment exploration testing, visitations to industries to view the variety of jobs available in the community, job orientation sessions, and social and recreational options.

Volunteers are supervised by a volunteer coordinator and staff members to which the volunteer is assigned. The number of volunteers varies according to need. Volunteers are expected to attend monthly meetings, training sessions (5), in addition to on-the-job training.

STAFF

Staff includes a project director, two counselors, employment counselor, intake worker, and an educational outreach worker.

COST

It is estimated that the total cost for the year 1977 will be \$58,138. State aid is approximately \$15,260.

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Community Legal Rights Foundation

"Youth and the Law"

City of Albany

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide youths of the City of Albany with a general knowledge of the law, its effects, particular problems and other relevant aspects of the law affecting young persons and their communities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program sees as its target problem a general misunderstanding of legal issues and legal sanctions, particularly among the younger members of a community. Young offenders rarely understand the repercussions of their offenses, the effects of a criminal record and the general processes of the criminal justice system. Therefore, the program contends, there exists a general fear and disrespect for the law which can be remedied through extensive community education. The program specifically attempts to meet the following needs:

- To provide young persons of a community with an adequate background in legal issues, and the effect of the law on the young offender, so as to draw from their students a respectful attitude toward the law
- To apprise youngsters of the protection of their rights as citizens that the law does provide in an attempt to get these youngsters interested in their legal rights as well as their participation in legal issues confronting their communities, families, and schools
- To provide an educational program that will enable the youths to better judge the appropriateness of certain of their actions and the legal problems they may encounter as a result
- To provide the youths with legal resources within their communities which may aid them in securing legal help for a wide variety of problems including arrests, consumer protection, housing, and school problems
- To instruct the young person in the rules of the legal game so that they may handle themselves rationally in any given situation involving law related matters

"Youth and the Law"

TARGET POPULATION

The program services both males and females between the ages of 13 and 20 within the City of Albany. All city residents are invited to participate although a higher priority is placed upon drawing participants from the city areas most affected by high crime, delinquency, poor housing, and poverty.

METHOD

The educational program is offered to schools, churches, group homes, alternative educational centers and youth centers. The program can operate at five different centers at any given time. Group size ranges from ten to fifteen individuals within each center, and the course requires approximately four weeks of instruction, varying according to the participating agency's own timetable.

Instruction is provided by way of guest speakers, films, lectures, discussions, skits, handouts and field trips. Volunteers are experts in a particular area of law and are used as guest speakers. The program utilizes approximately eight to ten volunteers. Field trips to the courts and the jail have been very successful in keeping interest high.

Monitoring of the educational program is conducted by the participating agency. The program provides a pre-test for the students and a test at the end of the course. Young people having difficulties will then be provided with individual remedial education. In addition, course evaluations are submitted by employees of the participating agencies who either attend the courses themselves or conduct interviews with the students. Recommendations are reviewed and implemented by the project personnel. Finally, the program contacts students to ascertain the number of community legal resources used and the number of police involvements the students have encountered.

STAFF

Staff includes two part-time instructors and a program assistant.

COST

During 1976, the Community Legal Rights Foundation received \$1,925 in state aid from the NYS Division for Youth. Total cost of project is approximately \$3,850 for the year 1976.

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Voluntary Action Center of Dutchess Co., Inc.

"Youthful Offender/Community Service Project"

Dutchess County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To prevent young minor offenders from engaging in further criminal activity via participation in community service work.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The project views community service as a viable alternative to incarceration, fines, or permanent criminal records for young, first-time, and misdemeanor offenders. Through its program of providing youthful offenders with such community service opportunities, the project specifies the following objectives:

- To keep the recidivism rate of these offenders below a two percent level
- To provide community-based agencies with at least 5,000 hours of voluntary service which is desperately needed by many of these agencies
- To establish strong relationships between the offender and his community
- To continue twenty percent of court referrals on the voluntary service work or to work longer hours than stipulated by the court

TARGET POPULATION

The project services all Dutchess County youthful offenders twenty-one years and younger referred by the courts. Approximately 250 to 400 persons are provided with community service work and the referrals are county-wide although the majority come from the Poughkeepsie area.

METHOD

Youthful offenders, first time offenders and misdemeanor offenders are referred to the Voluntary Action Center through the court system. The agency interviews the clients, locates a community agency providing services which are in line with the client's interests and personal goals, and assigns them several hours a week in voluntary service work. Upon completion of assigned service, a completion letter is forwarded to the courts

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and the case is adjourned in contemplation of dismissal. Agency personnel monitor the success or failure of the clients through site visits, court contacts, and interviews. Non-compliant youths are referred back to the courts.

Volunteers are used as needed and usually carry out clerical activities. If maximum capacity is exceeded, volunteers are then trained to carry out interviews, placements, and follow-up procedures. Strict confidentiality is enforced regarding all client records.

Self-evaluation takes place both quantitatively and qualitatively through measurements of population served, recidivism rate, and formal reports on the overall success of project.

COST

During the year 1976, the Voluntary Action Center received \$9,776.50 in state aid from the NYS Division for Youth. Total cost is approximately \$19,553 for the year.

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"Project Strive, Inc."

Albany County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide both developmental and remedial services to problem youngsters from disadvantaged or troubled family situations in the Albany area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Project Strive is a non-residential, day care center for adolescent boys who are in need of corrective care and counseling. Its objectives are as follows:

- To provide special educational services as well as recreational, athletics, arts and crafts, and cultural enrichment activities for the youths enrolled in the program
- To provide professional casework and counseling services for the youths and families involved with the program
- To provide services to the Albany County Family Court as well as area school systems and social services agencies

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves all sections of the metropolitan Albany area, with services aimed at meeting the needs of the male youths (approximately 100) aged eight to fifteen.

METHOD

The program services are divided into two program areas: Preventive and Diversionary Care and Social Services. Youth are picked up after school at the various schools in the area, brought to the program and assigned to activity groups. Such activities include tutoring classes; dramatics, photography and music classes; athletic and recreation activities; movies, arts and crafts and rap sessions; and individual and/or group counseling sessions. Dinner is provided between 5:00 and 6:00 PM, and youth are assigned to more activities after dinner until 9:00 PM, when all youths are taken home. The social services department handles intake, referral, casework and supportive social services. The staff acts as liaison between parents, neighbors, community groups, and social services agencies as well as preparing diagnostic assessments and treatment plans, scheduling home visits and screening referrals to the program.

"Project Strive, Inc."

Referrals come from the Albany County Family Court, the area schools, and various public and private agencies. Youth referred are children involved in negative behavior in the community, children who demonstrate school related problems, and children with family problems or peer relationship problems which could eventually lead to residential placement, foster care, or court involvement if the problems are not dealt with on a daily basis.

Volunteers are used as assistants to Strive personnel in helping to carry out portions of the preventive and diversionary day care program. They are trained and supervised by the administrative staff with special in-service workshops provided by outside consultants.

STAFF

Personnel includes an administrative director, a child care program director and an assistant, a creative arts director, three team leaders, tutor, student aides, social worker and three counselors, intake worker, a cook, and clerical workers.

COST

The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$29,000 in state aid during 1977.

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HOPE HOUSE, Inc.

"HOPE HOUSE Adolescent Female Diversion Program"

Albany County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide comprehensive services to female youth from the entire County of Albany who are encountering problems in their adjustment to adolescence.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

PROJECT HOPE attempts to service the female adolescent brought to society's attention due to her disruptive behavior but who has no diversionary alternatives open to her. An attempt is made to check her patterns before they become a way of life. The program works with the client's unresolved feelings, attitudes and values of the adolescent and her family which could be responsible for her unacceptable behavior patterns. PROJECT HOPE'S general objectives are:

- To decrease the number of 13 through 15 year old female court referrals who are placed in residential institutions
- To prevent further police involvement with the Albany Police Department of the target population both with Family Court and the Juvenile Aid Bureau
- To decrease the recidivism rate of the target population both with the Family Court and the Juvenile Aid Bureau
- To increase the participants' drive to achieve beneficial life goals, including completing their education and securing meaningful employment
- To increase the proficiency of the participants in the essential educational skill areas of math and reading
- To decrease the number of school-related misbehaviors among the participants which are serious enough to necessitate disciplinary intervention by school authorities

TARGET POPULATION

Services are provided for females, aged 13 through 15, from the entire Albany County. Referrals are primarily from the Albany County Family Court and the Juvenile Aid Bureau. During the first six months of 1977, twenty-three girls were referred for services to the program. Maximum capacity increased from twenty to twenty-five girls.

"HOPE HOUSE Adolescent Female Diversion Program"

METHOD

The project operates five days per week, for at least two hours per day, with an after-school program and an evening family program. Girls are transported by project staff from their homes or schools to Public School 20 at 570 N. Pearl St. in the City of Albany to attend the day, after-school program. At least one evening per week, a family therapist goes into the individual participant's home, arranged at the convenience of the family and the therapist.

Screening is conducted by the project director and no acceptance is made unless the referred client is voluntarily willing to participate in the project. After mutual agreement to participate is reached, the girl's placement and participation becomes a part of the referring agency's process: either a voluntary involvement or part of a court order.

After initial acceptance into the program, a second indepth interview is conducted during a 30-day probationary period prior to full program acceptance. Individualized treatment plans are designed and individual, group and family counseling sessions are conducted based upon treatment designs. A remedial education component with individualized instruction is also provided to improve the attitude and performance of the girls who lack proficient skills in reading, math and other specific courses, if requested.

The project has been quite successful in meeting its stated goals. In the first six months of operation, twenty-three girls were serviced. Only two of these were not promoted to the next grade. Also, only two had to eventually go into long-term placement. Other smaller successes were also attained throughout the group. Attendance gradually improved and personal appearance for many of the girls improved. Overall, most of the families were pleased with the family therapy component.

The program has now expanded to service twenty-five girls. To handle the increase: staff time has been increased; an educational coordinator has been hired; and a consulting psychiatrist replaced the psychologist.

STAFF

Personnel includes a project director, a consulting psychiatrist, two individual counselors, two group counselors, three family therapists, and an educational coordinator.

COST

Cost for the first six months of 1977 was \$29,298. The NYS Division for Youth provided \$5,000 in state aid for operation costs for this period. Cost for July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978 is projected at \$82,539, and the Division will provide \$10,000 in state aid for this period.

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Albany Police Department

"Juvenile Aid Bureau"

Albany County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To enhance the quality of services the police department provides for juveniles.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Juvenile Aid Bureau was created to provide a full range of police services as well as counseling and referral services for the juvenile population. The integral role of the police department as primarily the first contact between the juvenile and formal legal authorities necessitates a highly specialized and trained juvenile component within the department. Specifically, the Bureau sets out to:

- Provide police juvenile aid services to city youth
- Provide referral services to city youth coming in contact with the police
- Provide direct counseling services utilizing two civilian youth counselors
- Coordinate the activities of the Bureau with all other local youth service agencies
- Maintain an in-school crime prevention and youth safety program
- Instruct other police department personnel regarding the role of the police in relation to juveniles

TARGET POPULATION

The Bureau provides services to approximately 20,449 youths aged 5 to 15 who reside within the City of Albany.

METHOD

Police juvenile services is a 16-hour a day, seven days a week operation. The officers utilize a referral system with cooperative social service agencies which work with youth and youth problems as well as maintaining a cooperative working relationship with the Family Court and Family Court Probation Department. In addition, rap sessions on a regular and scheduled basis are conducted in select city schools. Policing activities include the reviewing of all police reports pertaining to juveniles, maintaining

"Juvenile Aid Bureau"

a comprehensive records system regarding all police-youth related matters as prescribed by New York State Law, and maintaining preventive patrols in those areas which are frequented by youth.

The Bureau has also developed and implemented training programs regarding juvenile problems and procedures for use in departmental training schools, and is responsible for the development of a departmental policy regarding juvenile matters in conjunction with the Office of the Chief of Police.

STAFF

Personnel includes a police lieutenant, eight police officers, and two civilian youth counselors.

COST

Cost for a year's operation is approximately \$100,000. The NYS Division for Youth provided \$24,841 in state aid during 1977.

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Problem-Oriented

Statistics on youth crime show a highly positive relationship between crime and unemployment, lack of educational opportunities, family disintegration, and inaccessibility to community resources and services. Particular communities are desperately affected by these conditions to an extreme level. To counteract these conditions, many localities are focusing their resources to provide youth with necessary and marketable skills; services to supplement the youth's educational experience and develop career alternatives; services to alleviate family disruption; and advocacy and referral services to assure that existing local community resources are utilized. The programs described in this section have been selected because of their commitment to take a significant part in their community's attempt to overcome the conditions associated with youth crime. They include educational programs, career awareness projects, youth employment services, advocacy and referral services, family and mental health services. Particularly interesting among these programs are the youth employment services which provide community youth with jobs for which adults are not available; thereby, benefitting from a very under-utilized community resource.

The programs selected under this heading include:

Advisory Council for the Youth of Mineola, Inc. - "Mineola Youth Services Program-Youth Employment Project" - Nassau County, New York

Greater Ithaca Activities Center - "Educational Workshop" - Tompkins County, New York

Alliance of Minority Group Leaders - "Operation Get Ahead" - Nassau County, New York

Westcott Youth Organization - "Harambee Community School" -
Onondaga County, New York

Citizen's Advisory Committee - "Youth Employment Service (YES)" -
Warren County, New York

Town of Ontario Park and Recreation Department - "Youth Counseling,
Referral and Employment Program" - Wayne County, New York

Program for Bio-Medical Careers, Inc. - "Employment Education" -
Kings County, New York City, New York

Oswego County Fire Department - "Apprentice Firefighters Training
Program" - Oswego County, New York

Wheelerville Union Free School, "Town of Caroga Reading and
Math Programs" - Fulton County, New York

The Neighborhood Center of Utica, New York - "Career Development
Trainee Program" - Oneida County, New York

Afro-American Experience, Inc. - "Ujaama Academy" - Nassau County,
New York

South End Summer Program - "Summer Remedial Education School" -
Rensselaer County, New York

Town of Big Flats - "Youth Employment Service Program" - Chemung
County, New York

Town of Horseheads Youth Bureau - "Learning Web" - Chemung County,
New York

Project Equinox, Inc. - "Refer Switchboard" - Albany County,
New York

Planned Parenthood of Rochester and Monroe Co., Inc. - "Planned
Parenthood Neighborhood Center for Teens" - Monroe County,
New York

Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes, Inc. - "Family
and Youth Counseling" - Ontario, Wayne, Yates, and Seneca
Counties, New York

Cooperative Extension Association of Niagara County - "4-H/Youth
Urban Program" - Niagara County, New York

Advisory Council for the Youth of Mineola, Inc.

"Mineola Youth Services Program-Youth Employment Project"

Nassau County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To reduce youth unemployment in the area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Youth Employment Project is aimed specifically at young people who do not plan to continue their education after high school. It is designed to place youngsters in training situations that result in gainful employment upon completion. The objective is to train and pay these youth to work in the community and place these interns into an economy that will support their future.

TARGET POPULATION

The project aims to place 20 young persons in training programs by the end of 1977. The youth are drawn from the area high schools and are of high school age.

METHOD

Youths who apply for the program are evaluated in terms of their interests, abilities, and potentials for success. They are sent to prospective placement sites after the initial interview and are screened by the site owner. If selected, the interns are sponsored for a period from eight to ten weeks, with the Youth Center paying a share and the company picking up the additional salary. All interns are required to furnish all working papers and formal applications including parental consent forms.

Firms are selected which offer jobs with highly marketable skills. The firms are requested to keep the interns on the payroll after the grant runs out and are required to pay one-third of the salary costs for each student. A local business placement prospect must demonstrate its ability to train in a relevant field, must show that it has a need for productive help, and must illustrate its inability to bear the costs on its own. Follow-up and case studies are conducted to evaluate the program's progress. Sites selected are varied and include print shops, auto shops, clothing stores and the like.

"Mineola Youth Services Program-Youth Employment Project"

The Youth Service Program, in addition to sponsoring the employment program, also provides services in counseling, workshops, information and referral, educational services on an as-needed basis and employment "odd jobs" services for a greater number of youth.

STAFF

Personnel includes a project director, two program specialists, youth aid interns and a secretarial worker.

COST

Cost for the employment program is about \$15,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$7,500 in state aid for the employment service component.

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Greater Ithaca Activities Center

"Educational Workshop"

Tompkins County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide youths from the City of Ithaca with a remedial educational program so as to reduce the high incidence of failure in its schools.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program directs itself toward enhancing the math and reading skills of the youth participants who have substantial deficiencies in these skills. It further complements its educational program by providing a means of developing self-motivation and personal evaluation. The program lists as its objectives the following:

- To instill positive attitudes towards occupational and educational opportunities and provide the motivation to obtain the required skills and knowledge for such attitudes
- To augment abilities in the fundamentals, reading, writing, spelling, math and self-expression
- To instill confidence in the youths so that they may be better able to reach personal objectives, both in school and in a work environment
- To emphasize the relevance of learning and producing in standard school settings

TARGET POPULATION

The program services all youths of the City of Ithaca in grades seven through twelve. The chief source of the participants are from the downtown area.

METHOD

The Summer Education Workshop is a two part program. The first part is a "Summer School" session provided by the workshop. The second is the year long services offered.

"Educational Workshop"

During the summer, students attend a six (6) week "Summer School". During this period students receive an intensified program of instruction in Math, English and Reading Skills. In addition, classes in Career Planning, Values and Counseling are provided.

Students attend these classes four (4) nights per week (Mon. - Thurs.) for two hours per night. They are worked with individually and in groups to increase their basic skills.

During the school year, the Workshop meets twice a month. Development of goals, occupational objectives, site visitations and opportunities for internship placements through the Ithaca Learning Web are discussed and handled at this time. Guest speakers are invited from different organizations around town to discuss their organizations and to answer student questions.

Volunteers are recruited through the Greater Ithaca Activities Center, The Voluntary Action Center and other agencies in Ithaca. These volunteers are given orientation training by the workshop staff. Ten or more of these volunteers can be used by the workshop at any given time.

Students are pre and post-tested by the workshop staff and the progress of the students is monitored throughout the year. Other tools used in the evaluations of the students include interviews, video taped sessions, and questionnaires sent to Workshop Staff, designated School Teachers, and Counselors.

STAFF

Staff for this particular program includes a part-time counselor coordinator, tutors, occupation, psychological and program consultants services are also available.

COST

Total cost projected for 1977 is \$4,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide an estimated \$2,000 in state aid.

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Alliance of Minority Group Leaders, Inc.

"Operation Get Ahead"

Nassau County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To prepare minority group high school students for fulfilled and successful living through a program of self-development.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the program is to meet the needs of the minority student for self-worth development, improved family and other social relationships, and a general awareness of the way things operate as well as career and job counseling. It is essentially a youth guidance program helping young people with problems to find solutions to them through group and individual counseling.

TARGET POPULATION

Approximately 120 minority group high school students equally distributed between males and females, mainly black, in four Nassau County School Districts -- Freeport, Glen Cove, Roosevelt, and Malverne -- will be served. Age ranges from 14 to 18.

METHOD

The program focuses on the development of youth who can be primarily described as underachievers, of limited academic skills, possessing numerous personal and family problems. Operation Get Ahead is a comprehensive program of self-development consisting of interrelated elements -- the elements of personality development, socialization, career counseling, job placement, and systems awareness. Utilizing psychological principles such as the need for positive reinforcement, and the natural momentum of the adolescent years toward maturity and independence, the program staff implement intervention schemes geared toward strengthening self-motivation, responsibility and self-discipline. At the same time, the program provides its members with valuable information and facts necessary in making important decisions in life.

Volunteers are used as group session speakers (50), and for special projects (30) with two college student placements employed on a voluntary basis. Statistical analysis of client use of services form the basis of evaluation.

"Operation Get Ahead"

STAFF

Personnel includes a project director, coordinators, group leaders, an activities planner, a special project coordinator, and administrative staff.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$127,965. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$32,314 in State aid.

