

YIT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

1. Grant Number: 03150-5259
2. Grantee Name and Address: Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County
44 Evelyn St, Rutland, VT 05701
3. Telephone Number: 802-747-4944
4. Project Title: Youth In Transition Center
5. Period of Performance from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011
6. Approved Project Period from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011
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8. Date of report: July 05, 2011
9. Comments (if any):

The federal Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) primarily focuses on demonstrating accountability and achieving meaningful outcomes for all federally funded programs. Please make sure to include information on the outcomes of your project activities and the impact of your project on improving the lives of Youth in Transition and their families in the Program Progress Reports submitted.

Two Program Progress Reports must be submitted for this sub-grant:

1. one for the time period from July 1 – December 31, 2011 (due by January 31, 2012), and
2. one for the period from January 1 – June 30, 2012 (due by July 30, 2012).

Report Contents

1. Major Activities and Accomplishments During this Period

Total unduplicated Youth served: 199

Total visits to the Center: 688

Lunches served: 399

Referrals made: 140

Groups established: "YAC" or Young Adults for Change, youth advisory council and leadership group plans service learning projects and special events

CenterFest was a great success on April 22nd with 70 youth participating. Of the 70, 53 youth ages 16-21 were in attendance and a total of 108 people participating. Over 19 partners

participated in CenterFest by volunteering, setting up informational tables, and donating raffle items.

Staff brought one youth to Burlington for the Young Adult Voice Movement YAVM Conference May 27th.

Please report major activities and accomplishments for the following goals, outcomes, and indicators as relevant for the sub-grant. *[This section of the report may be entered directly into the table below.]*

Goals for strengthening the systems of care	1: Young adult (YA) leadership is developed in VT. By getting to know our key stakeholders, this will allow us to know what is expected of us, from our stakeholders, and how we can continue to strengthen the systems of care. We have a collaborator's meeting planned for August 23 rd where our area stakeholders and collaborator's will meet at "The Center" to discuss our successes and challenges. We will discuss ways to better provide for our youths and talk about additional resources and trainings available to "The Center" staff and youths.
	2: Family/adult allies support young adults....
	3: Workers use caring practices known to be helpful for young adults and families. Our plan to accomplish this is continued training. Four YIT staff participated in the TIPS (Transition to Independence Process) interview portion of the training in Burlington June 8-9 th with YIT coordinators state-wide as well as with JOBS partners from across the state. We are also planning to attend "Say it Straight" training with the Rutland Area Prevention Coalition as well as "Bridges out of Poverty" training through the Vermont Foodbank. These training seminars are all known to be very positive for working with youths and their families.
	4: System of Care partners gain cultural & linguistic competence (CLC)....
	5: Local communities (including young adults) change their perceptions of young adults and of mental health issues, reducing stigma....
	6: Effectiveness of the Vermont System of Care for young adults with SED is evaluated.....

	<p>7: The State supports and sustains regional services for young adults....</p> <p>This can be developed by continued reporting</p>
Desired outcomes for young adults of transition-age	<p>1. Decreased number of young adults involved in the corrections system (including an increase in the number who are free of incarceration).</p> <p>The Center staff continues street outreach, Center open hours for drop in, serving lunch, and engaging youth to build trust and caring relationships. The Center offers volunteer, service learning and internships for youth referred from many local organizations including Restorative Justice/ Diversion, Drug Court, Rutland High School, Vermont Adult Learning, and many more. Youth volunteering at the Center are also given career exploration, resumes, references, and job skills to help them succeed and reach their goals.</p> <p>Community Outreach attended the Rutland Regional Partnership for Family Service (RRPFS) meeting focusing on addiction and two Three Steps Forward meetings with the Rutland Regional Workforce Investment Board- we are part of the program they are beginning for 15 to 25 year old women to help them gain skills in technology and become more employable.</p>
	<p>2. Increased number of young adults who are employed....</p> <p>The Center has been able to increase youth employment with mock interview workshops, more extensive resume help, multiple job search resources, providing interview clothing through donations and thrift shops, providing work attire through other funding, and transportation (bus passes) privileges.</p>
	<p>3. Increased number young adults participating in (or who completed) educational programs....</p> <p>We have been working very closely with Job Corp. The Center has been able to help two individuals get accepted to this wonderful program and have another youth in the process of applying now.</p> <p>The Center has also helped two youths find the courage to enroll at CCV for the fall semester.</p>
	<p>4. Increased number of young adults who have access to, and are using, a medical home....</p>
	<p>5. Increased number of young adults living in safe and stable housing....</p>
	<p>6. Increased number of young adults who have caring & supportive relationships....</p>

