



# Association of New York State Youth Bureaus

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The end product of a strong youth development system is to offer skills that build our state's citizenry, including: supporting timely high school graduation, providing career and job readiness training, providing life skills for healthy living and physical activity, teaching civic responsibility and assisting juvenile violators from entering or re-entering the delinquency system. To achieve these goals, youth bureaus provide direct services and also fund an array of community-based, non-profit agencies. According to NYS OCFs, Youth Bureaus and their community based organization partners, provided services and programs to over 1.5 million youth in 2014.

Programs and services provided and funded by youth bureaus include but are not limited to:

- Afterschool prevention programs;
- Out-of-school career readiness and summer jobs;
- Healthy eating and obesity prevention;
- Mentoring programs;
- Youth Courts
- Service opportunities and supports
- Supports for homeless youth such as outreach & engagement/ case management; and
- Programs to prevent youth involvement in gangs and substance use

## Legislative Action:

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## SUPPORT NEW YORK'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

The youth bureau system embodies the definition of youth development and prevention as an ongoing process in which children and adolescents seek ways to build life skills and competencies that allow them to be successful, achieve career and college readiness, and learn how to function effectively in their daily lives in the community. Youth Bureaus and the non-profit agencies that receive funding from them (such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Boys & Girls Clubs; YMCAs, etc.) offer school-out prevention programs, worker readiness and summer jobs, healthy eating and obesity prevention, mentors, services and supports for runaway and homeless youth.

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