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Westcott Youth Organization

"Harambee Community School"

Onondaga County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide educational, recreational, and cultural opportunities for the large numbers of community youth and their parents through a community school.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Essentially, the program seeks to offer the youths of the Westcott area with the opportunity of a wide range of activities and services utilizing the Levy Junior High School. Various structured classes and services are provided including video and film classes, drama classes, fashion and grooming classes, and health classes, in addition to sponsoring field trips, career nights, and community parades and picnics. Thus, the program provides the lower income families of the area with community services in an area where such is virtually non-existent.

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves approximately 450 youth during the year, aged 7 to 20 years old, of both sexes. The Westcott neighborhood has a high percentage of economically impoverished families who do not have the money to locate and secure alternative services for themselves.

METHOD

The Harambee Community School is basically a youth service and educational program operated from the local junior high school and various community satellites. The program opens three nights per week during the hours of 6:00 and 9:00 PM on a year-round basis.

Classes offered include a video and film class which opens for two nights a week with approximately 20 youths participating. A drama class meets once a week with about 35 participants of all ages. Fashion shows are presented via the fashion and grooming classes held once a week with a varying number of participants. Basic health and first-aid information is provided through health classes, meeting twice a week for youth in groups of 15.

"Harambee Community School"

The community school also provides a year-round career counseling service for students in the Syracuse School District and Syracuse area. In the spring of each year, seminars and workshops are conducted to assist students and parents in application completions and the like. In the fall of 1976, a "Career Night" was held with over 500 students participating and 75 colleges and business' in attendance.

In addition to the classes highlighted previously, the school also provides classes in housing and building, arts and crafts, cultural awareness, math, English and spelling, a community voice choir, Women Working Together, and a general recreation program. Approximately 25 volunteers are used and supervised by the school's director. All volunteers are trained by veteran staff for two weeks and attend staff meetings when possible. The program is currently in the process of reorganization and restructuring for the fall of 1977 in order to provide more services for the community.

STAFF

Staff includes part-time program coordinators (2), four instructors and clerical help.

COST

During 1977, approximately \$14,450 will be expended for program operations. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$7,000 in state aid.

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Citizen's Advisory Committee
"Youth Employment Service (YES)"
Warren County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide employment on a part-time, year-round basis for youth in the surrounding area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program seeks to provide year-round, part-time employment opportunities for youths between the ages of 14 and 20. Specifically, the program seeks to meet the following objectives:

- Create a meaningful paid-work situation for youth
- Develop work skills and good work habits
- Provide opportunities for youth to be involved in meaningful activities thereby decreasing the opportunity and chances of involvement in delinquent-oriented behavior

TARGET POPULATION

The jurisdiction of the YES Program is the City of Glens Falls and Queensbury.

METHOD

The YES Program is a year-round program, operating from an office in the Glens Falls Junior High School three days a week during the school year and each weekday morning during school holidays and vacations. Short job assignments are made for boys and girls during the school week and longer assignments are made for school vacations and weekends.

Job assignments for boys are usually yard work, simple painting (steps, fences, etc.) car washing, cleaning (garages and basements), and part-time work as stock boys. For girls, requests for help fall into two categories: babysitting and mother's aid work. A large segment of the employers are retired people living on a fixed income, and this program is especially important to them. Requests are often received from elderly people needing help with shopping and errands.

"Youth Employment Service (YES)"

Worksheets are kept for each job order. These include a performance evaluation obtained by a call to the employer of a YES boy or girl. Each member of the program has a personal record sheet which contains dates of job assignments, evaluation of work done, type of work, and employer's name and address.

An alumni group consisting of boys and girls over 16 years of age who have chosen to remain identified with the program is available for job requests that require more skill, and are of a more demanding or permanent nature.

A program such as this is seen as not only important to its members, but also meets a definite need in the community it serves by providing a source of willing workers to do the many small services for which adults are not available.

STAFF

Staff consists of a director and an assistant, with occasional office help paid on an hourly basis.

COST

Total cost for 1977 is estimated at \$9,256. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$4,628 in state aid.

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Town of Ontario Park and Recreation Department

"Youth Counseling, Referral and Employment Program"

Wayne County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide services geared toward the reduction of juvenile problems within the community.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the program is to counsel and assist as many troubled youth in the community as possible. Particular emphasis is placed on aiding school dropouts and other youth in developing their personal skills which would aid them in obtaining jobs. It is expected that through its services, the program will get 25% of the school dropout population in the community employed in good worthwhile jobs and will decrease the number of juvenile criminal offenses by 10% from that of the previous year.

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves approximately 50 to 75 boys and girls, aged 13 to 19 years from the Wayne Central School area. This includes the towns of Ontario and Walworth. The area is comprised of mostly middle class white families.

METHOD

The counseling service provides trained counselors in the areas of drug use, alcohol, youth nights, unwed mothers, school and family problems. Individual and group counseling sessions are provided as well as referrals to the family counseling program of the Finger Lakes and to the Wayne County Juvenile Aid Officer. The employment program is aimed at the Wayne Central dropouts aged 16 to 19 years, which number approximately 50 to 70 youth. Youth desiring assistance in finding jobs are shown how to write resumes, business letters, how to conduct themselves at job interviews, etc. Referrals for job placement is also provided.

The number of youth counseled and referred to other agencies/and follow-up services/ is the primary method of evaluating the progress of the program. The department is notified when any youth is hired through their employment service, and periodic contact with both employer and employee is maintained. In cases where youth are interviewed but not hired, the counselors meet with the employer, with their consent, and discuss with the employer why the youth were not hired. Such feedback provides adequate evaluation of their teaching program.

"Youth Counseling, Referral and Employment Program"

STAFF

Personnel for this project includes seven part-time regular counselors and a part-time crafts instructor.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$4,852. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$2,426 in state aid.

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Program for Bio-Medical Careers, Inc.

"Employment Education"

Kings County, New York City, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To introduce students, particularly minority youth, to the health professions.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this program is to expose as many youths as possible to the opportunities available in the health professions. Through its services, the program sets out to increase the number of minorities entering the field of health care, adequately prepare its participants for entry into the profession, and to expose students to positive role models in the health professions.

TARGET POPULATION

All participants will be drawn from the Bedford-Stuyvesant and related areas of Brooklyn-Bushwick, Crown Heights, East New York and East Flatbush. Approximately 60 youth, 20 male and 40 females, aged 15 to 18 years old will participate in the program this year.

METHOD

The program provides tutorial services in mathematics and the sciences through the use of lectures, field trips and discussions, as well as exposing youths to positive role models through the use of successful minority group professionals.

Laboratory jobs relevant to health careers are also experienced by the students in this program. Its hours of operation are varied, five days a week. During the summer, students participate in a field placement program at Kings County Hospital and Downstate Medical Center.

STAFF

Personnel includes a program supervisor, urban corps students and four tutors.

"Employment Education"

COST

Cost for a year's operation, 1976-77, is about \$15,300. The NYS Division for Youth will provide about \$7,650 in state aid.

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Oswego County Fire Department
"Apprentice Firefighters Training Program"

Oswego County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To identify, recruit and train young persons who express an interest in firemanship.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The overall program objective is to involve 16 to 18 year old young adults of either sex in the State Essentials of Firemanship. Specifically, the program concerns itself with training young adults in an intense program of the basics of firemanship, which upon completion will certify them as basic firefighters. It is also intended to interest young persons in the fields of fire service-especially the Volunteer Fire Service programs.

TARGET POPULATION

This is a county-wide program made available to 30 Fire Departments, most located in rural areas. The age range of participants is 16 to 18 years old, of both sexes.

METHOD

The program is being conducted through the Fire Coordinators Office in Oswego. Each apprentice unit attached to a Fire Department has its own training officer, educating the trainees in any particular procedures or programs pertinent to their own department.

This program is modeled after the State Essentials of Firemanship Training Course and is approved by them. The recruit will receive an Essentials of Firemanship Certificate if he or she completes the two year course. Students are trained three hours a week on each group's preference and it does not interfere with their schoolwork or daily routine.

In addition to participating in the intense basic training, the students also augment the ranks of the Fire Service by helping during other hours, not only in the performance of fire duties but in public relations, fund raising and inspections.

The State Fire Instructors develop tests similar to the state program and practical testing is done at almost every session of training.

'Apprentice Firefighters Training Program'

STAFF

Staff includes two part-time paid instructors who conduct most of the basic training.

COST

It is estimated that for 1977 total cost of the project will be approximately \$2,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$1,000 in state aid for this program.

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The Neighborhood Center of Utica, New York

"Career Development Trainee Program"

Oneida County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide youths with viable work experiences and to develop appreciation for the value of work.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The overall program objective is to provide summer employment and after school employment for youngsters from various cultural and social economic groups within the human service professions. Specifically, the program seeks to provide youth with pre-vocational and public training orientation in the human service profession so that prior to committing themselves to a career and/or education in this area they will have the opportunity of receiving first-hand experience as to the various aspects of the career. The program also sets out to:

- Eliminate many of the racial, cultural and economic barriers that lead to anxiety and tension between inner-city and rural as well as suburban youth
- Encourage youth to stay in or return to school to complete high school; pursue higher education, college or specialized training
- Inspire youth to seek careers in the broad range of social-education-welfare services

TARGET POPULATION

A minimum of twelve youths are hired per year, ages ranging from 14 to 18 years old, female and male. The participants are drawn mostly from the low income neighborhoods.

METHOD

Youths are hired for summer and after school hours to work with full-time professional staff providing services to the community. Youths make written applications, with references, are interviewed and selected by a committee of Board members, staff and former trainees. They are selected on the basis of motivation, financial need, skills he could use in an agency, and the need for stimulating, motivating experience.

"Career Development Trainee Program"

Youths work up to eight hours per day, for ten weeks during the summer and up to fifteen hours per week for thirty weeks during the school year. Stipends are made available to youths from low income families as follows: forty dollars a week the first year and fifty dollars a week the second year during the summer; four hundred dollars per school year the first year and five hundred dollars per school year the second year.

Volunteers are used in the total agency program but not in the Career Development Program. Evaluative reports are periodically submitted on the assessment of a C.D. participant's performance, ie., work habits, growth on the job and recommendations for rehiring.

STAFF

A staff of approximately eight are responsible for serving the Center participants directly, coordinating their departments and making home visits.

COST

The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$5,216 in state aid.

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Wheelerville Union Free School

"Town of Caroga Reading and Math Programs"

Fulton County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To improve upon the math and reading skills of youngsters in elementary schools.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This program is designed to meet the needs of youngsters who have a deficiency in reading and math skills in grades one through seven in the Wheelerville Union Free School District. Specifically, the program sets out to increase the youths' tested levels by at least four months.

TARGET POPULATION

Participants come from Caroga, the Town of Caroga, and the Wheelerville Union Free School District. Approximately 105 students will be served during the summer of 1977.

METHOD

The entire program is coordinated by a citizens group through the chief school administrator making recommendations and suggestions. Volunteers are used in getting the major programs organized and implemented with the help of designated program directors.

The program runs for six weeks during the months of July and August, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon daily, five days a week. In grades three through seven, the youngsters are divided into three segments. Three adult instructors are involved in the program during the morning hours, with individualized instruction keynoted. An extra forty-five minutes are included after lunch for those needing the session. In the area of mathematics, the staff uses individual innovative science tapes. In the area of reading, the Ginn 306 series is the base with utilization of records and tape recorder cassettes to supplement the entire program.

Evaluations are conducted through teacher conferences, classroom performance, testing, and personal observation by instructors.

"Town of Caroga Reading and Math Programs"

STAFF

Staff includes an elementary school supervisor teaching reading and math and a fifth grade teacher involved in the upper levels of reading and math.

COST

Total cost for 1977 is \$4,000. The NYS Division for Youth provides \$2,000 in state aid.

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Afro-American Experience, Inc.

"Ujaama Academy"

Nassau County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To make available the circumstances under which students who have dropped out of schools might continue their education.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Academy provides an individualized instructional program and a complementary counseling component in order to:

- Help students successfully complete the courses required for graduation from their high schools
- Help each student gain self-confidence and a sense of dignity
- Help develop in the student an awareness of himself and his capabilities
- Assist students to think in terms of competing in the extremely technological society of tomorrow

TARGET POPULATION

The participants are drawn from the communities of Hempstead, Roosevelt, Rockville Center, Uniondale, Lakeview, Inwood and Glen Cove. They number about 140 youth per year, of both sexes, between the ages of 16 and 21.

METHOD

The Academy's subjects and activities are grouped around five areas: Basic Core Subjects; General Educational Development Subjects; Remedial Reading and Adult Basic Education; Creative Activities and Hobbies; and Physical Education and Athletics. Specific courses include reading, language arts, math, Black history and culture, readings in natural and social sciences, and literature.

Through the courses and the counseling activities, the program prepares students for the high school equivalency examination or prepares students to obtain their high school diploma in cases where an agreement to issue diplomas has been reached. It also prepares students for seeking admission to

"Ujaama Academy"

colleges and universities, as well as vocational training programs which can further develop and enhance their creative abilities. Follow-up services and counseling after the students leave the Academy is also provided and is considered an integral part of the program. In addition, the Academy sponsors special scholastic, creative and cultural events.

STAFF

Personnel includes an executive director, an assistant director, four full-time and five part-time teachers, tutors, two counselors, an administrative assistant and secretarial help.

COST

For 1977, total program cost will be about \$217,320. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$20,805 in state aid.

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South End Summer Program
"Summer Remedial Education School"
Rensselaer County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To improve upon the reading, math and speech skills of students in grades one through six.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The number of youngsters functioning below grade level has led the program to initiate a summer remedial educational program. It hopes to serve any child who needs help in strengthening his or her academic skills.

TARGET POPULATION

The major target areas from which the participants are drawn are the neighborhoods serviced by School #2 and St. Josephs. The community ranges from middle to low income groups. Approximately 160 youths will be served this year.

METHOD

The program runs for five weeks during the summer, open from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon, five days a week. There are four, fifty minute sessions per day in reading, mathematics and speech therapy. The classes are held in small group settings where individual attention can be provided.

All children are pre-tested to determine areas of weakness. Staff submits evaluations of students through a narrative report to parents and home schools. They also provide a checklist to the child's school teacher to indicate where help is needed.

Volunteers are active on ther Advisory Board but not in the direct operation of the remedial program.

STAFF

Staff includes a coordinator, part-time teachers and a speech therapist.

"Summer Remedial Education School"

COST

Total cost for the summer program for 1977 will be \$6,820.20. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$3,410.10 in state aid.

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Town of Big Flats

"Youth Employment Service Program"

Chemung County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To find summer employment opportunities and training for unskilled youths who would otherwise not be able to secure such opportunities due to high unemployment rates and lack of resources.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

In view of the high unemployment rate in its area, the Town of Big Flats has developed a meaningful teen employment program with these objectives in mind:

- To bring inexperienced teens looking for essential summer work together with adult residents seeking help for odd jobs
- To train young residents for a variety of jobs and experiences
- To provide teens an opportunity to try themselves out and learn how to use self-evaluation to improve
- To recruit employers for potential unemployed teens
- To help teens develop and maintain small businesses

TARGET POPULATION

The Youth Employment Service Program services both males and females between the ages of 13 and 19 living in the Town of Big Flats. During the summer of 1976, the program had 60 youth participants.

METHOD

The Youth Employment Service of the Town of Big Flats maintains a full-time operation, open five days a week. Youth participating are required to fill out an application and be interviewed, as well as to have working papers, where required, and a social security number. The teens are involved in both formal and informal activities. The program provides orientation programs on starting small businesses, holding and keeping jobs, etc. They also provide child-care seminars giving teenagers an opportunity to become well-informed babysitters. Informal activities include learning to properly write out checks, filling out job applications, preparing for job interviews and the like.

"Youth Employment Service (YES)"

The Service also developed and operates a Teen Enterprise Program in which youths become partners in businesses such as a weekly car wash, party catering for small children, concession stands, house painting or gardening for profit. Evaluations are held at the end of the seasonal enterprises wherein youngsters would discuss ideas to better their businesses, managerial problems, profit-sharing, and accountability procedures.

During 1976, publicity efforts increased, resulting in a number of new jobs. The teens themselves participated in the campaign creating many more working opportunities.

Volunteers, usually parents and teenagers themselves, are used as well, approximately ten at any one given time. They carry out a number of odd jobs as well as provide information and help youths starting their own businesses.

Evaluation of the program's progress is maintained on a steady basis through community feedback, results of questionnaires from the teen participants, evaluation meetings with the youths, youth commission feedback and analysis of the numbers of youth served.

STAFF

Staff includes a program director, assistant director, part-time secretary and office helpers.

COST

During 1976, the YES program received \$3,265.50 in state aid from the NYS Division for Youth. Total cost of the project is approximately \$6,000.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Town of Horseheads Youth Bureau

"Learning Web"

Chemung County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide youths with the opportunity for positive self-development in areas that fall outside of the mainstream of educational experiences taught in public schools.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The "Learning Web" is a Master-Apprenticeship program that seeks to develop learning experiences in the community for young people. The program specifically attempts to meet the following needs:

- Provide an opportunity for youths to explore the life of their communities
- Provide youngsters with experience and skill training in their fields of interest
- Provide an opportunity for youths to learn a craft
- Provide individualized, personalized learning experiences for the "failing" student
- To expand the range and form of educational experiences available to young people

TARGET POPULATION

Youths, male and female, between the ages of 10 and 20 years from the Town of Horseheads community are invited to participate. Approximately 32 youths will be served.

METHOD

The Learning Web concept is one where a youth interested in learning a specific skill is matched with a volunteer community member with that competency. The Youth Bureau acts as a clearinghouse in matching the youths and the adults. Incorporated into this program is the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Youths are also placed in a volunteer agency, if such a desire is indicated.

"Learning Web"

Concepts such as "learning by doing", "experimental education" and "community-as-classroom" are promoted in an effort to expand the educational experiences of the youths.

One of the most advantageous components of a Learning Web program is the relatively low cost. The Town of Horseheads incorporates approximately 64 volunteers made up of senior citizens, local merchants and community members at large. The youth services director provides orientation and performs periodic evaluations.

STAFF

Staff includes one youth services director.

COST

Total cost for materials needed is approximately \$250.

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Project Equinox, Inc.

"Refer Switchboard"

Albany County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide immediate and follow-up services for youth who need help and don't know where to turn.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Refer Switchboard offers a comprehensive service for youth to deal with the multiple and varied problems of this group. The general objectives are to:

- Provide direct services, advocacy, referral and follow-up for legal, medical, educational, employment, independent living and other needs
- Provide youth with a confidential, easily accessible, self-determining service program
- Help reunite youth with their families, resolve intra-family problems, and develop stable living situations for youth
- Prevent premature negative labeling of youth by providing an alternative for youth to the over burdened systems of juvenile justice, law enforcement and mental health
- Work in coordination and cooperation with other youth service agencies and organizations in the Albany area

TARGET POPULATION

Approximately 4,000 to 5,000 contacts with youth under 21 years of age will be made this year. All participants come from within the County of Albany.

METHOD

The program is made available 24 hours a day, delivering services in four major areas: crisis intervention; individual counseling; information and referral; educational and special programs.

"Refer Switchboard"

Refer provides immediate help to any youth in crisis whether it be a drug overdose, a runaway youth, someone with no food or shelter or a troubled young person who needs someone to talk to. This service is provided by both paid and volunteer staff who have initial and ongoing training in procedures and counseling techniques.

In addition to crisis and over-the-phone counseling, Refer offers follow-up personal counseling to youth and their families who need to sit down and talk through a problem. This service is provided by paid and volunteer staff members who have had extensive training and experience in counseling.

Through their information and referral program, Refer maintains a resource bank of all agencies, organizations, and services in the Albany area, and provides basic information on what services are available to youth. They are able to facilitate the referral and follow-up to see that the need has been met. Over the years, they have developed personal contacts with people in other agencies which often helps a youth get services faster and more efficiently.

Refer also provides youth with specific factual information on drugs, V.D., minor's rights, sexuality, etc. - topics they may be comfortable in discussing only in an anonymous situation. Staff members also go out to community groups and schools to present workshops on problem areas and topics of interest to youth.

In addition, Refer sponsors concerts in Washington Park each Sunday during the summer which are attended by between 1,000-2,000 people (many youth).

The success of the program rests largely with volunteers. Refer staff provides initial and in-service training for its new trainees which includes workshops on a varied number of topics and problems often confronted by youth, sensitivity training and in-service special events training.