	<p>The Center also provides a strong support system for all youths that come to us involved in the criminal justice system or not. We provide community service “volunteer opportunities for those who have been court mandated for hours or those just looking for job experience. It seems that if The Center has a working relationship with a youth, they are less likely to follow a path of crime. This may be because the youth does not want to disrupt the relationship or disappoint those who support him/her at The Center</p>
	<p>7. Increase in young adults’ strengths and protective factors....</p>
	<p>8. Improved mental health for young adults.</p> <p>This has been at a stand still for the past two months. Many services can not take on new clients at this time or are cutting back on funding. I will readdress this issue in the next quarterly report.</p>
<p>System of Care Infrastructure Indicators (for federal TRAC):</p>	<p><u>Workforce Development:</u> Organizations or communities implementing mental health-related training programs as a result of the grant. Please enter the number of organizations or communities and briefly describe the training programs....</p> <p>Unknown at this time</p>
	<p><u>Organizational Change:</u> Organizational changes made to support improvement of mental health-related practices/activities that are consistent with the goals of the grant. Please enter the number of changes and briefly describe them....</p> <p>None at this time</p>
	<p><u>Partnership/Collaboration:</u> Organizations that entered into formal written inter/intra-organizational agreements (e.g., MOUs/MOAs) to improve mental health-related practices/activities that are consistent with the goals of the grant. Please enter the number of organizations and briefly describe the agreements....</p> <p>None at this time</p>
	<p><u>Types/Targets of Practice:</u> Programs/organizations/communities that implemented evidence-based mental health-related practices/activities as a result of the grant. Please enter the number of programs/organizations/communities and briefly describe the evidence-based practices....</p> <p>Unknown at this time</p>

2. Problems

Describe any deviations or departures from the original project plan including actual/anticipated slippage in task completion dates, and special problems encountered or expected. Use this section to describe barriers to accomplishment, actions taken to overcome difficulties, and to advise DMH of any needs for assistance.

None at this time

3. Significant Findings and Events

For special notice to Principal Investigator, State Outreach Team for Youth in Transition, Federal Project Officer, etc. This should include any changes in staffing, including of persons, time spent, and/or responsibilities. Attach resumes and qualifications of new staff.

Four YIT volunteers and staff participated in the MLK Day of Service January 19th at Grace Congregational Church by preparing food for a free soup luncheon and decorating the room with MLK, Jr. quotes.

Rutland's Youth of the Year, Sandy Killary, was selected through a judging process and from four outstanding nominees.

CenterFest took place on April 22nd with numerous participants raising \$330.

The Center hosted guest speakers from the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter with a presentation about sexual violence awareness and prevention.

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4. Dissemination activities

Briefly describe project related inquiries and information dissemination activities carried out over the reporting period. Itemize and include a copy of any newspaper, newsletter, and magazine articles or other published materials considered relevant to project activities, or used for project information or public relations purposes.

Howe Center Newsletter article by students Dan DeJarnette and Kendra Hier in March,

Cider Magazine ad for the Center in March

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5. Other Activities

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6. Activities Planned for Next Reporting Period

The Center will continue to be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 PM – 7 PM, Wednesdays from 3:15 PM – 6 PM, and Fridays from 5 PM – 6 PM; serving dinner each evening at 5 PM.

“YAC” or Young Adults for Change will meet weekly with time and day to be determined

VOAP (Vermont Outdoor Adventure Program) will continue to offer field trips monthly throughout July and August.

Beginning in July, the Center is planning to host guest speakers every other Thursday evening at 5 PM.

Young Adults 4 Change, the youth in transition leadership group who planned and coordinated our first CenterFest is looking at the possibility of hosting a CenterFest II in August.

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