

— OUR APPROACH —

YAP's model draws from the practice and research base of wraparound, family support, mentoring, positive youth development, and restorative justice fields. We have created a unique model of service delivery based on several central tenets:

- » **NO REFUSE POLICY:** No youth or family will be refused or ejected from services.
- » **INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN:** Each plan is based on the family's unique needs, strengths, culture and preferences.
- » **FAMILY FOCUSED:** Parents/Carers are engaged as partners in their services, and support is offered to help them meet their needs and goals, too.
- » **STRENGTH BASED:** We look at what strengths and assets kids and families have and seek to build upon them.
- » **NEIGHBORHOOD BASED RECRUITMENT:** We recruit staff who live in the same communities as the families we serve.

YAP provides youth and their families with intensive wraparound services in their homes, school and community at times most needed by the family. Guided by their plan, support can include a number of activities, including case management, crisis intervention services available 24/7, skill development, educational and vocational work.



"I think what makes YAP so effective is their wraparound approach. They support kids on all these different levels at once, their neighborhoods, their schools, their families."

— OUR SERVICES —

NJ YAP Community Anti-Violence Program, in a partnership with the NJ Department of Community Affairs, serves more than 100 youth and families age 12-18 in Atlantic, Camden, Essex, Middlesex, and Ocean counties.

Youth are matched with Advocates who provide individualized, intensive mentoring and wraparound support.

Interventions can include:

- Individualized services
- Family support
- Group interventions
- 24-7 Crisis Availability
- Work readiness (YAPWorx)

Goals:

- Keep youth positively engaged in their home and community, whether working or attending school
- Connect youth and families to available community resources

— OUR EFFECTIVENESS —

YAP tracks outcomes for our youth. The following is information about our youth nationally at the time services end:

LIVING SAFELY IN THE COMMUNITY

- 🏠 84% of youth live in their community
- 👤 98% have no new felony convictions/adjudications while enrolled

CONNECTION TO EDUCATION

- 🎓 76% of youth graduated or were attending school or a GED program

YAP is recognized as a **"Promising Practice"** by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and The National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

YAP received the Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2015 Gloria J. Jenkins award for its contributions as a community-based organization.

Ten external evaluations have shown YAP to have:

- ★ High program completion rates
- ★ Low rates of placement into residential foster care
- ★ Low numbers of young people who are AWOL
- ★ Residential stability

WHO WE ARE

YAP is a nonprofit agency that has been committed to providing community-based alternatives to out of home care through direct service, advocacy and policy change **SINCE 1975.**

We serve **THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES A YEAR** in more than **100 PROGRAMS** in rural, urban and suburban communities across the country.

100% of our programming takes place in the **HOME COMMUNITIES** of the people we serve.

We believe that **EVERY INDIVIDUAL POSSESSES STRENGTHS**, potential, interests and talents that make them unique and can be built upon and shared.

We believe that everyone needs **ACCESS TO POSITIVE PEOPLE, PLACES AND ACTIVITIES** within their community to develop their natural potential and live full, productive lives.

We believe that **PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES** to identify their needs and preferences preserves dignity and improves outcomes.



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Strengthening Communities One Biography at a Time



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