STAFF

Personnel includes a director, two counselors, and volunteer help.

COST

The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$12,220 in state aid during 1977.

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Planned Parenthood of Rochester and Monroe Co., Inc.

"Planned Parenthood Neighborhood Center for Teens"

Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a comprehensive program involving educational, counseling and medical services stressing prevention while providing services to those in immediate need.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Planned Parenthood of Rochester and Monroe County provides birth control and VD education, counseling and medical services. It is expected that a comprehensive program which reaches thousands of youngsters, parents, teachers and health care professionals would result in a reduction of births and abortions from the previous year's level for ages under 20; that there will be a reduction in the increase of the VD rate; and a quicker and more appropriate referral to other agencies for adoption, abortion, pre-natal care and other medical and counseling services will result from the program.

TARGET POPULATION

The target areas include districts one and two of the City of Rochester with a youth population estimate of 22,120. These areas have the highest rates of VD and teenage birth and abortions in the 13 city districts. Most persons are economically disadvantaged.

METHOD

The program has two neighborhood centers; one includes medical, counseling and educational services; in the other, transportation to Planned Parenthood would be provided for medical visits. The program's major components are: Sexuality Education -- includes education of teens through speeches in schools, rap sessions, etc.; education of teachers, counselors and other health care professionals; and parent education. These educational programs focus on responsible sexual behavior and stresses values clarification in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Counseling is provided in one-to-one or small group sessions to help the teen deal with his or her own concerns.

The medical services include basic physical examinations, cancer and VD detection, sickle cell test when indicated, pelvic examination when indicated, and the appropriate counseling to determine methods of birth control. Also, pregnancy determination by lab test and pelvic examinations are offered as well as treatment and/or prescriptions for minor gynecological concerns. Referrals are made for persons in need of services the agency cannot provide.

"Planned Parenthood Neighborhood Center for Teens"

Approximately 10 volunteers are used who are formally trained under the direction of a volunteer coordinator, followed by observation and on-the-job training, and on-going formal training and evaluation.

STAFF

Personnel includes two educators, one full-time and one part-time; a clinician; two nurses and two youth workers.

COST

Program expenses for 1977 is estimated at \$34,528. The NYS Division for youth will provide \$17,264 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes, Inc.

"Family and Youth Counseling"

Ontario, Wayne, Yates, and Seneca Counties, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To meet the diversified needs of families and youth who are experiencing difficulties.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes, Inc. is a program designed to serve the areas of family breakdown, youth in conflict with society and children encountering problems. The major foci are on stabilizing family relationships and on providing for a growth-promoting environment in which youth can develop maximum potentials.

TARGET POPULATION

The center serves the counties of Ontario, Wayne, Yates and Seneca. Youth served are equally divided between males and females, ages 5 to 20 and their families. The program will serve approximately 450 families involving 1,000 youth from the County of Ontario; 225 families involving 500 youth from Seneca County; 350 Wayne County families involving 700 youth; and 110 families involving 225 youth from Yates County.

METHOD

The program provides counseling services to parents, children and adolescents through individual, conjoint and total family therapy. These will be provided as indicated by professional evaluation. Group counseling for adolescents is delivered when appropriate. Family Life Education programs dealing with parenting skills, development and adolescent communication is also offered. Big Brother/Big Sister services through use of volunteer counselors is provided where appropriate. Approximately 15 matches are anticipated for each of the counties of Ontario and Wayne, 10 matches for Seneca County and 5 matches for Yates County.

Services are provided five days per week (Monday-Friday) by appointment between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM with some evening hours available at several locations. It is expected that through its services, they will avoid proposed placement of about 50 youth in all four counties in institutions or in alternate living situations.

"Family and Youth Counseling"

Volunteers numbering between 50 and 60 will be used and trained through a formal program run by Family Counseling Service. On-going supervision is provided on a regular basis by professional staff.

STAFF

Personnel includes an executive director, a supervisor, a family life coordinator, eight social workers and a social worker aide and clerical workers.

COST

For 1977, the project costs for each county is as follows: Seneca County - \$38,073; Wayne County - \$60,934; Ontario County - \$70,310; and Yates County - \$13,033. The NYS Division for Youth will provide state aid in the following amounts: Seneca County - \$16,500; Wayne County - \$20,000; Ontario County - \$30,750; and Yates County - 5,078.95.

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Cooperative Extension Association of Niagara County

"4-H/Youth Urban Program"

Niagara County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide in-service educational programs which improve young people's knowledge, awareness, and skills relating to the area of career development.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Cooperative Extension program provides leadership and program skills training to stimulate motivation of inner-city youth into productive endeavors. In addition, the objectives of the program are:

- To enhance individual personal growth and family development through the achievement and satisfying performance in the adolescent years
- To develop an awareness of personal safety in oneself and family in the home or community
- To develop skills in program development, instructional theory, curriculum theory and teaching methods
- To improve management of family and individual resources to reach realistic social and economic goals

TARGET POPULATION

Participants are drawn from the City of Niagara Falls, males and females, ages 9 to 19.

METHOD

The type of service provided for 1977 is leadership training and skill developing programs in the area of child care and babysitting clinics, photography, film making, clothing projects, food and nutrition classes, tips for waiters/waitresses, public speaking demonstrations, fishing and indoor gardening projects and a junior leader course.

Volunteers are used depending on program needs and are trained and supervised by youth assistants and local Cooperative Extension professional staff.

"4-H/Youth Urban Program"

Evaluation is both quantitative and qualitative in nature. Youths participating in the program have the opportunity to comment on the effectiveness of the program and, thereby, provide input in program changes and/or new directions. The Cooperative Extension program has had a very successful past offering programs in incubation embryology, bike safety, fire safety, talking plant, environment awareness and teacher workshop.

STAFF

Personnel includes two youth program assistants, a 4-H program leader, a 4-H agent, a Cooperative Extension coordinator, and a secretary-bookkeeper.

COST

Cost for 1977 for this program is estimated at \$24,690. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$6,000 in state aid.

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Alternative Methods

Designing and implementing new and/or alternative methods to provide services for a target group is a challenge which many local communities have successfully undertaken. These methods include the outward bound type programming, peer outreach activities, volunteer families to provide temporary shelter for runaways, providing supplementary educational services for the very young student, child development screening, and a number of other approaches reaching potential offenders. Represented is a program aimed at providing career awareness and work experience for youth 14 years of age, a time where such youth are capable of working but lack knowledge about the world of work. Also, we find a description of a program attempting to bridge the gap between inner-city youth and suburban youth and a description of a local youth-serving agency utilizing a different administrative approach to provide their services.

Highlighted programs include:

- Greece Youth Bureau - "Project Challenge" - Monroe County,
New York
- Family and Children's Services of Ithaca - "Interim Families" -
Tompkins County, New York
- Manlius Region Teen Center, Inc. - "Alternate Route Detached
Worker" - Onondaga County, New York
- Jr. League of Kingston - "Children's Enrichment Program" -
Ulster County, New York
- Onondaga Nature Centers, Inc. - "Therapeutic Adaptive Outward
Bound" - Onondaga County, New York
- Consolata Mission Center - "Integrated Living Experience" -
Erie County, New York
- Family Service League, Inc. - "FACILE" - Suffolk County, New York
- Town of Babylon Youth Bureau - "Visualities Unlimited" -
Suffolk County, New York

Whitney Young Health Center - "Child Development Program" -
Albany County, New York

"Community Council on Careers" - Onondaga County, New York

Chemung County Youth Bureau - "Summer Cohesion '77" - Chemung
County, New York

Rye Youth Council, Inc. - "Youth Advocacy" - Westchester County,
New York

Primary Mental Health Project, Inc. - "Primary Mental Health
Project" - Monroe County, New York

N.W. Steuben Youth Services Program - "Friends Program" -
Steuben County, New York

Binghamton Boys/Girls Club - "Binghamton Boys/Girls Club Outreach" -
Broome County, New York

"Volunteers In Partnership, Inc." - Monroe County, New York

Huntington Youth Board System - Town of Huntington - Suffolk
County, New York

Planned Parenthood of Niagara County - "Peer Outreach Program" -
Niagara County, New York

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Greece Youth Bureau

"Project Challenge"

Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To develop a program utilizing positive peer relationships, the guidance of a counselor and the incorporation of a series of success experiences from which the youth can emerge with a greater sense of a positive self-determination, leading to a total prevention/intervention program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Project Challenge is an adaptive-therapeutic program employing the philosophy of the Outward Bound program. The courses offered are geared toward:

- Teaching people to expect more of themselves
- Learning to trust and be trusted
- Showing that people must work together
- Instilling a sense of service and a new awareness that one has much to offer to others and much to gain from them

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves all youth from the Town of Greece, ages 14 to 18, of both sexes. More than 450 youth are expected to participate this year.

METHOD

The project sponsors three types of challenge programs. First, there is the three-day (weekend) challenge program, providing a basic adventure curriculum including group problem-solving activities, basic ropes course and short expeditions. These are aimed at learning disabled youth who could gain from a short-term learning experience. Prior to the weekend course, an orientation training course is provided which includes first aid and winter camping skills information. Five such weekend adventure experiences for 12 youths each weekend will be conducted.

"Project Challenge"

The second challenge program includes the same format as the first except it is extended to five days and is aimed at involving older youth (16 to 18 years old) with behavior problems in the school along with several "average" peer youth from the school. The experience is aimed at opening communication and cooperative relationships between mixed peer groups with the hope of developing some joint endeavors in future activities to involve these youth in their school experiences more. Two such programs are conducted for a crew of twelve youths each time.

The third program involves more dramatic and challenging adventure experiences for dropout and/or early delinquent stage youth. This includes rock climbing, white water river canoeing and a solo, a two-day experience alone in the woods, designed to provide an opportunity for reflection and introspection. Two such programs are conducted for groups of twelve.

The project also implements a follow-up program for the latter two groups, held at the school. Group discussion sessions and contact with parents and school personnel are held aimed at encouraging follow through of personal and group goals discussed during the experiences. In addition, the program sponsors initiative days designed to involve groups of up to twenty, 7 to 12 grade students and teachers, with the series of problem-solving activities included in the extended challenge experiences.

STAFF

Personnel includes a project coordinator and part-time support staff.

COST

For 1977, cost is projected at \$11,480. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$5,740 in state aid.

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Family and Children's Services of Ithaca

"Interim Families"

Tompkins County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide round-the-clock, crisis intervention services and care in a supportive family setting for male and female adolescents.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Interim Families Program is a response to the needs of troubled youth who have either run away or who, due to family problems and crises, need temporary separation from their families. Objectives of the program are:

- To arrange for emergency 24-hour temporary, residential care for adolescents
- Through the use of volunteer families, to secure temporary homes for a population which local agencies may have difficulty placing
- To act as a referral source for meeting other needs of youths and their families beyond residential care; particularly family and individual counseling
- To provide a therapeutic intervention program to enable families to work out conflicts without separation

TARGET POPULATION

The service is primarily geared toward adolescents, male and female, between the ages of 13 and 20. It is anticipated that in 1977 placement services will be provided for 25 to 30 youths with another 50 to 60 youths and families assisted to secure appropriate support services without the necessity for separation.

METHOD

Central to the effectiveness of the Interim Families Program is the recruiting and training of volunteer families. Volunteer homes are inspected and certified to meet state requirements and are trained through the initial certification procedures which includes orientation to procedures, philosophy of service, and availability of support from sponsoring agencies. Families with children in placement also attend support meetings with program staff.

"Interim Families"

Initiated in 1971, the program has housed approximately 150 youths, either runaways or youths facing family crises. The program provides 24-hour care, within the community, in a supportive family setting while appropriate intervention by helping agencies may occur. It services the entire Tompkins County area with services for all county residents as well as for runaway youth temporarily in the county.

Further activities include the development of additional volunteer homes with at least one in each of the outlying school districts.

STAFF

Staff includes a part-time program coordinator and a part-time supervisor-counselor.

COST

It is estimated that during 1977 expenditures will be approximately \$10,613 with the NYS Division for Youth providing approximately \$4,347 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Manlius Region Teen Center, Inc.

"Alternate Route Detached Worker"

Onondaga County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide community-based alternatives to traditional judicial and correctional responses to young people in trouble with the law.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the program is to meet the needs of young offenders through direct services and through mobilizing community resources. Specifically the program sets out:

- To educate the community to the problems of young people and the criminal justice systems and to encourage community responsiveness to these problems
- To assist in the resolution of pending criminal charges and related school, family, job and social problems
- To advocate the concerns of clients on a wide range of issues in the community
- To provide regular, informal, one-on-one contact with people assigned to the program by the courts
- To provide support services by helping clients with housing, employment, transportation, public assistance, medical treatment and other needs

TARGET POPULATION

Alternate Route serves people 14 to 20 years of age who are in trouble with the law and live in the Town of Manlius. Youth are referred by themselves, family members, friends, courts, lawyers, police, probation officers, school counselors and others.

METHOD

Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week; however, most operations are conducted between 9:00 AM and 11:00 PM.

"Alternate Route Detached Worker"

Services are provided through an agreement to participate in the program for a set period of time (usually six months), through an agreement to work toward the resolution of some particular problem or set of problems, or on a limited, immediate-need basis. Services are also available through "street law" sessions, which are open to the community. The worker is accessible to the young people of the community on the streets, in the school, in the teen center--on their own turf, in other words, and is accessible to judges, police, and parents on their own turf.

They will become involved with a case at any point from arrest to sentencing and seek to have potential clients diverted from the system at the earliest possible point. They try to limit the number of current cases to ten or twelve.

Psychological consultation is available to the detached worker through the Hutchings Psychiatric Center.

The program cooperates closely with Onondaga County Alternate Route, Inc., which operates similar programs with VISTA volunteers in several other communities in Onondaga County.

STAFF

Staff includes one detached worker.

COST

Total cost of the program for 1977 is approximately \$9,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$2,158 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Junior League of Kingston and
Family Service Center of the Children's Home of Kingston
"Children's Enrichment Program"
Ulster County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide for the needs of potentially and allegedly abused and neglected children in the hope that early intervention will prevent continued abuse of these children and enable them to grow up with the nurturing that is essential to the development of mature, stable productive adults.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program is based upon the concept that without early intervention and positive parental involvement in the life of abused/neglected children, permanent emotional as well as physical damage will result. Specifically, their objectives are:

- To involve a group of mothers and their pre-school children, who have been identified as "at risk" by the Department of Social Services, in a series of play/counseling sessions
- To increase the positive verbal and physical interaction between each child and mother by the end of the series
- To increase the mother's ability to verbalize feelings
- To facilitate the development of the children's verbal and physical skills at levels appropriate for the individual children involved
- To increase the enjoyment of the mother and their children by playing and learning together
- To facilitate the growth of the self (for the children and the mothers) as separate human beings no longer physically connected as they were before birth

TARGET POPULATION

Most participants are drawn from the City of Kingston, although it is open to all county residents. Approximately 12 to 15 mothers and their pre-school children who have been identified as "at risk" by the Department of Social Services will be involved. Program location is within walking distance for large numbers of lower-middle and lower class unemployed whites, blacks and hispanics, many of whom are part of the population at risk.

"Children's Enrichment Program"

METHOD

The program provides a series of 10 play and counseling sessions where the children and their mothers learn and develop together. The pre-school children and mothers have one to one and a half hours of play activities together under the direction of a skilled, therapeutically oriented early childhood educator. Activities are structured to accommodate the variation in developmental skills appropriate for the children who may range in age from birth to six years old. Emphasis is placed on using inexpensive materials and household items in creative, mutually enjoyable activities. Food, emotionally and physically crucial to the child's growth and development, is prepared and used as a vehicle for teaching nutrition. The second portion of the session provides different kinds of ego-building, large and small motor skills building, intellectual stimulation and socialization for the children under the direction of an educator, an experienced child care worker and trained volunteers.

The mothers also meet with a trained professional therapist with specialization in group psychiatric counseling. They not only discuss the concepts in child development, creative play, physical needs, nutrition, etc. that were experienced in the first hour, but also the feelings which the children evoke in the mothers and how to deal with these emotions. Volunteers, trained as counselors, participate in these sessions as well as observe the mothers to whom they have been assigned. It is anticipated that the sharing of feelings and experiences in a group setting will begin to break down the isolation, the helplessness and frustration of mothers dealing with young children. Volunteers are also assigned to make contacts with the mothers and children during the week.

STAFF

Personnel includes an administrative coordinator (volunteer), a therapist, an educator, a child care worker, and a volunteer trainer and supervisor.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$4,368. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$2,184 in State aid.

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Onondaga Nature Centers, Inc.

"Therapeutic Adaptive Outward Bound"

Onondaga County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide an alternative therapeutic program that serves youngsters who have demonstrated difficulties in coping with the social and academic pressures of school.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Therapeutic Outward Bound program is designed to combine physical as well as intellectual challenges to youth by way of outdoor activities. The objectives of the program are to build a youth's trust in other youth, develop self-esteem, learn to cooperate with peers, and develop a sense of inter-dependency with other youth their own age. The program also focuses on learning through experience and peer group interrelationships.

TARGET POPULATION

Approximately 100 youth will participate in the program this year. Youth are aged 10 to 19, both males and females. Participants are drawn from Onondaga County, as referred by agencies funded by the County Youth Bureau.

METHOD

The project includes a minimum of 40 programming days and includes such activities as day trips, camping, backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, fishing, hunting, survival outings, and historical investigations. Necessary training is incorporated into the outings. The programs will occur mostly in undeveloped natural areas, state parks and other natural settings.

Before, during and after the outing, a therapist meets with each group, keeping a log of his observations so that he will provide an evaluation of the youth's progress judged by standards developed during planning sessions with the separate agencies participating. Agency staff are requested to make independent observations and provide written reports. Those youth who can, are requested to provide a written account of their feelings about the experience including both positive and negative reactions. The therapist and interested parties will then meld these separate reports into an evaluation and recommendation.

"Therapeutic Adaptive Outward Bound"

STAFF

Personnel includes a director, an assistant director, an instructor, a therapist, clerical workers, printer and consultants.

COST

For 1977, total cost is projected at \$18,602. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$9,000 in state aid.

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Consolata Mission Center
"Integrated Living Experience"
Erie County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a program whereby inner-city youth can come together with suburban youth in an attempt to break the existing barriers between these segments of the metropolitan area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This type of program attempts to bridge the experiences of inner-city youth with those of the suburban youth hoping that this will contribute to mutual human growth and understanding. Suburban families learn to know and understand inner-city children and through them some of their families. Another objective was to recruit teenagers from both segments to do volunteer work for a few weeks with young children.

TARGET POPULATION

The youth were drawn from census tracts 32 and 33 within the City of Buffalo and from the suburban areas of Amherst and Clarence townships. Approximately eighty inner-city youths were brought into suburban homes during the project's four week operation.

METHOD

The program consisted of four one-week sessions. Each week twenty inner-city children, from 6 to 11 years of age, both male and female, came to live, work and play with children of suburban host families. From Monday through Friday, all children (20 from inner-city and 20 from the suburban areas) came to the Consolata Mission Center from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, where they took part in a variety of activities: playing, singing, storytelling, plays, arts and crafts, swimming and other sports, field trips, etc.

The matching of children and families was done by the program coordinator. The program also recruited high school seniors or students with previous experience to assist and advise children as "big brothers" or "big sisters." As many as 40 volunteers were recruited and trained by program staff.

"Integrated Living Experience"

STAFF

Personnel included a director, an assistant director, two instructors, five counselors, a program coordinator and a secretary. All were part-time positions for four weeks.

COST

Total cost for 1976 was about \$3,500. The NYS Division for Youth provided \$1,750 in state aid.

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Family Service League, Inc.

"FACILE"

Suffolk County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide supportive services for the families of the area in order to prevent family disintegration and avert future critical situations.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This program has a number of components dealing with family life education, family therapy, advocacy and counseling geared toward:

- Providing an opportunity for families to strengthen their ability to prevent everyday worries from becoming serious problems
- Helping residents develop career motivation and specific career and job search skills
- Providing on-going advocacy for families dependent upon public agencies for financial support
- Helping residents locate needed information and resources

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves the entire Huntington township with approximately 500 youth and adult parents being served.

METHOD

The program's operating hours are from 9:00 to 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday, with evening hours as well. It is divided into eight central components the first of which is a Family Life Education component. Through a series of small group discussions, individuals, families or parents share their thinking and feelings and assess their behavior and attitudes about day-to-day family living. There are currently eighteen "parenting groups" implemented with an expected six groups to be implemented during 1977. During 1976, three hundred twenty-two people participated and an additional one hundred and ten parents are expected to participate in the new groups.

"FACILE"

The program also sponsors a community information-referral center, operated by trained volunteers from the community and serving over 1,000 residents; a career development program, operated by two trained volunteers who participate as group leaders and arrange meetings with public and private agencies in the field; an advocacy program which expects to serve about 425 people this year confronting a variety of problems; a community newsletter providing a communication vehicle and an opportunity for residents to do creative writing; leadership seminars; group leadership training and family therapy referrals when appropriate.

STAFF

Personnel includes three family advocates, a part-time coordinator and a secretary.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$53,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$26,500 in state aid.

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Town of Babylon Youth Bureau

"Visualities Unlimited"

Suffolk County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide an opportunity for artists to display and sell their work, to participate in weekly art workshops and to share and learn from each other.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Visualities Unlimited serves as a recreational and cultural project and provides demonstration programs at local centers in the town. Its objectives are to increase leisure time cultural programs open to town teenagers, to provide expertise to local youth programs to develop their own on-going programs in the arts, and to provide minimal cost art programs within reach of lower socio-economic young people in the town.

TARGET POPULATION

Participants are drawn from the eight hamlets and three incorporated villages of the Town of Babylon. At present, thirty youth and adults participate.

METHOD

The program is essentially an art workshop program offered at a minimal cost to teenagers from the community, with costs of material and instruction underwritten by the Youth Bureau, the Division for Youth and any additional grants from private sources. This policy has allowed many young people who otherwise might not have been able to afford instruction to join in the program. The program operates weekly, in the evenings from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM. Priority is given to young people between the ages of 11 and 21 years of age. It is supervised and taught by an artist-in-residence and volunteer artists. The artist-in-residence also gives demonstrations in local youth centers throughout the year. The weekly workshops engage students in silk-screen, oil and ceramics. The students also go on field trips to museums and artists' studios.

The program has already served well over 200 teenagers and has received support from America the Beautiful Foundation, the Youth Bureau, the Town Recreation Department and the local Council on the Arts. Artists from Visualities have shown their work in various shows in Town Hall, public parks and other locations in the town.

"Visualities Unlimited"

STAFF

Personnel includes a part-time artist-in-residence.

COST

Cost for 1977 is about \$1,400. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$500 in State aid.

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Whitney Young Health Center

"Child Development Program"

Albany County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide for a developmental screening program within an existing health system to locate the pre-school children with special needs for early learning programs.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Child Development Program provides a coordinated service of screening for developmental disabilities and treatment for children or parents at risk. Their objectives are to:

- Provide developmental assessments for pre-school age children, child rearing information for parents and/or child care persons and identification of children and parents considered to be "at risk"
- Ensure that all children considered "at risk" will become involved in an appropriate treatment program either at the Whitney Young Health Center or in community pre-school programs
- Work in a supplementary or consulting manner with community programs serving children with special needs
- Provide parents considered "at risk" with supportive child rearing training and intervention

TARGET POPULATION

The Child Development Program will be available to all families with pre-school children registered as patients of the Whitney Young Health Center. At the present time, the Health Center has 10,592 families registered as patients from Albany County.

METHOD

The program consists of developmental screening available to all pre-school patients, child rearing advice and education for their parents and a multi-service treatment program for families with young children experiencing delayed language, cognitive, or social-emotional functioning.

"Child Development Program"

The developmental screening program focuses on the parent's needs and rearing skills as well as the child's mastery of skills. A treatment component is incorporated within the testing session. The treatment includes helping the parents correctly perceive his/her child's current level and style of functioning and demonstrating activities which will help the child develop.

Children who are assessed to have delayed language or cognitive development may participate in their language therapy program. This program involves weekly sessions with the parent as participant and observer of the activities and techniques that stimulate his/her child's linguistic and cognitive functioning. If the child is participating in a day care program, his/her teacher also receives this training.

The program is available to children, parents and community programs three days a week from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

STAFF

Personnel includes a program director, a pediatric nurse, a practitioner, a social worker and clerical help on a part-time basis working during program hours.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$18,016. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$9,008 in state aid.

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"Community Council on Careers"

Onondaga County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To promote better career awareness on the part of students as well as educators and parents.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Community Council on Careers is a concerted effort on the part of the educational community and the community-at-large to bring about a group of programs to arrest the high dropout rate and to remedy the unemployment situation. It is expected that such an effort can improve the employment situation, present and future, for the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County.

TARGET POPULATION

The groups served are Onondaga County school youth from the City School District and the Catholic Schools.

METHOD

The Council is an organization of representatives from business, government, labor, industry and education sponsoring programs which facilitate the development of continuous, direct liaison between school board members, administrators, teachers and counselors on the one hand, and employers on the other as well as the improvement of the image of vocational and technical careers among students, parents and professional educators. It provides opportunities for students to observe and participate in the world of work in any career. In addition, it focuses on improving the quality of job applicants as needed by local businesses and industries; where the improvement is in such areas as attitude, workmanship, loyalty, etc.

During 1976, the Community Council on Careers developed and conducted a survey on exploring careers which resulted in 60 Explorer Posts serving over 1,800 students. Community resources were coordinated which served a number of students, educators and companies as well as guidance offices -- 250 bulletins were mailed each month containing information on career education programs and career materials available from business, industry, labor and other agencies. For 1977-78, the Council plans to conduct Career Awareness Seminars jointly with Utica-Rome SUNY; a comprehensive Syracuse area skills needs survey of area job market needs, present and future; and exploring and designing programs to assist business and industry in specific areas of their perceived needs.

"Community Council on Careers"

An unspecified number of volunteers are recruited from the community for areas of their expertise. The Council strongly believes in not hiring professionals to do a job which community resources can do much better.

STAFF

Personnel includes an executive director and a secretary/typist.

COST

Cost for 1977 is approximately \$31,500. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$2,000 in state aid.

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Chemung County Youth Bureau

"Summer Cohesion '77"

Chemung County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a host of meaningful services to the county youth through inter-agency cooperation and coordination.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Summer Cohesion program is a unique, collective, community-wide, summer program established through the cooperation of area agencies and the school systems, providing a rewarding, valuable and free experience for county youth. The program sets out to:

- Provide youth with a variety of cultural, recreational and educational activities
- Encourage inter-agency cooperation, eliminate duplication of summer activities, and combine the expertise of each agency to develop a program which will best serve the community
- Provide all children in the program with lunches designed to supplement their daily nutritional needs
- Provide meaningful camping experiences designed to enhance children's understanding and respect for nature and wildlife

TARGET POPULATION

Some 2,500 children will be serviced per day from all socio-economic neighborhoods within the county. The site locations are dispersed throughout the City of Elmira, Town of Elmira, Elmira Heights, Southport, Horseheads, Veteran, Wellsburg and the Big Flats area. Youths aged 3 to 21, both sexes, will be served this summer.

METHOD

The various agencies participating in the program (numbering 30 to 35 agencies) provide services for four specific groups through the following programs: Tot Lot -- a program servicing approximately 800 children, ages 3 to 7. It focuses upon language development, reading readiness, fine and gross motor development, sensori-motor development, perceptual motor development and cognitive skills. The second program, Summer Club, services about 1,200 children, aged 8 to 12, with concentration on enrichment, cultural, and recreational activities. Through activities such as pantomime, role playing, and attending sign language classes with, or taught by deaf children,

"Summer Cohesion '77"

the participants are expected to increase their awareness of self, others and their community.

A third program, Teen Club, provides activities for 500 teenagers, allowing them to pursue individual interests under proper guidance and encourages creativity, self-discipline and self-confidence. Finally, the staff is served by a comprehensive training program and practical field experience.

This program has resulted in a climate of cooperation and a better service delivery system which carries itself over throughout the year. The interrelationships established among the participating agencies has led to a community joint effort to deliver services to people in a better manner.

Volunteers, numbering about 100, are utilized on the average of five volunteers per site. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) organizes and coordinates all volunteer activities, with the professional expertise of the cooperating agencies serving as a training and supervisory guide. A planned orientation before the program and scheduled training sessions throughout the program concentrating on such things as first-aid, workshops in various instruction techniques, art and administration complements the practical on-site training.

STAFF

Personnel includes a project coordinator, an administrative/clerical assistant, sixteen building coordinators and one hundred and forty instructors.

COST

Cost for 1977 is about \$127,650. The NYS Division for Youth will provide about \$49,000 in state aid.

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Rye Youth Council, Inc.

"Youth Advocacy"

Westchester County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide preventive services to adolescents residing in Rye, New York, who are unwilling or unable to avail themselves of established social services in the City of Rye.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Youth Advocate Program focuses on strengthening the family in order to keep it intact. As young people alienate themselves from their families, they also become alienated from their community and are prime candidates for some form of detention or foster care. Therefore, the program sets out to provide intensive services to the young people and their families including individual and family counseling, crisis intervention, outreach, peer-to-peer counseling, etc.

TARGET POPULATION

The target population is the youth of Rye, with primary focus on the 9th through 12th grade age group. Services are available to approximately 3,500 young people attending Rye public schools, the Resurrection Academy and the Rye Country Day School.

METHOD

The program utilizes a number of approaches which reach a significant number of youths. Essentially, these are the components of the project: short or long-term individual, group and family counseling; short-term crisis intervention with a 24-hour service; an outreach component directed toward those failing to secure established services for themselves; peer-to-peer counseling involving an intensive training program for peer counselors; and peer group workshops with a "human or effective education" course given for 9th through 12th grade Rye high school students. These workshops include adolescence and sexuality; human relations; mother-daughter relationships; and single parent family.

"Youth Advocacy"

In addition, the program sponsors a Host Family Program providing temporary housing for adolescent potential runaways, cottage meetings involving dialogues between parents and teenagers of different families, and an adult outreach program which is a training program for selected adults to serve as counselors to adult and adolescent members of the community in need of this approach. Two new programs have recently been implemented which have had considerable success. The first is titled Project Intervention, a unified services approach directly coordinating the efforts of the police department with the youth advocate program. The second program, Project Contact, is a neighborhood contact system utilizing trained para-professional outreach workers, making a personal neighborhood welcoming visit(s) to individuals or families who have newcomers to the community. The worker provides information on community services, facilities, laws, professional services in order to facilitate the newcomers' transition into the community.

The program uses approximately 30 volunteers per year drawn from the peer-to-peer counselors and adult outreach counselors. It operates on a 24-hour basis, 7 days a week for those in need of immediate service.

The acceptance and support of the program by the community has been increasing as shown by continued community funds and an increasing awareness of Rye citizens toward the problems of youth. The program has had national coverage in McCall's magazine and Seventeen magazine in addition to local coverage in newspapers and radio broadcasts.

STAFF

Paid staff includes a youth advocate and a part-time bookkeeper, with supplementary aid from a large group of volunteers.

COST

Total cost for 1977 is approximately \$21,600. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$6,158 in state aid.

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Primary Mental Health Project, Inc.

"Primary Mental Health Project"

Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To help young (primary grades) children to cope effectively with early school adjustment problems and to use positive school experiences as a way of preventing later serious problems among youth.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Primary Mental Health Project is designed to build optimal school adaptation for all children. Specific objectives include:

- To identify children with school adjustment problems through systematic use of early detection and screening procedures
- To provide direct helping services for "at risk" children using carefully selected, trained, and supervised non-professional child-aides
- To provide consultation and training for school mental health professionals, child-aides, teachers, and other school personnel

TARGET POPULATION

The project serves 28 schools in the City of Rochester and several suburban (BOCES I) school districts. About 14,000 school children are presently being served by the entire project.

METHOD

Screening and early detection takes place early in the school year using group testing in classroom, teacher submitted ratings of children's problem behaviors and competencies, and social worker interviews with parents. Children who are at risk are identified through a screening program. Mental health professionals, teachers, child-aides and other school personnel hold conferences to arrive at the clearest understanding of the child's difficulties and to set up intervening treatment plans. Individual based assignments are made for the children by a child-aide, who sees the child for approximately 24 sessions per year. Supervision is maintained by the school-based professionals and periodic review and assessment conferences are held at the mid-year. Recommendations for change in intervention techniques and designs are made at that time. At the end of the school year, termination conferences are held to evaluate the child's progress and future action designed if necessary.

"Primary Mental Health Project"

The child-aides receive continuing on-the-job training and other special training programs examples of which are: the "Mother-Aide" program designed to strengthen home-school coordination; the "crisis" program designed to bring services to children experiencing specific life and family crises; and specialized programs to bring even more effective services to children with acting out and learning problems.

Volunteers, about 25, are qualified students in both graduate and undergraduate programs in psychology, used particularly in the program's research and evaluation component. The training and supervision of these people are provided by senior project staff.

As PMHP has grown in visibility (through such developments as the recent publication of a book on the project and a review by the N.Y. Times) pressures to expand the program, nationally, have grown. PMHP staff have developed a regional and national dissemination program, through workshops, site-visits and internship training opportunities. This thrust has led to its replication in 26 school districts, and more than 100 schools, around the country.

STAFF

The staff pattern in any one school includes portions of the time of a psychologist, social worker and six child-aides.

COST

Total cost for 1977 is \$237,820. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$6,558 in state aid for the first six months of 1977.

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N.W. Steuben Youth Services Program

"Friends Program"

Steuben County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To develop opportunities for young adults to organize a wide range of activities to express themselves, and be recognized, as creative community members, with meaningful input into community institutions.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program has particular emphasis on the unique needs of the high school dropout and the unemployed high school graduate. The program specifically sets out to:

- Provide training and on-going support for community adults to act as role models
- Efficiently operate a youth resource center, which provides counseling, employment opportunity programs, training sessions and youth program activities
- Provide outward-bound type experiences to pre-delinquents
- Provide life skills learning opportunities for the high school dropout and unemployed high school graduate

TARGET POPULATION

The program provides its services to both males and females between the ages of 13 and 21 from the Wayland Central School District.

METHOD

Together with the community youth council made up of representatives of area youth, local government, business, church and educational institutions, the program director assesses the needs of area youth and develops a cooperative program responding to those needs. Qualified, volunteer adults and youths are trained in youth work skills and assist in carrying out the various programs, including the youth resource center. In addition to the counseling and employment opportunity programs, the center also provides a program materials center (counseling films, value clarification materials, etc.) available to area youth groups and programs.

"Friends Program"

An outward-bound type experience program is available to pre-delinquents within which personal values, strengths, weaknesses and attitudes can be identified and assessed as personal lifestyles are developed.

The life skills instructor aids the youths in developing skills related to employment, personal finance, health and physical development, mental health and personal creativity.

STAFF

Staff includes a director and a life skills instructor.

COST

During the year 1976, the program received \$6,025 from the NYS Division for Youth in state aid. Total cost was \$12,050.

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Binghamton Boys/Girls Club
"Binghamton Boys/Girls Club OutReach"
Broome County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide supportive counseling and advocacy services to youths in the low income areas of the target area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program provides a street worker service to the youths of low income areas to meet the needs of this multi-problem group. Overall objectives are:

- To provide a person to whom the youths can relate, with whom they can communicate, and who serves as their advocate in decisions which concern them
- To act as referral sources for youths needing local agency help
- To develop programs which serve the needs of youths with whom contact has been established

TARGET POPULATION

OutReach Street Workers are located in the first, sixth, and eleventh wards of the City of Binghamton. It services all youths of both sexes. Presently, it involves the volunteer involvement of more than 700 youths.

METHOD

The OutReach Program recruits and trains OutReach Street Workers and assigns them to a designated area where large pockets of low income youths reside. The Street Worker establishes a rapport with the youths and with them determines the basic needs of that particular area. The worker also helps plan and implement programs lacking in the designated area. In addition, they serve the youths as their advocates in decision-making as well as making themselves available at all times in case of a crisis.

"Binghamton Boys/Girls Club OutReach"

The program runs mainly after school, weekends and vacation time, along with a 24-hour answering service for crisis calls or messages from youths to their Street Workers. Intake forms and followup sheets are kept on all youths participating in the program. Street Worker teams submit periodic needs assessments of the target areas to the program director and programming is developed to meet those needs.

Periodic evaluations are submitted to the county youth bureaus incorporating community agency feedback and an opinion rating effectiveness of the program. Training sessions for the street workers are held on a continuing basis of approximately two hours per week in communication skills, human sexuality and the decision-making process.

STAFF

Staff includes an outreach and related services coordinator, outreach secretary, three street workers, an employment counselor supplemented by part-time and seasonal staff.

COST

During 1977, the NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$10,567 through the Broome County Youth Bureau and \$14,522 via the City of Binghamton's NYS Division for Youth allocation. Total cost is estimated at \$100,138.

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"Volunteers In Partnership, Inc."

Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

Through the use of volunteers working with juvenile delinquents, the program's goal is to reduce recidivism and further acts of delinquency.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Volunteers In Partnership program trains, supervises and matches volunteers with delinquent and potentially delinquent youths on a one-to-one basis. The objectives of this program are to supervise and provide support resources to the volunteers, train new volunteers and provide on-going specialized training for experienced volunteers, and to facilitate the use of existing community resources for the volunteers, youth and their families.

TARGET POPULATION

Volunteers are recruited from throughout the Monroe County area. Approximately 150 youths will be served, predominantly from the inner-city areas, between the ages of 8 and 18 (male and female). At least 50% of the referrals come from multi-problem, disadvantaged families.

METHOD

Central to the operation of the program is the recruitment and training of volunteers. About 150 volunteers are trained in personal awareness and communication skills in an all day workshop in groups of no more than 20 persons. Leadership is provided by staff skilled in human development and group training background. Co-leaders are experienced and trained volunteers who share their past exposure to the program and their personal strength to help potential volunteers understand the commitment of working one-to-one with a child. On-going training is provided in the use of community resources, helping skills and workshops designed to meet specific needs of volunteers working with troubled youth. The volunteers work a minimum of three hours per week with a junior partner, for a period of 60 days to one year depending on the type of referral.

Referrals to VIP are accepted in the following priority: Probation referrals (one year match); Youth Services System (one year match); Probation Intake Referral (60 days minimum); Convalescent Hospital (one year); Suspended students, City School District (1 year).

"Volunteers In Partnership, Inc."

The structured program for the VIP project includes office hours weekdays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for telephone counseling and referrals, drop-in counseling, and intake of clients, bi-monthly training programs for new volunteers, bi-monthly court training sessions, monthly group events, and evening rap and training programs to help volunteers cope with needs of junior partners and utilize community resources. Unstructured activities are left up to the volunteer and his partner. They include movies, sports, or just rap sessions.

A 1974 Evaluation of VIP by the Department of Criminal Justice Services shows an 80% success ratio. Many youth have obtained early termination from probation as a result of the Program. Other youth have avoided institutionalization as a result of the one-to-one relationship. The VIP Program has worked effectively with professional case-managers for five years as an independent, private agency.

STAFF

Personnel includes an executive director, a coordinator of training and counseling, a community resources coordinator, and clerical help.

COST

Cost for 1977 is approximately \$50,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$25,000 in state aid.

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Huntington Youth Board System

Town of Huntington

Suffolk County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

The decentralization of youth services into six villages with an umbrella agency and board maintaining overall accountability so as to allow the various villages to develop a network of programs that meet the needs of their respective communities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The overall program objectives is to extend youth services to all areas of Huntington. Specifically, the program meets the following objectives:

- To give localities funds to run programs receptive to the needs of their young people
- To give youth an equal share in the planning and responsibilities for these programs
- To enlist the understanding and support of people and organizations for their youth
- To provide professional, well-trained staff to assist in these efforts

TARGET POPULATION

All youth of the Huntington community.

METHOD

The professional staff is available for individual and group counseling on matters of concern to the youth with whom they work. Recognizing that the problems of young people sometimes go deeper than those which can be dealt with through youth services alone, the Huntington Youth Board sponsors a Community Service Program. This program was developed to help bring to bear the public and private resources of the community to assist the families of young people coping with various problems. The Community Service Aide deals with complaints, eg. lost welfare checks, eviction notices, requests for legal aid, consumer complaints and pleas for emergency financial assistance.

Huntington Youth Board System

Job Opportunities for Youth serves as a clearinghouse for employers with full and part-time positions which youth could fill, to encourage the development of additional job opportunities and to provide job counseling and placement service for youth seeking employment. An Advisory Board was formed with representatives from industry, business and education. Training workshops are held with the guidance personnel of 18 school districts.

Youth Leadership Training was implemented in three of the eight YDA's. Weekly consultation is provided by Youth Board staff while Youth Workers from the local YDA's actually lead the sessions. The program is actually built on the changing concept of the Teen Council. Rather than merely being responsible for turning out a specific project, a youth in this program is responsible for a program area and mobilizing other youth to develop programs in the specific area. Local and Huntington Youth Board staff support the youth members by enhancing their organizing skills, potentials and responsibilities in an informal group setting. The sessions terminate after approximately 12 weeks when a new group is formed. All sessions are held at the individual YDA.

The Center Director of Starshine and all seven drug workers each spend at least ten hours a week in outreach efforts in malls, parks, parking lots, schools and other localities where young people spend inactive time and the potential for drug abuse is the highest. Ten Youth Aides spend half their time in outreach efforts. The combined efforts of drug workers and youth aides have continued to bring a steady flow of young people into the program over the years.

STAFF

Personnel includes seven social workers, eight program coordinators and approximately four counselors per program not including youth aides, volunteers and students.

COST

For 1977, the NYS Division for Youth will provide a total of \$150,146.48 for the operation of programs and \$50,000 for the Huntington Youth Bureau operation.

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Planned Parenthood of Niagara County

"Peer Outreach Program"

Niagara County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide young people with honest, accurate, and accessible information about human sexuality.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Planned Parenthood does not desire a significant increase in patient numbers as a result of this program; instead, they hope that more young people will contact them for information and preventive services rather than with unwanted pregnancies and other crisis situations. They provide reliable birth control information for teens who choose to be sexually active so that fewer of their patients will contact the agency either already pregnant or having used unreliable birth control or no birth control for up to a year before seeking medical care. This information is to be provided by teens trained to be concerned helpers who recognize their limitations and make appropriate referrals to community professionals when indicated. It is hoped that this program of information and preventive services will contribute to a reduction in unwanted teen pregnancies.

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves young people, especially the 15 to 19 years age group, primarily high school and community college students from all areas of Niagara County.

METHOD

The central idea behind the program is to recruit and train Peer Outreach Workers to serve as liaison between county youth and the Planned Parenthood agency. Outreach Workers are either male or female, age 15 to 19, attending high school or community college or regularly involved with other young people through teen centers and other community activities. Their functions include giving general information on sexuality and family planning to peers, assisting peers in making appointments at Planned Parenthood if requested, informing peers of available community services, helping to schedule and co-lead education programs and "rap" sessions for teens with Planned Parenthood staff, identifying special needs of their peers and helping the agency develop new programs to try to meet these needs.

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The workers are paid and work a scheduled ten hours per week. Pre-service training includes written tests and evaluations. Peer workers are monitored through the use of semi-monthly contact sheets and are evaluated continuously during semi-monthly in-service training sessions.

Since the beginning of the Peer Outreach Program in 1975, there has been a slight but significant reduction in the number of incidences of pregnancy among the target group within Niagara County. The county has had a higher incidence of pregnancy among the 15 to 19 age group than other counties in the Upstate New York area. The program feels it is too soon to predict a change in the pattern of teenage pregnancies. The peer approach may help to further reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies but it should be viewed as one aspect of a comprehensive program to include sex education, counseling and quality medical services at reasonable cost.

During the past year peer workers have been invited to lead ongoing groups at several area teen centers. These groups emphasize personal growth and values clarification which is consistent with our agency philosophy that effective sex education considers the development of the whole person. Peer workers have also been asked to participate in sexuality workshops for youth workers, educators, and clergy. Response to peer workers has been excellent.

STAFF

Peer Program staff includes a program director (who has other agency responsibilities as well), peer supervisor/trainer, twelve to fourteen peer outreach workers throughout the county, and recently, with the increased number of peer workers, a senior peer worker/supervisor.

COST

The 1977 budget is \$25,932 which includes expanding the program to hire fourteen peer workers to serve more areas of the county. Half of the cost is provided by Division for Youth funds through three different Youth Bureaus.

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Services for Neglected Groups

The youth with a particular handicap, be it physical or mental, youths not participating in available youth service projects because of racial or ethnic isolation, and youths needing specialized services such as health services for pregnant teenagers, all pose specific problems for the communities attempting to serve the needs of all their youths. Often times, these youngsters require more structured programming addressing their particular needs than is provided through traditional services. The programs described under this category are all aimed at providing such services for specific target populations and as such are highlighted in this catalog because of their commitment to reach these often neglected groups. Types of services provided include services for the handicapped child, the young unwed mother, the minority youth, the female runaway, and the abused child.

The programs described include:

Town of Tonawanda - "Inconvenienced Ski Program" -
Erie County, New York

Catholic Youth Organization - "Project PODER" - Monroe County,
New York

Univ. of Rochester, Dept. of Pediatrics - "Rochester Adolescent
Maternity Project (RAMP)" - Monroe County, New York

Family and Children's Services of Niagara Falls, NY, Inc. -
"Niagara County Child Maltreatment Project" - Niagara County,
New York

Niagara Falls Recreation Division - "Personal and Physical
Development for the Handicapped" - Niagara County, New York

"Hong Kong Students Association of New York" - New York, New York

"Lifeline" - Oswego County, New York

Oswego County Opportunities - "Handicapped Children's Pilot Project" -
Oswego County, New York

Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) - "Special Residence Project" - Onondaga County, New York

"LaUnion Hispanica, Inc." - Suffolk County, New York

"Dutchess County Special Olympics" - Dutchess County, New York

"Center for Young Parents" - Niagara County, New York

Convalescent Hospital for Children-Outreach Program - "19th Ward Youth Project" - Monroe County, New York

Chenango Forks Central Schools - "Summer Handicapped Children's Program" - Broome County, New York

Town of Tonawanda Youth Board

"Inconvenienced Ski Program"

Erie County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a therapeutic and recreational physical program for handicapped children to participate in during the winter months.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program is aimed at providing ski lessons for physically and mentally handicapped children whereby the disabled youth are given the chance to socialize with their normal peers, form friendships and engage in a regular activity. It is intended to improve the self-concept and raise the self-confidence of these children, provide a learning experience where they and other non-handicapped youth can relate to each other in a positive manner, and offer a sport where these youths can be participants instead of only spectators. Other objectives include the improvement of the physical fitness of the handicapped children and the encouragement of interested high school students to consider careers serving the handicapped.

TARGET POPULATION

The skiing program is open to any youth between the ages of 10 and 21 years who resides in the Town of Tonawanda or the Village of Kenmore. Some 30 handicapped youth were involved this year and come from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds including poor to upper middle incomes.

METHOD

The program starts with a physical fitness program for mentally and physically handicapped children 10 to 21 years old. This conditioning takes place prior to the actual skiing and is designed by a doctor in this field. The fifteen volunteers participate in a one-day workshop dealing with working with handicapped children in a ski program. In addition to the workshop, the volunteers work with certified ski instructors from Kissing Bridge in adapting the theory they learned in the workshop to real snow skiing conditions. Thirty mentally and physically handicapped children (boys and girls) between the ages of 10 and 21 years of age are transported by bus from the Town of Tonawanda to the Kissing Bridge Ski Resort in Glenwood, New York once a week, on Saturday afternoons for eight consecutive weeks. These youth relate to an equal number of junior and senior high school youth who assist the certified ski instructors at Kissing

"Inconvenienced Ski Program"

Bridge in the ski program. These junior and senior high school youth also lead songs and conduct games on the bus ride out to Kissing Bridge. Five adults also assist the handicapped child with his or her needs during the social activities at the base lodge.

STAFF

Personnel includes a volunteer program coordinator, a volunteer program specialist, 17 junior and senior high school volunteers, 5 adult volunteers, and 15 certified ski instructors.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$1,810. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$905 in State aid.

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Catholic Youth Organization

"Project PODER"

Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a multi-purpose youth service center which offers educational, cultural, social and recreational programs to Rochester's Spanish-speaking youth on a bi-lingual, bi-cultural basis.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program is a multi-purpose service center serving the Spanish-speaking communities of the City of Rochester, which are experiencing high unemployment and crime. The services provided are geared toward providing positive models that will demonstrate and motivate positive alternatives to the destructive and limited ways of life Spanish-speaking youth have been exposed to in the inner-city.

TARGET POPULATION

The participants are Spanish-speaking youth between the ages of 14 and 21, both male and female, from the City of Rochester. The program maintains an active caseload of 225 youth throughout the year.

METHOD

The program is comprised of informal counseling for individuals and groups that are complemented by social, recreational and cultural activities conducted at the center and in the community. In cooperation with CYO Program Services Unit, the project conducts structured leadership seminars and weekends which concentrate on personal growth and community building. Other service-oriented activities include college conferences, summer employment, tutoring, policy youth workshops and drug prevention.

During the program year, certain community service projects are conducted to instill the value of giving and sharing. Such activities include bi-lingual newsletters, neighborhood learning campaigns, clothing drives for the poor and volunteer workers for the Puerto Rican Festival. About three to five new volunteers are recruited each year to facilitate special youth projects and to be used as aides in the daily supervision of recreational activities.

"Project PODER"

STAFF

Personnel includes a project director, a program coordinator, an activities coordinator, three group enablers and clerical help.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$82,966. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$41,483 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Univ. of Rochester, Dept. of Pediatrics

"Rochester Adolescent Maternity Project (RAMP)"

Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To meet the various medical and psychological needs of pregnant teenagers.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

RAMP is a comprehensive medical and nursing program that provides care for the pregnant teenager. Its objectives are:

- To provide comprehensive medical and psychological services to high risk pregnant teenagers
- To provide education for the teenagers in sexuality, preparation for labor and delivery, and anticipatory guidance for the care of her baby
- To provide preventive health care to never pregnant youth and/or mothers through family planning, psychological counseling and gynecological care

TARGET POPULATION

The patients are residents of Monroe County with the majority living in the City of Rochester. Approximately 100 female teenagers will receive medical, psychological and educational services and an additional 150 never pregnant youths and/or mothers will receive preventive services.

METHOD

The RAMP program was begun in 1969 in the City of Rochester since there were no other specialized programs for the pregnant adolescent. Its services are geared toward alleviating the psychological consequences of child bearing to young teenage mothers as well as providing a medical and educational service aimed at reducing obstetric and pediatric morbidity. Of equal importance, is the program's concern over pregnant teenagers discontinuing their education during and after pregnancy.

The program provides obstetric care for its patients given by four obstetricians and a nurse-midwife with medical consultation provided by a pediatrician. The nurses in the program provide counseling and prenatal teaching. Group sessions are provided through which patients are prepared for the labor, delivery and initial parenthood experience and have the opportunity to discuss common concerns.

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In addition, RAMP provides information on birth control and pregnancy services for teenagers. Care for non-pregnant teenagers with gynecological concerns is also given.

The clinic is open on Wednesdays from 3:00-8:00 PM, but the entire staff is available for patient care five days a week from 8:30-5:00 PM. Physicians are on call 24 hours a day.

STAFF

Personnel includes teams of obstetrician-gynecologists, nurses and nurse assistants, a social worker, a psychologist, a nurse-midwife, community health nurses, a project director, and secretarial workers.

COST

During 1977, the NYS Division for Youth will provide \$12,869 in state aid. Total cost of the project is \$.

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Family and Children's Services of Niagara Falls, N.Y., Inc.

"Niagara County Child Maltreatment Project"

Niagara County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

The overall goal of the program is to reduce the incidence of child abuse and maltreatment in the area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Child Maltreatment Project has four basic components which are directed toward the reduction of the child abuse problem, ie. problem recognition, coordination of community efforts, communication, and a specialized "visiting friend" service. The project specifically sets out to direct a county-wide educational component toward lay and professional groups which will acquaint the community with the child maltreatment cycle, educate the public to recognize instances of child abuse and neglect and publicize the correct procedures for citizens to report such instances. In addition, together with the Niagara County Child Maltreatment Council, the project sets out to improve the planning and coordination of solutions to the local child abuse problem, to improve communication among local agencies, and to offer services for the abusing and potentially abusing parents who are most often socially isolated and defensive.

TARGET POPULATION

The project services the entire Niagara County area and all socioeconomic levels within the area.

METHOD

The educational component of the project contacts various lay groups such as parent, church and civic organizations and offers a presentation by the Speaker's Bureau for inclusion in their programs during 1977. It also makes a special effort to reach Niagara County's student population by scheduling presentations at area junior and senior high schools and colleges. A second aspect of the educational component is geared toward those professionals mandated under the 1973 N.Y.S. Social Service Law to report instances of suspected child abuse and neglect to the N.Y.S. Central Registry. In addition to talks and presentations, the project employs audio-visual aids to enhance the educational impact of the program, and increased the supply of pamphlets, articles and books catalogued and made available for the use of county residents and as resource material for students at local colleges and universities.

"Niagara County Child Maltreatment Project"

By assuming responsibility for the Niagara County Child Maltreatment Council's administrative and clerical work, the project continues to help the Council develop its planning function in the community. The Council is a voluntary organization of concerned members of community agencies and other professionals who deal with the problems of child abuse within their respective roles. Through the implementation of a more involved Council which holds meetings on a quarterly basis, the project continues to improve communication among local agencies and individuals who are concerned with child maltreatment. These workshops are seen as models for the type of cooperation and open communication the project attempts to promote between the agencies and other resources within the community.

A direct service component is also provided which addresses the needs of the "borderline" child abusing parent. Persons are recruited on a county-wide basis to serve as "visiting friends" to be a non-judgmental friend to the parent, be available when a crisis arises, be a good model for the parent and act as an advocate for the parent. Training and supervision is provided and the number of visiting friends is kept at twenty.

Finally, the project implements a multi-disciplinary Core Team to work in a consultive role to the Niagara County Child Protective Unit. This team includes psychiatrists, social workers, attorneys, and pediatricians and they serve as consultants in the assessment and treatment of particularly severe and difficult cases of abuse and maltreatment.

STAFF

Staff consists of a project director, a project coordinator, and clerical worker.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$29,338. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$14,669 in state aid.

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Niagara Falls Recreation Division

"Personal and Physical Development for the Handicapped"

Niagara County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To offer a social, recreational A-Typical Program for the mentally and physically handicapped children in the City of Niagara Falls. Outgrowths of the program are nutritional and health improvement, sense of improving their lives through their own efforts.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Recreation Division of the City of Niagara Falls is continuously focusing on programming in those areas which appear to be underserved by community agencies. The Division is now sponsoring a year-round personal and developmental program aimed at providing recreational services for the A-Typical child. The basic intention of the program is to afford to the mentally handicapped child an equal opportunity to socialize, and to develop his/her own personality on a year-round basis. The youth may participate in recreational activities with other children who share his or her specific physical limitations under the concerned and watchful eye of qualified staff outside the home and parental situation.

TARGET POPULATION

Approximately 85 to 90 children, of both sexes, will participate in this first year of programming. All interested children are drawn from the entire City of Niagara Falls.

METHOD

Youngsters interested in the program are provided transportation so that no child would be denied access because of geographic limitations. The social recreational activities of the program includes swimming, modified forms of field sports, indoor gymnastics, square dancing, dramatics, wood-working, cooking, sewing, arts and crafts as well as field trips when possible.

Approximately five volunteers are used and recruited through the Voluntary Action Center, the Human Resources Department, the Board of Education as well as many other potential volunteer sources. Training and supervision of volunteers is the responsibility of several staff members within the Human Resources and Service Department. This year-round program is the result of very successful summer programs which during 1976 had upwards of 90 participants. This instruction can be as close as a one-to-one teaching session up to various types of group activity.

"Personal and Physical Development for the Handicapped"

STAFF

Personnel includes a coordinator, four recreation specialists, three arts and crafts specialists, and four senior lifeguards. All positions are part-time.

COST

Cost for 1977 is approximately \$21,955. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$10,000 in state aid. Cost of facilities are partially covered under the cooperation arrangement between Recreation - Parks and Board of Education.

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"Hong Kong Students Association of New York"

New York, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide tutorial, cultural as well as recreational services for youth living in the Chinatown area of New York City.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Hong Kong Students Association is one of the few facilities within this small area servicing the community youth. The program is intended to provide educational services for the youth in order to decrease the dropout rate, to provide a center where youth can come together and socialize, and to serve as a cultural and informational center.

TARGET POPULATION

Youth will be drawn from the immediate Chinatown area, as well as recruiting other Chinese immigrants living outside the target area. Approximately 260 youth, of both sexes, aged 13 through 21 will utilize the center this year.

METHOD

The center is open seven days a week, on weekday evenings and weekends, from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Services include bilingual tutoring in math and science, the creation of ping-pong tournaments, teaching skills in photography, sewing and kung fu, chess and pool teams, and the publication of a monthly journal. In addition, the Association sponsors cultural activities on a periodic basis.

Chinese college youth assist in all of the programs with bilingual consultants offering specialized educational services. The administrative personnel, which includes the executive director, project director and committee chairpersons, are all volunteer positions.

The program has enjoyed a tremendous amount of success in providing badly needed services to a community lacking in such viable service agencies and recreational facilities.

"Hong Kong Students Association of New York"

STAFF

Personnel includes an executive director, a project director and five committee chairpersons on a volunteer basis. Six instructors and a camping supervisor are employed on a part-time basis.

COST

Cost for July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978 is about \$17,060. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$8,530 in state aid.

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"Lifeline"

Oswego County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide alternative services to abortion in a non-judgmental way.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Lifeline is a crisis pregnancy counseling and referral telephone service, seeking to provide the utmost confidentiality to women seeking help and information concerning pregnancy. Its objectives are:

- To provide support in times of crises for women who are seeking information or facing difficult decisions with respect to their pregnancy
- To serve the needs of callers in areas such as legal, financial and medical aid
- To help the caller think through the problems and come to a decision that is right for her

TARGET POPULATION

Clients to Lifeline are drawn from the Oswego County area, chiefly from the City of Oswego.

METHOD

The Lifeline program relies entirely on volunteers. Approximately ten volunteers are used at any one time, and are trained in basic listening and counseling procedures.

The phones are open from 7:00 to 9:30 PM, five evenings a week. The program is located in the Hotel Pontiac on West First Street. The volunteers strive to be friends in times of need. They discuss all aspects of pregnancy and perform basics such as setting up appointments for pregnancy tests and listening to problems. For those who feel more comfortable talking face to face, men and women concerned may come in to talk to the volunteer on call.

"Lifeline"

The program evaluates itself basically by observation; eg., the number of film requests, the number of clients seen and worked through their pregnancies. The major concern though is in working on an individual basis with each client and providing follow-up support to assist the client in preparing for herself and her child a stable lifestyle.

STAFF

All personnel are volunteers.

COST

Total cost for 1977 is \$1,938. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$969 in state aid during the year.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Oswego County Opportunities
"Handicapped Children's Pilot Project"

Oswego County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To bring handicapped children into the mainstream of pre-school programming.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to provide a program to serve the special needs of handicapped children, to improve upon the readiness of these children to enter schools, and to help parents become fully supportive and informed of "mainstreaming" their children. Specific objectives are:

- To provide mainstreaming pre-school classroom activities for handicapped and non-handicapped children
- To provide pre- and post-testing on both groups to determine the measurable degree of growth and development
- To provide transportation to and from classroom daily
- To work closely with the school systems to develop continuity of services for the particular handicapped child and for all children

TARGET POPULATION

The participants are drawn from the Fulton School District. Six handicapped children aged 4 to 6 will be enrolled in the special program from a class size of twelve.

METHOD

The children participating are referred by the schools, the Department of Social Services, or the Association for Retarded Children. Each of the children will be placed in a mainstreaming program with non-handicapped children five days per week, six hours per day, for nine months. They participate in all the activities of the other children with special assistance, as needed. All children receive pre- and post-testing on their particular handicap as well as periodic tests during the year. Special training is provided by a Special Education Therapist.

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Parents meet monthly with the staff to discuss their child's progress, develop ways to reinforce his training at home and provide counseling to the parents.

In addition, a psychologist, under contract one day per week, holds meetings with both parents and staff to discuss the psychological problems often accompanying the handicapped situation in both the child and the family. This pilot project also provides transportation for the handicapped children as well as their parents to daily classes and special counseling sessions with staff.

Evaluation is conducted by the operating agency's Planning and Evaluation Committee in addition to the HEW Office of Child Development.

STAFF

Staff includes a speech therapist, a special education teacher, a psychologist and a bus driver.

COST

During 1977, the NYS Division for Youth will provide \$1,671 in state aid. Total cost for the year is approximately \$16,712.

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Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

"Special Residence Project"

Onondaga County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a youth service program for adolescent females offering residential services, counseling, referral services and informational, recreational and cultural programming.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Special Residence Project is aimed at providing supportive services for young females returning to the community from foster care or institutional placement or wandering with no resources or currently in an intolerable home situation. The project's objectives are to provide a host of services aimed at developing the client's life skills, preparing the clients for job seeking, helping the young women overcome personal crisis, and providing them with a place to stay.

TARGET POPULATION

The Residence Project is housed in the YWCA, located in the inner-city. It is aimed at young female adolescents between the ages of 16 and 20 years old. During the first nine months of 1976, the program served an average of 22 girls per month.

METHOD

The Residence Project operates on a full-time, 24-hours a day, seven-day-a-week schedule. The program offers housing to a minimum of 50 girls, consisting of a bedroom and access to YWCA residence facilities such as kitchen, laundry and lounges. Individual counseling is offered and focuses on the modalities of task-centered casework, reality therapy and crisis intervention. This component is scheduled on Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 11:00 PM. Group counseling is offered twice a week with two groups meeting weekly and focuses on the dynamics of group life and personal interaction. Other programming includes speakers to provide life skills information; a scheduled recreational program; and a pre-employment program focusing on preparing the adolescents for seeking employment. These services are offered during the early evening hours. Follow-up services include the availability of a Special Residence Project and other program components available to previous residents upon request.

"Special Residence Project"

During the summer months, special emphasis is placed on programs which involve out-of-doors activities. Most group activities take place during the late afternoon and evening hours. Referral work and individual counseling occur during both day and evening hours. The program is operated by the YWCA and is supervised by a special committee of volunteers representing various professions.

STAFF

Staff includes a director, an evening counselor, a group counselor, a student counselor and clerical help.

COST

Total cost for 1977 is approximately \$27,620. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$13,645 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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"LaUnion Hispanica, Inc."

Suffolk County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a program of supportive services and leisure time activities for the youth of the Hispanic community who overwhelmingly do not participate in any youth serving program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the program is to bring needed services to the Hispanic youth of the community and to increase their participation in the agency's functioning and other community activities. The area served is ranked among the first ten communities in the county that had high rates of juvenile arrests, ADC families, and school dropouts with a substantial percentage of those from the Hispanic community. The program sets out to decrease those figures through a program of advocacy, information and supportive services.

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves about 500 males and females between the ages of 5 and 19, from the Patchogue-Medford School District. Approximately 3,500 Hispanic youth live in the area and about 70% of that total are not participating in any of the area's youth service programs.

METHOD

The Center is open a few hours a day during the evenings Monday thru Friday, and on Saturday afternoons. Services offered include individual and group counseling, field trips, a drop-in center, information and referral services for medical, social services and legal services, and an employment program. The agency also engages in developing and implementing cultural and educational awareness programs as well as increasing the youth's participation in volunteer service programs. Inter-agency relationships with the neighboring schools, police and other community agencies is maintained and strengthened through information sharing and programming. Volunteers, (approximately 25) are trained and supervised by staff and are instrumental in the staffing of the program's various service components.

"LaUnion Hispanica, Inc."

STAFF

Personnel for this project includes a project coordinator and volunteers.

COST

For 1977, the projected cost is \$16,050. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$8,025 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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"Dutchess County Special Olympics"

Dutchess County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a viable and practical method of giving mentally handicapped children a chance to realize their own physical capabilities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This program is designed to enable mentally handicapped children to participate in a structured, competitive type of recreational program seldom provided by other community agencies. The development of motorskills and an increased physical capabilities are the measurable objectives of the program. It also addresses some basic needs of the handicapped child which are not met by most public schools.

TARGET POPULATION

This program serves the entire County of Dutchess, and includes all socio-economic neighborhoods. It is open to all mentally handicapped children with an I.Q. of seventy-five or below and between the ages of six and twenty-one, both male and female.

METHOD

The program provides a full year schedule of athletic activities designed to develop the various motorskills of its target group as well as a number of social events such as dances and holiday parties. The number of individuals to be served ranges from one thousand during in-school activities to six hundred on the day of the track and field event. There has been an increased participation during the past two years which has led to an expansion of activities, not only athletic but in the cultural fields such as art and music.

Approximately 200 volunteers will be participating in the program, which is run entirely by volunteer services. They are trained through experience under the direction of teachers of the mentally handicapped.

STAFF

The program is run entirely by volunteers.

"Dutchess County Special Olympics"

COST

Operating cost for 1976 was about \$3,110. The NYS Division for Youth provided \$1,555 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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"Center for Young Parents"

Niagara County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To meet the comprehensive needs of any school age girl who is pregnant or has had a child.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Center has adopted a threefold program to meet the educational, health and emotional needs of the young female parent and her child. Specifically, the program is designed to:

- Prevent girls from dropping out of school because of pregnancy
- Offer their students every assistance (academic and social) in receiving a high school diploma
- Provide counseling regarding planning a vocation or higher education in order to become self-sustaining and financially independent
- Provide an enriched health course of pre and post natal instruction thus assuring the best of health care for a young mother and her child
- Concentrate on preventing the cycle of out-of-wedlock pregnancies by promoting family planning education
- Educate the young mother in the parenting skills necessary to assure the proper physical, social, mental and emotional growth of her child
- Assess the family situations which have served as background for the young unmarried mothers' situation

TARGET POPULATION

Geographically, the program serves adolescent females between the ages of 12 and 21 who reside in Niagara Falls and in surrounding communities within Niagara County.

METHOD

Basically, the program is divided into three components: counseling, health and education. Counseling involves services of continual casework, group, financial, abortion and adoption counseling, psychiatric referral, services to the baby's father and the girl's family, and services for married couples. The health and child development aspects of the program are multi-faceted. Daily classes on health concerns of the pregnant woman

"Center for Young Parents"

are conducted. Topics presented include pre-natal and post-natal care, exercises, labor and delivery, family planning and venereal disease.

Each girl in the program is required to enroll in a newly developed program of Education for Parenthood and Infant Care. The courses which stress the physical, mental, emotional and social development of the infant are supplemented by "laboratory sessions". These sessions give the student the opportunity to observe their infants and toddlers attending our new Infant Care Center established in coordination with the Education for Parenthood Program.

The educational program combines team teaching techniques and small classes with a curriculum designed to raise each girls' performances in the basic skills of communication and computation to a level which will allow her to do satisfactory work. In addition to the required junior and senior high school curriculum, special elective courses such as nutrition, consumer economics, child psychology are designed to enhance the young mother's parenting skills. Also available is a business and vocational program which assists the girls explore occupational fields and helps them realistically determine their suitability for various occupations within the scope of their potential talents.

During the summer, the Center and Infant Care Program is open to young mothers (16 to 21 years) who have dropped out of school and wish to prepare for the Adult Education Equivalency Examination. Individual counseling sessions and child assessment are also made available.

The Center is open on weekdays from 8:15 until 4:00 PM during the school year. During the summer months, the Center is open weekdays from 10:00 until 3:00 PM.

Volunteers are used as tutors for special workshops and in the Infant Care Center.

Future program direction is geared towards designing and developing a county outreach program of special workshops in values clarification, human sexuality, decision making, and parenting skills for junior and senior high school students and youth group.

STAFF

Staff includes a director, head teacher, five teachers, a coordinator of social services, a caseworker, senior infant care aide, lunch aide and a secretary.

COST

Total cost for 1977 is \$148,454. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$27,000 in state aid.

"Center for Young Parents"

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Convalescent Hospital for Children-Outreach Program

"19th Ward Youth Project"

Monroe County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide mental health, educational, therapeutic and recreational services in order to reduce the high incidences of juvenile delinquency.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The major thrust of the program is to provide mental health services to children and youth who are experiencing emotional and behavioral difficulties. The objectives are to provide counseling services in groups and one-to-one in an effort to intervene, remediate and prevent delinquency; to operate a media workshop for the viewing enjoyment of children and adults as well as a basis for discussion of mental health concerns; and to recruit more children and youths to participate in the program's activities through a liaison Youth Workers component.

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves children and youth living in the 19th Ward and neighboring areas. The vast majority of the children and families served are black and can be characterized as coming from the lower socio-economic levels. Approximately 225 children and youth will participate in the counseling activities with 30 other youths participating in the Media Workshop and several hundred others as viewers of films.

METHOD

The Youth Project is a full-time agency operating 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, five days a week, all year round. There are five Youth Workers acting as liaison with the area schools recruiting youngsters for the program's activities, establishing influence relationships, running individual and group counseling sessions, developing skills for youth to participate in dealing with personal and community problems, and working with families and community adults around the needs of youth. Primarily, the mental health services are carried out in small groups structured to be therapeutic.

The Media Workshop component deals with youth-produced films, video tape and photography as well as presenting both amateur and professional films. A major emphasis is placed on still photography and such classes are conducted by the Media Youth Worker. The workshop also serves as a resource for the rest of program staff to use in their counseling groups.

"19th Ward Youth Project"

In addition, services are provided through Convalescent Hospital and include family counseling, diagnostic testing, etc. At present, volunteers are used as drivers who provide transportation when necessary.

STAFF

Personnel includes a project director, five youth workers, a media youth worker, and a secretary.

COST

For 1977, total cost is projected at \$29,228. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$14,614 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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19th Ward Youth Project
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Chenango Forks Central Schools

"Summer Handicapped Children's Program"

Broome County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide the handicapped child with a summer educational and recreational program tailored to their needs.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The handicapped children, as a group, usually find themselves with clear disadvantages in participating in recreational programs for normal children. Therefore, by creating a summer program for the handicapped, the Chenango Forks Central Schools would:

- Provide the handicapped child with a program to continue their educational development during the summer months
- Decrease the possibility of a handicapped child regressing due to the disruption of a specific developmental school program
- Provide employment for youths of the county who are anticipating careers that are related to the handicapped with valuable experience and insight into the unique problems of the handicapped youngster

TARGET POPULATION

The program is offered to youths of both sexes between the ages of 5 and 21 years old. Approximately 250 youngsters will be served during the summer of 1977.

METHOD

The summer program designs and implements activities to improve gross and fine motor coordination. These activities include physical education, swimming and arts and crafts. Also provided are instruction in personal hygiene and safety, and special educational and recreational shows. Special remedial education in reading, speech and concept learning is an integral part of the total program as well. The program operates five days a week for six weeks.

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Approximately 12 to 14 volunteers are trained during a one week orientation and training program, one week prior to the summer program. Volunteers are supervised by the assistant director and are assigned regularly to team leaders to perform various volunteer duties.

All children are pre and post tested in various skill areas. A determination of gains is made at the end of the summer program.

STAFF

Staff includes a director and an assistant director, two reading teachers, two arts and crafts instructors, two speech therapists, five special education teachers, two nurse teachers, three swimming instructors, three lifeguards and sixty camp counselors.

COST

It is estimated that the 1977 summer program cost will be \$74,000. State aid from the NYS Division for Youth will be approximately \$15,000.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Traditional-Successful Services

The need for youth services is often based on statistics citing juvenile crime levels, gaps in services, and lack of available resources. The number of youth involved in crime, on a national basis, continues to rise in alarming rates yet juvenile crime is still a rare phenomenon when one considers the number of youngsters not participating in criminal activity. These non-participating youngsters are often not included in documented reports revealing the needs of community youth. Associations between existing services and the level of non-criminal behavior are rarely drawn. The traditional services, such as recreational programs and youth centers, are as much a part of the total delinquency prevention and youth development field as are the programs cited earlier in this catalog. Such programs include teen centers, arts and crafts programs, and the Big Brother/Big Sister programs. Examples of some of these very successful projects currently operating have been included under this category.

The programs cited are:

Saint Ann's Center, Inc. - "Youth Program" - Erie County, New York

Wood Library Association - "3, 4, and 5 - Come Alive" - Ontario County, New York

Town of Sullivan - "SEARCH" - Madison County, New York

"MollyOlga Neighborhood Art Classes" - Erie County, New York

Niagara Falls Family YMCA - "YMCA Teen Center" - Niagara County, New York

Catholic Family and Community Services - "Big Buddy/Big Sister Program" - Saratoga County, New York

Schenectady Boys Club, Inc. - "Multi-Service Teenage Program" - Schenectady County, New York

Town Council - "Larchmont-Mamaroneck Addison Street Teen Center" -
Westchester County, New York

"Hornell Area Concern for Youth, Inc." - Steuben County, New York

"Childrens Arts and Science Workshops, Inc." - New York, New York

Town of Victor - "Comprehensive Youth Services Program" - Ontario
County, New York

Family Service Society of the Corning Area - "Youth Services
Program" - Steuben County, New York

Big Brothers of Niagara County, Inc. - "Big Sisters Program" -
Niagara County, New York

"Five Towns Community Center, Inc." - Nassau County,
New York

Unity House - "Unity House" - Rensselaer County, New York

Kenan Center, Inc. - "Kenan Center Youth Activities" - Niagara
County, New York

Niagara Council of the Arts - "Artwheels" - Niagara County, New York

Cooperative Extension Association of Oneida County - "Urban
4-H Program" - Oneida County, New York

Rensselaer County Junior Museum - "Museum Youth Services" -
Rensselaer County, New York

"Jordan-Elbridge Youth Center" - Onondaga County, New York

Elmira Neighborhood House - "Youth Social Adjustment Program" -
Chemung County, New York

Advisory Board for Lovejoy Elderly and Youth, Inc. - "ABLEY Youth
Service Project" - Erie County, New York

Wyandanch Community Development Corp. - "Youth Services Project" -
Suffolk County, New York

"Commack Youth Development Association, Inc." - Suffolk County,
New York

Tompkins County Economic Opportunity Corporation - "Big Brother/
Big Sister" - Tompkins County, New York

Saint Ann's Center, Inc.

"Youth Program"

Erie County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide recreational and youth services to the St. Ann's area which is one of the oldest, neglected and poverty-ridden sections of the City of Buffalo.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This is a comprehensive recreation program for boys and girls as well as a community organization designed to:

- Provide effective tutoring to supplement the existing educational institutions and programs in the area and promote better support services that affect the children's learning
- Recruit and counsel dropouts of the community
- Retard the growth of crime in their community
- Sponsor organized sports programs that promote good sportsmanship, cooperation and teamwork
- Provide a variety of free classes, trips and organized entertainment for the children

TARGET POPULATION

Youth served are aged 7 to 18 years, from the densely populated mid-eastside of Buffalo.

METHOD

The program has four components; namely, the Boys Recreation, Girls Recreation, Study Hall, and Summer Enrichment. Utilizing a neighboring school, they provide two hundred boys with organized activities such as swimming, volleyball, basketball and competitive track and field events. This recreation component is staffed by community adults dedicated to stopping delinquency. Many of these volunteers are men who attended the program several years ago. The girls recreation program shares the same objectives as the boys but also include dancing classes, "good grooming" classes and field trips in addition to organized sports.

"Youth Program"

The study hall program provides remedial and enrichment programs for primary and secondary school students, geared toward providing small group and individualized instruction. Five to fifteen volunteers are used every week to help the paid professionally trained tutors.

The summer enrichment program provides a five week summer school offering remedial courses, professional art, cooking and sewing classes, along with organized team sports and various field trips.

STAFF

Personnel includes an executive director, a principal, seventeen teachers, four to eighteen counselors, work study students, and clerical aid. All are employed on a part-time basis.

COST

Cost for this program is projected at \$28,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$14,000 in state aid during 1977.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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St. Ann's Center-Youth Program
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Wood Library Association

"3, 4 and 5 - Come Alive"

Ontario County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide educational services in reading for pre-schoolers to avoid future reading problems.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Wood Library Association offers a book-oriented "story time" program for pre-schoolers in order to stimulate youngsters at an early age toward an early appreciation for reading. The specific objectives of the program are to provide such a program for pre-school youth of the Town of Canandaigua on a regular basis; to have participants borrow an extensive number of library items; and to provide at least one counseling session between the program director and a parent of each participant.

TARGET POPULATION

Approximately 80 children, aged 3, 4 and 5, of both sexes, will participate in the program this year. The youth will be drawn from the Town of Canandaigua, the majority of whom come from white, middle income homes.

METHOD

The program operates four eight-week sessions scheduled for Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 PM. Children are pre-registered before each series. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis until enrollment reaches 20 children for that session. Registrations received after that point are placed on a waiting list. If a participant misses three consecutive meetings, the child is dropped from the program and the vacancy filled by a child from the waiting list. Those children still on the waiting list at the end of the series will be contacted during the pre-registration period of the next series to enroll. Each meeting of the groups last thirty minutes. During this time, the program director tells stories from both classic and modern picture books. Participants in the program are expected to be fairly homogeneous in makeup. For this reason, the material selected for use in each meeting introduces the child to new lifestyles, other races, and different situations, ie. broaden his or her awareness. This is supplemented with participatory activities such as finger plays, songs, poetry, and games. In addition, puppets and props are used to familiarize the children with traditional fairy tales and fables which are not available in picture book format.

"3, 4, and 5 - Come Alive"

STAFF

Personnel includes a program administrator and a program director.

COST

Cost for 1977 is \$4,784. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$2,391 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Wood Library Association
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Canandaigua, NY 14424

Town of Sullivan

"SEARCH"

Madison County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To operate a youth program to fill a variety of needs that are not met during the summer months and through which the youth participants can share in the responsibility for meeting those needs for themselves, their peers, and insofar as possible, the entire community.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The SEARCH Program is intended to provide direct services to fill the educational, recreational, counseling and cultural needs of the community during the summer months when the central school, which attempts to meet most of these needs, is closed. Objectives of the program are:

- To provide young people in the community with the opportunity to meet with others for positive, growth-oriented experiences
- To provide a meeting place with planned activities and services
- To provide leadership training for both adults and youths; a youth employment service; counseling and referral services; and special events that are usually educational or health related

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves approximately 260 youths, of both sexes, aged 12 to 19 from the Town of Sullivan. Other components of the program are expected to serve another 40 youths under 12 years of age and at least 50 persons over the age of 19 during 1977.

METHOD

The program starts in June and continues through August, and is located in the Chittenango section of the Town of Sullivan, as well as having locations in the community sections of the Village of Bridgeport and Lakeport. It is open four days a week at the Chittenango location and two days a week in the other locations, with at least 8 hours of operation during those days.

"SEARCH"

Trained youth and adult volunteers work with the program directors during the times scheduled. Ongoing activities include information seeking and giving out (printed materials and by phone); counseling; work on special projects; planning events; games; crafts; and a Rent-A-Kid youth employment service.

Leadership training sessions for both adult volunteers and youth are held approximately once a week and at times includes an outside professional to speak on a counseling related topic. Special programs are held once a week at one of the locations and includes topics such as ecology, vocations, mountain climbing, yoga and meditation, crafts, book or movie discussions, and the like. Dances, field trips, bike trips, poetry reading are examples of some of the planned special events which take place twice per month.

Participants plan and carry out various volunteer projects. In 1976, the youths transported patients from the Stonehedge Nursing Home in Chittenango to the Bicentennial celebrations, assisted at monthly birthday parties there and actually ran the crafts program when the director was on vacation. In addition, the participants are encouraged to assist and participate in existing programs and group activities sponsored by community service groups and by community churches.

An instrument has been devised which allows staff to tally services performed according to "major program areas." It is completed on a daily basis along with a log of information given out, referrals and events. It allows for an evaluation of the extent to which program objectives are being met.

Another aspect of the program that distinguishes it from the youth or teen center concept is that the centers are called offices. The purpose, as seen by the youths who established their initial guidelines and goals, is primarily to provide services to others.

STAFF

Staff includes a program coordinator-counselor and two directors.

COST

Cost for the summer of 1977 is projected at \$6,500. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$3,250 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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SEARCH
Town of Sullivan
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"MollyOlga Neighborhood Art Classes, Inc."

Erie County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To help develop the visual artistic skills of youth from the community who range from 3 years old all the way through high school age.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the program is to teach basic aesthetic appreciation, technical skills, ability to reason, constructive self-evaluation which enables an individual to function independently and effectively in either Fine Art or Commercial Art. It is also intended to provide youth, who will not be in positions to study beyond high school, with the skills necessary to apply their art skills to jobs.

TARGET POPULATION

Approximately 175 youth participate each year and are drawn from the City of Buffalo census tracts 31, 32 and 33, ages 3 to 20, of both sexes. These areas are predominantly black, low-income neighborhoods.

METHOD

The classes are held each week for at least 30 weeks during the school year. Classes are usually held during the after-school hours of 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Courses taught are painting and drawing, clay, pre-school painting and commercial art. In addition, students are trained to become teachers of this type of class. Their training is measured by whether the individual can set up the classroom situation and function effectively in the class. Four former students are now employed as assistant teachers and teenage assistants in the classes.

The program evaluates the student's learning by determining whether he/she becomes more perceptive visually and aesthetically, by measuring the degree with which the student handles the materials without technical problems and keeps them in good usable condition, and by measuring the student's ability to successfully complete visual work of increasing complexity with less and less help from the teachers. The more accomplished work a student can originate and complete successfully with the least amount of help from the teachers, the more the student is learning.

"MollyOlga Neighborhood Art Classes, Inc."

Annual art shows, in which each student exhibits his most successful work, are held at the end of each program year.

These classes have been in existence in the same neighborhood for 17 years. There is a high percentage of continuity among the students (3 to 9 years attendance). There are so many new students each year, the majority coming on their own initiative while others are referrals from school art teachers, parents, and probation officers.

STAFF

Personnel include a director, treasurer, four teachers, two assistant teachers, and two teenage assistants on a class-by-class basis.

COST

Cost for 1977 is about \$14,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$1,000 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Niagara Falls Family YMCA

"YMCA Teen Center"

Niagara County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To offer a free youth program and place where teens of junior and senior high school age may come and be included in a well-supervised area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The intentions of the YMCA Center are to provide activities in a relaxing environment for the youth of the area. This particular Center aims to reduce vandalism and juvenile delinquency in the immediate area, make the Center more acceptable for low to moderate income families, and to concentrate on the development of character of the youth participants.

TARGET POPULATION

The Center will serve approximately 1,500 to 5,000 individuals during 1977. The areas served are low to middle income neighborhoods.

METHOD

The program is open to both boys and girls of any race, creed or origin. The Free Program days are held on each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Central YMCA, and on Monday through Thursday 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM; Friday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Lasalle YMCA. Activities include pool table, ping-pong and other table games, as well as traditional recreational activities. The second part of the Free Program for teenagers is the availability of two full-time outreach workers who work in the streets 90% of the budgeted time. Staff persons have contacts relating to alcohol, drugs, police and family problems and can easily and immediately refer youths to the proper resources.

Volunteers are used and are trained and supervised by the program director.

STAFF

Personnel includes a youth and program director, an administrative assistant, an executive director, two building program supervisors, two outreach workers and clerical workers.

"YMCA Teen Center"

COST

The cost for 1977 is projected at \$51,554 with the budget breakdown as follows: Niagara County Youth Bureau - \$16,777; Niagara Falls Youth Board - \$9,000; and Niagara Falls Family YMCA - \$25,777.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Catholic Family and Community Services

"Big Buddy/Big Sister Program"

Saratoga County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide supportive services to the parents of children by helping their children develop psychologically and emotionally during the vulnerable years of adolescence and pre-adolescence. Special emphasis is placed on assisting one parent families, but any family is eligible to participate.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The concept of a Big Buddy or Big Sister relationship revolves around a friendship between an adult male or female, with a young boy or girl from a one parent family. The specific objectives of this program are to match some 70 to 75 volunteers with children from various family situations as well as provide group recreational activities for all program participants. In addition to the above, small "boys" and "girls" clubs will be developed broadening our service delivery system.

TARGET POPULATION

The program is conducted on a county-wide level with the development of six satellite offices in Saratoga Springs, Clifton Park, Corinth, Mechanicville, Schuylerville, and South Glens Falls. Approximately 75 youths, aged 6 to 16, of both sexes, will be matched with volunteers and an additional 75 children will be recruited to participate in small group clubs.

METHOD

The volunteers are screened and advised of their roles as Big Buddies or Big Sisters by the program developer, or casework staff of Catholic Family and Community Services, prior to being matched with a child. The Big Buddy or Big Sister meets with the child regularly, providing a model of behavior and a source for positive development.

In addition to developing the one-to-one relationship, the program supplements its services by providing group recreational activities for participants, including four group trips - one per season. Also being developed are small boys and girls clubs, with participants being children waiting to be matched up with a Big Buddy or Big Sister as well as children who don't necessarily need the structure of the one-to-one relationship. Such clubs revolve around weekly meetings and monthly activities.

"Big Buddy/Big Sister Program"

STAFF

Personnel includes a program director, six part-time program developers and a part-time secretary.

COST

Cost for 1977 (7/1/77 - 12/31/77) is approximately \$31,029. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$7,955 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Schenectady Boys Club, Inc.

"Multi-Service Teenage Program"

Schenectady County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a program which complements recreational activities with counseling and employment services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program attempts to fill the need for the development of programs for high school age girls and boys which will provide a variety of opportunities. Specifically, the program sets out to:

- Secure employment opportunities for youths, operate small group and/or skill development workshops
- Provide counseling for youths and their parents, as well as a leadership training program and group counseling activities
- Increase the number of participants in its recreational program

TARGET POPULATION

The program services all residents of Schenectady County area. The most regular daily attendance comes from the city areas which includes middle and lower income families. Approximately 500 youths will be served on a regular basis.

METHOD

The multi-service program provides a diversified program of informal and structured activities, planned and operated with youth input and assistance, which includes arts and crafts, educational workshops, and entertainment and enterprises. A work/study leadership training experience is offered to eight to ten high school students from the six major high schools in the area. These youth work twelve hours supervising, planning, developing and evaluating the programs at the center.

The program also includes the Job Junction, an employment referral and educational service. Emphasis is placed on securing additional odd jobs, part-time and full-time employment opportunities. The educational services include employability counseling and skill development workshops such as landscape maintenance, interior and exterior painting, general home maintenance and child development for babysitting.

"Multi-Service Teenage Program"

An individual and family counseling service is available for youth and their families. Trained staff reaches out and responds to individual youth needing personal, educational and legal guidance and support. Dr. Gordon's Parent and Youth Effectiveness training courses are offered regularly to youth and their parents.

Approximately 125 volunteers are used. Criteria employed is based upon the volunteer's interest and desire in working with youth and their skills and proficiency in a specific area. Each volunteer is oriented by appropriate staff utilizing a volunteer program manual.

STAFF

Staff includes a program coordinator, unit and program directors, counseling, employment and leadership training coordinators.

COST

The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$18,915 in state aid during 1977. Total expenditures is approximately \$88,441.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Town Council

"Larchmont-Mamaroneck Addison Street Teen Center"

Westchester County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a gathering place in a healthy atmosphere for young people who have a need for social and recreational activities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Teen Center are to provide the community youth with a place to congregate and enjoy peer interaction, to provide other community residents with teenage manpower for various community activities, and to increase the number of youth participants.

TARGET POPULATION

The target group is youth between the ages of 13 and 17 from the Village of Larchmont and the Town of Mamaroneck. This is a predominantly middle class area.

METHOD

The Teen Center was started in 1974 as a pilot project after several youths appeared before the Town Council and requested that such a program be implemented. Within the following two years, the program was so successful that its operation was taken over by the two communities it serves as a joint project.

The Center is open during after school and evening hours Monday through Saturday. In addition to the daily recreational and social activities sponsored, this Teen Center has engaged its participants in such activities as carrying out chores for senior citizens without pay, participating in block parties, senior citizen center cookouts, annual bazaars, halloween parties for area children, baseball games between the youth and the local police, etc.

About four volunteers are recruited for the Coordinator's Committee and are trained and supervised by him.

"Larchmont-Mamaroneck Addison Street Teen Center"

STAFF

Personnel includes a coordinator and two youth service workers on a part-time basis.

COST

Cost for 1977 is about \$19,650. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$4,960 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Street Teen Center
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"Hornell Area Concern for Youth, Inc."

Steuben County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide youths in the Hornell area with an opportunity to participate in a program offering constructive guidance.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program seeks to provide a rational, realistic alternative to delinquent oriented behavior by providing programs in the area of recreation as well as in counseling. The following are its objectives:

- To provide leisure time activities
- To provide a regularized, structured place for young people to meet and socialize
- To develop a stable group of volunteers
- To establish a viable and meaningful community counseling program

TARGET POPULATION

The program services young persons between the ages of 12 and 17, both male and female. The participants come basically from a lower middle or low income area. The total number of participants is approximately 500.

METHOD

Concern is for a youth service program with a multi-modality approach to reaching and helping young people. Counseling services are provided and geared toward problem-solving for youth whose problems range from juvenile delinquency and drug abuse to pregnancy and peer problems. Group work sessions are conducted to deal with value clarification and communication skills of young people and parents. Referral services to and from the proper community service agencies are also provided.

The outreach component is seen as important in building support and trust with youth who might not come to an office for counseling or information. At least one night a week, by each worker, is spent on the streets in Outreach. The center is an activity and counseling space which is open two nights a week for structured and unstructured activities. Positive leisure time activities include dances, cultural trips, retreat workshops, etc. and all are sponsored throughout the year.

"Hornell Area Concern for Youth, Inc."

A Rent-A-Kid Program is available and has been very useful in assisting youth in finding odd jobs in the Hornell area. Jobs averaged two weeks during last year's programming. A part-time summer program is also provided with activities ranging from cultural trips to horseback riding. All of the services, with the exception of the summer program, are available five days a week. Schedules are flexible to meet the needs of the persons served.

Volunteers (approximately ten) are screened and trained by staff. They range from professionals with Master's Degrees in Nursing and Counseling to plumbers.

STAFF

Personnel includes a project director, a youth outreach worker, and a part-time secretary.

COST

Cost for 1977 is approximately \$10,500. The NYS Division for Youth will provide about \$4,883 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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"Children's Arts and Science Workshops, Inc."

New York, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide for well-organized, supervised, high content leisure time activities at no cost to families who cannot afford to pay.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program is intended to offer a variety of structured programs, of recreation and cultural activities to a community with few facilities of this nature available. Its objectives also include the teaching of skills through arts and science workshops, increasing the involvement of parents and volunteers in all aspects of the program, and the supplementing of cultural workshops with a varied program of live professional theater and youth theater events.

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves approximately 600 enrolled boys and girls, 6 to 18 years of age. Youth are drawn primarily from Northern Manhattan, with some participants coming from the West Harlem community and the West Bronx. Youth are of a very mixed racial and ethnic background although predominantly Hispanic. Audiences total over 4,000 people.

METHOD

The program provides a summer day camp, an after-school center and an evening center, all free of charge. These projects offer varied activities including: indoor and outdoor sports and games; homework help and tutoring; trips, hikes and special events; free lunch and snacks; arts and crafts, cooking, newspaper club, workshops; and other cultural and educational activities. Dozens of teenage youth work as assistants (Youth Corps, Summer Work Trainees and many volunteers), receiving valuable training and experience. Free theater events are also offered to the public: film showings for youth: performances by youth for youth and for the community. The supportive components of the program include: low cost weekly workshops in multiple subjects (e.g. dance, music, science, painting, photography, ceramics, etc.); a sponsored professional theater series for youth and families. Volunteers participate along with staff in all aspects of the program.

"Children's Arts and Science Workshops, Inc."

The success of the program is measured by youth attendance, progress reports of groups and performances, numbers of presentations and amount of volunteer participation. Verbal and written responses to theatrical events and other activities are sought. Staff orientation sessions are held before each program period, at which time volunteers also attend; periodic staff evaluation conferences review and monitor problems and progress.

STAFF

Personnel includes an executive director, an assistant director, workshop specialists, a summer/after-school supervisor, youth leaders and assistants.

COST

Cost for 1977 is approximately \$78,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$20,082 in state aid.

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Town of Victor

"Comprehensive Youth Services Program"

Ontario County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a variety of youth services and recreational activities to combat the increasing number of youth problems.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program offers a variety of services all geared toward reducing the crime and other youth problems in the area as well as offering social and recreational activities. The specific objectives are to help those youth on the fringe of delinquency create opportunities and occasions to participate in normal recreational/educational activities; provide educational programs including clinics on family life, dissemination of information on prevention of delinquency, and the like; provide individual/small group/family counseling, and referral services; and to provide for social activities.

TARGET POPULATION

All youths participating are drawn from the Town of Victor. The town represents a cross section of Ontario County with a difference being a higher percentage of professionals and lower percentage of laborers.

METHOD

The program runs on a part-time schedule. Services include short-term counseling, referral services, after-care and follow-up services, workshops/in-service training for staff, lay teachers and parent volunteers. Social activities will include a number of dances for the year; weekend camping, initiation of a big brother/big sister program, and the formation of a Youth Advisory Board. On-going research and evaluation is an integral part of the program, focusing on updating listings of resources available to youth and a consumer survey of services.

Volunteers (approximately 20) are trained by the program director and attend workshops presented by Youth Counseling Service of Canandaigua and Family Planning.

"Comprehensive Youth Services Program"

STAFF

Personnel includes a director, six part-time youth counselors, and part-time clerical help.

COST

Cost for 1977 is about \$5,125. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$2,401 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Family Service Society of the Corning Area

"Youth Services Program"

Steuben County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide youngsters of the Corning area with structured services which will enable them to gain self-awareness, skills, and aid in confronting serious problems.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Realizing that an estimated 500 youths within the Corning area do not relate to regular school recreation programs or the limited formal recreation programs of the area, the project designed a program to fill the need for structured small group experience in which new experiences and skills can be gained. Group and individual counseling were indicated as necessary to assist youths to clarify their problems, work out plans to deal with those problems, and to find meaning and purpose in their lives. As a result, the following objectives were delineated:

- Provide youths with employment
- Provide youths with crisis counseling
- Provide Family Life Education to all youths
- Provide group activity therapy and group counseling
- Provide direct counseling for some youths and their families
- Reduce problem symptoms

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves 300 to 500 youths, both male and female, between the ages of 12 and 18 who reside in the Corning area.

METHOD

The project meets their specified objectives through the work of their various components. The Youth Employment Service component provides temporary work for the youths. Youth counselors help the teens in seeking employment, works with them on how to apply for positions, fill out job applications, prepare for job interviews and the like. The youth counselors also perform follow-up duties with the youth's employer. Whenever problems between a youth and his/her employer emerge, the youth counselor assists them in resolving such problems.

"Youth Services Program"

Through the school outreach program, youths having problems with school are referred to the Family Services agency for counseling. Emphasis is always placed on remaining in school.

Another major part of the program focuses on recruiting and providing adult role models to serve as big brothers and big sisters. Many youths, in particular those in need of supervision and on probation, do not have stable adults to whom they can relate. It is viewed that these youths can be moved out of the formal judicial process through alternate programs. The entire Family Service agency resources are made available to the program, thereby providing the best available help.

Volunteers are used after they have been screened, trained and matched with youths. Supervision and in-service training is provided following guidelines developed by the National Information Center on Volunteers and the Volunteers in Probation Programs.

STAFF

The staff includes an executive director, a youth services director, youth outreach counselors and a secretary.

COST

During 1976, the project received \$21,316 from the NYS Division for Youth in state aid. Total cost for the year was \$42,632.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Big Brothers of Niagara County, Inc.

"Big Sisters Program"

Niagara County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide young girls with a mature adult female figure which promotes their physical, mental and moral welfare.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program is based on the concept that a girl, in order to grow into a responsible woman, needs a positive relationship with a mature, adult female figure. Where this influence is lacking due to illness, poverty or very large families, or where mothers do not have sufficient time for each child, the girl is seen as handicapped in reaching her full potential. Under this theme, the program sets out to recruit, train and organize responsible women to offer companionship and guidance to girls who have come, or are about to come, into contact with juvenile authorities; to employ methods that will promote the physical, mental and moral welfare of these children and their families; and to correct serious, unhealthy habit patterns which have already been formed by the child.

TARGET POPULATION

Girls aged 7 to 17 years, from all areas of Niagara County are served by this program. Approximately 25 adult female volunteers will be recruited and trained to serve as Big Sisters.

METHOD

Volunteer Big Sisters are interviewed by a program trained worker. Upon acceptance as a Big Sister, the volunteer is subsequently matched with a Little Sister according to need, interests and personalities. Matches are based on a one-year assignment and is evaluated annually to ascertain effectiveness.

Big Sisters and Little Sisters are contacted on a regular basis to make sure that continuity and quality is maintained throughout the year. Formal and informal training sessions are held for individuals and groups of Big Sisters. Information from the maintenance process is used in developing the training agenda for these sessions. A counseling service and referral service is provided to secure the support needed to accomplish the Big Sister purpose.

"Big Sisters Program"

The Big Sister Program has already placed 32 girls with "Big Sisters" many of these youthful runaways referred to us from the Probation Department. The initial investment made by the Lockport Youth Bureau has also generated more than \$9,000 in support of the program including grants from: the Lutheran Aid Association, Western New York Foundation, Mental Health Association, ACTION, Campaign for Human Development and at least \$500 in individual donations.

The program has been so successful that the local United Way has made provisions for the Big Sister Program to be included in Big Brother's 1978 program service categories and increased the allocation to pick up the program thus institutionalize the program in 1978.

STAFF

Personnel includes about twenty-five volunteers.

COST

For 1977, the program costs for office and program supplies is about \$1,300. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$650 in state aid.

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"Five Towns Community Center, Inc."

Nassau County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide an atmosphere for the youth of the community to acquire the basic tools necessary for their productive development in the changing society.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program hopes to aid the future leadership of their community in their process of development by offering programs designed to foster exposure to career opportunities, educational outlets, promoting good physical and mental health, enabling the youth to live and work with others on varying levels and encouraging awareness of the institutions and machinations which will influence their life style.

TARGET POPULATION

Approximately 1,100 to 1,200 youth will be directly involved in the program and a large percentage of the remaining population will be reached through dissemination of literature and information. Both males and females between the ages of 7 and 20 will be served. The service area concentration are the designated poverty tracts 4110-4112 of Nassau County, primarily the Inwood area.

METHOD

The Five Towns Youth Service Project is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM and offers services in the category of direct services including: leisure recreation, special skills, vocational education, youth guidance, youth advocacy, health, systems awareness, cultural enrichment and supportive services such as community relations, interagency coordination, social action programs and fundraising. The services are offered in a settlement house type setting.

The Five Towns Community Center, Inc. was first funded by the Nassau County Youth Board in 1965, and as originally conceived, the project was designed to deal with youth needs which included the development of broader and deeper inter-personal relationships; enhancement of educational potential; widening of educational vistas; and the increase of employment skills and capabilities. Since then, the Five Towns Community Center has incorporated the Five Towns Economic Opportunity Council, the Youth Community Action Program (CAP) and the New Youth CAP.

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"Five Towns Community Center, Inc."

The agency, in providing direct services and acting in an advocacy role to promote youth programs designed to meet the special needs of their socially, economically disadvantaged youth, has enjoyed considerable success and has provided a meaningful experience for their target population. The total agency offers their services to the entire family unit.

STAFF

Personnel consists of a staff of approximately 25 including project and program directors, caseworkers, group leaders, counselors, youth organizers and specialists, summer counselors, personnel and administrative staff.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$316,584. The NYS Division for Youth will provide about \$84,510 in State aid.

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Unity House

"Unity House"

Rensselaer County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To assist low income people, especially youth, to develop their full potential.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Through the program's many components, it attempts to:

- Provide individual counseling on a crisis intervention basis and act as advocates and a referral source
- Provide a speech therapy program to serve those children who exhibit moderate to severe speech and language problems
- Provide a day camp program during the summer month of August when most camps are closed

TARGET POPULATION

The services are rendered primarily to the low income people in Rensselaer County. The crisis intervention program is aimed at youths under 21 years of age and services approximately 50 crisis intervention calls per day. The speech therapy program is aimed at children 3 to 12 years old and approximately 55 children will be serviced this year. The summer speech program services approximately 40 youngsters.

METHOD

Unity House has been able to effectively run a diversified program of services to meet the many needs of troubled youths in their communities and schools. The Unity House Street Ministry is a program providing crisis intervention counseling for runaways, truants, youths seeking employment, family problems and the like. The program is open five days a week from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Group and individual counseling, referrals to other agencies, and advocacy activities are the services provided.

Unity House also provides a Speech and Language Therapy Program for youngsters with language problems not being adequately served by the community's schools. These children will receive speech and language therapy twice a week for half-hour sessions. Eighty-five percent of these are individual sessions and the remaining 15% are with small groups of 2 or 3 children. Swimming and social interaction groups are provided

"Unity House"

once a week for 10 male children ranging from 8 to 12 years old. Also provided is an intensive six week summer speech program for approximately 40 youngsters. It includes individual and group speech therapy, swimming and physical education, reading and math, and arts and crafts. Each child is bussed to and from the program and participates in the lunch program sponsored by the Bureau of Youth Services.

The Day Camp Program provides a four week day camp during the month of August. The program is provided for 40 to 50 youngsters, ages 6 to 12, male and female from low income families. It runs daily from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and a complete program of arts and crafts, nature study, physical education, swimming lessons and hiking is provided.

The program has recently become a site for both the Rensselaer County Welfare Home Relief Work Program and the NYS Work Incentive Program, providing jobs for the "unemployable" young people in the area.

STAFF

The staff includes an executive director, a street ministry director, a youth worker, a speech therapist, speech camp director, two speech teachers, and three day camp counselors.

COST

For 1977, total projected cost is approximately \$58,829. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$29,410 in state aid.

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Kenan Center, Inc.

"Kenan Center Youth Activities"

Niagara County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To afford all youth the opportunity to use their leisure time in a positive and constructive manner.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Kenan Center is an institution open to the public offering arts, crafts, theater, recreation and education. Programs are designed to help youth participants gain new interests, improve skills, receive wholesome exercise, and develop new relationships through group participation. A specific objective is to increase the involvement of children in minority areas -- not only cultural, ethnic and racial, but also children relegated to minority roles by virtue of physical or mental limitations.

TARGET POPULATION

The Center serves youths from all areas of Niagara County. Approximately 75% of all youths involved are between the ages of 6 and 18. Participants come from all socio-economic levels and are equally divided between boys and girls.

METHOD

The Kenan Center operates a free recreational, arts and craft program with free ice skating and free sports clinics including a Christmas and Easter vacation physical fitness clinics; referee and coaches clinics in hockey instructed by volunteers; and basketball clinics. There is also a special recreation program for children with learning disabilities as well as providing free parties for these children on Christmas and Easter. The Center opens its doors to local parochial schools with a lack of facilities or instructors, to little leagues, Big Brothers and to Boy and Girl Scout troops. In addition, the program sponsors a youth gardening program and a scholarship assistance for youth in programs where a fee is charged (youth hockey, hockey clinic and summer day camp).

The Kenan Center Gallery offers the public about 8 to 10 different exhibits per year. The gallery is open 5 days a week and one evening with free admission. Approximately 3,000 youths of all ages visit the gallery per year. The Center also includes exhibits of works of arts by Niagara County students. A very successful exhibit attended by well over 5,000 people was held in 1976 in conjunction with the Center's Craft Festival. During the Easter and Christmas vacations, workshops in dance and arts and craft are offered with approximately 300 youths participating.

"Kenan Center Youth Activities"

There is also a scheduled theatre production averaging 6 to 8 productions per year. The Center plans to sponsor at least two free productions of children's plays this year and expect to have over 1,000 youths of all ages benefit from these performances. Finally, the Kenan Center offers an Open Studio Program making equipment and supplies for a wide range of arts and crafts available to all county youths free of charge.

Volunteers, approximately 400, are used to participate in sports activities as referees, officials, coaches, etc.; and gallery hostesses and guides; counselors for the day camp and gardening programs; as floor aides and parking lot attendants and for a host of other activities. Most volunteers are area youth and trained and supervised by the Center's staff.

STAFF

Personnel includes two directors for recreation and the arts and crafts program; a comptroller, an assistant recreation director, an arena office manager, operations manager, custodian and building superintendent.

COST

For 1977, total cost for the program is \$38,810. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$18,500 in state aid.

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Niagara Council of the Arts

"Artwheels"

Niagara County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To foster, promote and cultivate the arts, both visual and performing.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Artwheels is a mobile art unit designed to evoke creativity, self-esteem, awareness of environment, music and art appreciation. The program hopes to capture the interest of young people and produce future artists by means of their workshops.

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves all youths of Niagara County of all ages. For the most part, the participants are white, of a middle class socio-economic background. In Niagara Falls, though, participants are 50% black, with middle to poverty backgrounds.

METHOD

The program offers two-hour workshops in arts, crafts, music, film, dance, drama and American folklore. There are eight workshops per week, given in ten week sessions, four sessions a year. Artwheels has visited such areas as the Center for Young Parents, city parks, libraries, community centers, YWCA's, day care centers, low income housing projects, the Niagara Falls Convention Plaza, and the county jail. During 1977, over 10,000 youths will be served.

Artwheels hires additional staff of professionals on a contractual basis for various disciplines of the arts. They include artists, musicians, dancers, poets and thespians who are practicing professionals in their fields.

The program has been very successful with many requests from facilities wanting service for the first time or wanting Artwheels to return. Their administrative staff have been excellent in implementing informative and entertaining workshops.

Volunteers are used as needed with no training necessary. Usually, the staff members of the facilities visited become involved in the programs.

"Artwheels"

STAFF

Staff includes one director, a driver/artist/aide and artistic personnel hired on a contractual basis.

COST

For 1977, cost is approximately \$34,845. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$8,000 in state aid.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Cooperative Extension Association of Oneida County

"Urban 4-H Program"

Oneida County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

Through its 4-H services, the program sets out to increase youths' knowledge, development of practical skills and acceptable attitudes as they prepare for their place in society.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

In response to growing inner-city problems in the Utica-Rome area, the 4-H program expanded its services to meet the needs of the inner-city population. Objectives of the program include:

- Involving over 1,000 youths in the cities in a positive out-of-school education program which focuses upon their socio-economic needs
- Motivating, recruiting and training both adult and teen volunteers, and agency and school personnel to multiply the effectiveness of the 4-H Urban staff
- Emphasizing youth involvement through organized programs either in the neighborhood 4-H club or in special interest groups
- Conducting events that will stimulate growth experience for young people such as field trips, career explorations, job opportunities

TARGET POPULATION

Approximately 1,000 youths from Utica-Rome area will be served during 1977. Special emphasis is placed on recruiting participants from low-income neighborhoods and housing projects.

METHOD

Generally, youth groups meet with an adult leader once a week for a period of approximately two hours. Specific meeting times depend upon the community site and the wishes of the group involved. Possible projects which the groups participate in are: child care, nutrition, woodworking, gardening, bicycle safety and repair, leather crafts, plant care, sewing, human relations, personal grooming, pet care, snowmobile, knitting, job preparedness, crocheting, and photography.

"Urban 4-H Program"

Approximately one hundred volunteers will be recruited. Training and supervision is provided through regular meetings with the 4-H staff.

Program objectives are evaluated in several ways. The staff is required to observe and report bi-weekly the progress of the youth groups. The youths themselves are given contracts to fulfill on the projects they elect to undertake. Staff members are required to submit plans for their program efforts and time allocation.

STAFF

Staff includes two 4-H urban coordinators, a secretary and program aides as needed.

COST

Total projected cost for 1977 is \$41,100. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$20,550 for the year in state aid.

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Rensselaer County Junior Museum

"Museum Youth Services"

Rensselaer County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a source of leisure and education for families with children.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The overall program objective is to provide a permanent program designed with children in mind. Specifically, the objectives are:

- To provide a place where the children of a generally blue-collar, non-museum going public can be introduced to the concept of a museum as a friendly and vibrant learning situation
- To provide a place where teachers, other group leaders, and individual youngsters can find supplementary enrichment for courses and/or studies
- To provide an operational base for designing, building and dispatching mobile exhibits and kits to area schools and group functions

TARGET POPULATION

The museum generally attracts youngsters from the nearby neighborhoods, predominantly blue collar and office workers community. The mobile exhibits, though, travel to all parts of the county.

METHOD

The museum provides museum teachers to give demonstrations for visiting schools. At least two demonstrations for each group of 30 or less is required. Family and individual visitors drop in without appointments and are encouraged to handle and manipulate the items on display.

The mobile exhibits that go to schools and other groups may be in two forms. The first is to take museum items and use them as a demonstration exhibit in classrooms. The second is to take loan kits in exhibit form which are picked up by school teachers and used as enrichment in certain courses of study.

"Museum Youth Services"

The museum also incorporates a Youth Volunteer Workshop composed of local teenagers who are regularly scheduled to work at the Junior Museum as volunteers. Training and study is required of them and educational field trips are provided. Adult volunteers (between 30 and 40 volunteers) are also used a few hours per week, some for special events and work parties.

STAFF

Staff includes a full-time director and secretary and part-time special teacher and exhibit specialists.

COST

Total cost of the program for 1977 is estimated at \$50,000. The WYS Division for Youth will provide \$11,615 in state aid during 1977.

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"Jordan-Elbridge Youth Center"

Onondaga County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide a structured program offering social/cultural/recreational activities and counseling geared toward delinquency prevention.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program offered includes all types of counseling in addition to a drop-in center where teens can gather in an acceptable social atmosphere. Specific objectives of the program are:

- To offer full-time program services and counseling involving youths and parents
- To operate a year-round sports program
- To offer occasional craft projects for interested youth, monthly speaker programs, and field trips
- To provide a weekly tutoring session after school and to involve some youths in community service projects

TARGET POPULATION

The Youth Center serves 175 young people between the ages of 13 and 20 years, with a slightly higher percentage of females than males. The majority of the teenage population comes from homes of lower middle class families supported by white or blue collar wage earners.

METHOD

The program includes counseling in the areas of crisis, sex, alcohol and drug abuse, as well as long-term and family counseling. These are offered during their drop-in program or by appointment when the Center is closed. Open five nights per week, the drop-in center offers games, music and television, reading, and a place for young people to gather. The center also participates in a youth advocacy program, namely; the Onondaga County Alternate Route Program (for teens involved with the court system).

"Jordan-Elbridge Youth Center"

An after school program is offered, providing tutoring services for students interested in extra help with their subjects. An information/education program is provided on a monthly basis, and guest speakers are invited to speak on matters of interest and importance to the youths. This year's program included a very successful three-part Planned Parenthood Seminar, with a combined attendance of 80 youth.

The recreational program includes games, field trips, a year-round sports program and monthly movies, with many taking place on weekends. Several co-ed camping trips took place this past summer, which were quite encouraging. Community service projects are also part of the total program. An average of two days per month is dedicated to community service which includes cleaning after festivals, operating a dial-a-teen service for the senior citizens in the area, and sponsoring a foster child through Children, Inc. The program operated a pizza and french fry booth at the Elbridge Gerry Days, (a local fund-raising festival) with all proceeds from the booth donated to the Elbridge Community Council. Over 50 youth worked in the booth over a three day period.

Fund-raising is an integral part of the program which includes bake sales, swim-a-thons, cleaning, dances, and operating a snack bar. Their activities have been very successful in generating extra monies for their program.

Finally, a job referral service was begun last summer to aid youths in securing summer employment and it has been continued on a year-round basis.

STAFF

Staff includes a director/counselor, an assistant director, an alternate route worker, two youth assistants, and volunteers.

COST

During 1977, the NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$1,400 in state aid. Total cost of the program is \$12,500.

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Elmira Neighborhood House
"Youth Social Adjustment Program"
Chemung County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide adequate youth social adjustment programs to the disadvantaged communities within the City of Elmira.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Having observed increased incidences of drug and alcohol abuse, anti-social behavior of youth and a potential crisis situation, the program set out to design a system of better meeting youth needs. The objectives of this program are as follows:

- To provide direct individual and group counseling services to disadvantaged youths
- To implement a program that will successfully divert youths from socially unacceptable behavior to more productive and useful lives in a cohesive effort with other established human service agencies
- To train staff in increased utilization of existing and established human service programs in order to adequately service the disadvantaged youth population
- To provide an information and referral service to the target youths

TARGET POPULATION

The program is made available to both males and females between the ages of 13 and 21 from the east and south sides of the City of Elmira. Approximately 500 to 600 youths will be served during 1977.

METHOD

The Youth Social Adjustment Program directs its activities toward reaching youths before they become involved with the criminal justice system through field work, group and individual counseling. The project provides a minimal five hours a week of formal group counseling, fifteen hours per week of formal individual counseling and twenty hours a week of individual informal field counseling. In addition, agency contacts and training programs are conducted with the direct help of community agencies such as the local hospitals, Family Services of Chemung County, the Juvenile Aid Bureau of the Elmira Police Department and the Division for Youth.

"Youth Social Adjustment Program"

The youth field workers perform orientation services, helping youths to identify problems or goals, and help resolve these problems or obtain these goals through the use of appropriate human services agencies. Volunteers are selected, trained and supervised by the Youth Program Supervisor.

STAFF

Staff includes a youth program supervisor, youth field workers and a secretary.

COST

Total cost of the project is approximately \$25,000 with the NYS Division for Youth providing state aid reimbursement of approximately \$12,000 for 1977.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

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Advisory Board for Lovejoy Elderly and Youth, Inc.

"ABLEY Youth Service Project"

Erie County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide an organization with local resources for the youth and parents of the community to call upon when faced with crisis situations.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

ABLEY was created in direct response to increased problems in the community relating to delinquency, drugs, education, employment, family relationships, etc. The program is unique in that many of its offerings combine badly needed youth services with recreational services not often provided by established area centers. The main objective is to increase the number of participants in all of its major program areas thereby reducing and/or alleviating many of the community's problems.

TARGET POPULATION

The program serves approximately 3,200 youth ages 5 to 22 years, both male and female. Participants come from all over the county, but the immediate and most concentrated service area is the City of Buffalo.

METHOD

ABLEY sponsors year-round activities including such services as tutoring, employment assistance, individual and group counseling. Approximately 200 youth will be receiving these services during 1977. The organization also sponsors activities in body building, weight lifting, physique, floor gymnastics, arts and crafts, and the like.

Also, the agency provides seasonal recreational services such as softball, swimming, bowling, tours, and field trips, horseback riding, rollerskating and tennis. During the school vacations of Christmas, Easter and summer, a daily schedule of activities is provided.

Approximately 35 volunteers are used, and they are supervised by trained professionals or para-professionals. The volunteers are used in recreational as well as youth service programs, and they also participate in the in-house workshops sponsored by the agency.

"ABLEY Youth Service Project"

COST

Cost for 1977 is approximately \$17,000. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$8,500 in state aid.

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Wyandanch Community Development Corp.

"Youth Services Project"

Suffolk County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To address the multi-faceted problems of the youth of Wyandanch, an economically deprived community lacking in entertainment facilities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program serves an area that is characterized as culturally and economically deprived, with a high dropout rate and a great number of local businesses closing. The objectives of the program include competing with the street and involving youngsters who are prone to "hanging out," developing long standing relationships with the community youth; and to help a number of high school dropouts receive their equivalency diplomas.

TARGET POPULATION

All participants are drawn from the Wyandanch community. Approximately 500 youth, male and female, in the 13 to 21 age group, will be served during 1977.

METHOD

The program operates five days a week, Monday thru Friday, 2:00 to 10:00 PM. Each program session involves approximately 25 youths. It involves problem or potentially problem youth in constructive activities to develop their talents, skills and to build self-esteem. Services include counseling, high school equivalency tutorial assistance, cultural trips, unwed mothers, drama, instrumental music instruction, dance, grooming and hygiene. A counselor is available before, after and during each program session. Attempts are made to obtain evaluations of the progress of each individual through conversations with teachers and other pertinent agencies.

The program uses about six volunteers, supervised and trained by the project director. It also participates in a Joint Evaluation Support Study in cooperation with the State University of New York at Stony Brook for evaluative purposes.

"Youth Services Project"

During the summer months in cooperation with the Town of Babylon Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, they conducted a six week Day Camp Program which provided arts and crafts, sports, swimming, black history and ethnic awareness, health and educational field trips for over 100 participants from ages 5 to 12. This year there were 17 counselors and one director employed in the Day Camp Program.

STAFF

Personnel includes a project director, an assistant project director, three part-time youth workers and secretarial help.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$52,605. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$10,082 in state aid. Other sources of funding include the Town of Babylon Youth Bureau, the Suffolk County Youth Bureau, and the United Way of Nassau-Suffolk. The Town of Babylon Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department provided funds for wages for their Day Camp Program.

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"Commack Youth Development Association, Inc."

Suffolk County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide relevant, positive programs for the needs of the Commack community youth.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objective of the program is to provide a constructive, supportive, and nurturing atmosphere in which children may more fully realize and utilize their individual growth potential. The staff present themselves as appropriate, positive role models. By making available many alternative ways in which their participants may channel their energy and interest, they expect to find a decrease in community arrests, a decrease in vandalism and a decrease in boredom experienced by the community's youth.

TARGET POPULATION

A projected number of 1,000 youths, aged 10 to 19, of both sexes will be served this year. All participants are drawn from the Commack School District.

METHOD

The center's operating hours are from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM, five days a week offering a variety of services such as: job training and placement, academic tutoring, a teenage parents advocacy program, parents group counseling, teenage male and female "rap" groups, problem-solving group, crisis intervention, information and referral services, a peer outreach program and a teencounsel. The program also sponsors arts and crafts, engages its youth in athletic leagues, provides for a drop-in center, and field trips. Other specific activities include yoga groups, a vegetarian cooking club, a baking club and auto maintenance and repair workshops.

Approximately 15 volunteers are trained and supervised by the project director and local service agencies. It is strongly felt that such a diversified yet organized youth service program will alleviate the many youthful problems encountered by this newly formed growing community.

"Commack Youth Development Association, Inc."

STAFF

Personnel includes a project director and a youth worker aided by volunteers.

COST

Cost for 1977 is projected at \$22,007. The NYS Division for Youth will provide \$11,003 in state aid.

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Tompkins County Economic Opportunity Corporation

"Big Brother/Big Sister"

Tompkins County, New York

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide youngsters of elementary and junior high school age with a one-to-one therapeutic friendship program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Big Brother/Big Sister Program is to offer lonely youngsters (aged 7 to 15), many of whom are from one parent homes, an opportunity for adult companionship, friendship and guidance on a one-to-one basis. The program focuses on:

- Providing a special friend with whom a child can share experiences, thoughts and feelings
- Fostering a child's growth and development and increasing his/her self-esteem and understanding of his environment
- Providing counseling on an informal basis and advocacy services to youngsters needing such

TARGET POPULATION

At present, approximately 200 children are being served from Tompkins County, the majority of them are from the City of Ithaca. Age range is from 7 to 15 years old.

METHOD

The method employed is simply a technique of matching a youngster with an adult volunteer companion. Volunteers are first extensively interviewed and provided with on-going training. Monthly follow-up calls and meetings are held at which time problems, concerns and experiences are shared. Outside professional help is sought only when necessary.

Adult participants are also provided with a list of ideas for things to do and a notice of events occurring in their areas. Such activities include visits to museums, libraries, various parks, movies, dance concerts and special events.

"Big Brother/Big Sister"

Evaluations are conducted by a team of interested individuals approved by the program's Advisory Committee. Recommendations and suggested changes are provided by the team.

STAFF

Staff includes a director and a half-time secretary. Adult volunteer participants are recruited based upon the need to match all youngsters who request participation. At present, there are approximately 167 volunteers.

COST

During 1977, the program's total cost will be approximately \$15,100. The NYS Division for Youth will provide approximately \$7,550 in state aid.

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