

**PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT  
COVER SHEET**

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## PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORTING

**March 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2010**  
**Rutland Region YIT “the Center and street outreach” Program**

### Major Activities and Accomplishments during this period:

Final planning and preparations to begin the Rutland Region program for YIT took place.

Staff was hired and trained including:

**Director** – Brooke Nuckles

**Coordinator**- Alisha Keel (also Jump On Board for Success- JOBS- case manager for Rutland Mental Health

**Peer Outreach Worker**- Sarah Schreiber

**Cooking for life Kitchen coordinator**- Teresa Felix

**Rotating kitchen staff**- Ryan, Stacy,

**Volunteers**- Jeff Durkee (Vermont Achievement Center, PRIME family resources and VCRHYP- Vermont coalition of runaway and homeless youth program), Adam Sancic (Department of Economic Services and former Spectrum (Burlington) outreach coordinator), and ever growing!!

The Rutland Region opened “The Center,” a life skills center located centrally in downtown Rutland open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 A.M. – 2 P.M. The grand opening of “the Center” was Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 2 PM.

During open hours, street outreach occurs, lunch is served, and staff is available to provide and build caring relationships and make referrals to community resources and opportunities. In addition, youth visiting the Center are offered career development, employment help, volunteer and service learning opportunities and other life skills coaching.

### Problems:

none

### Significant Findings and Events:

Attendance of youth and young adults is increasing daily as word spreads about the Center and street outreach program.

From June 7<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, there were:

- 85 visits to the Center
- 42 lunches served
- 70 contacts made doing street outreach.

### Dissemination Activities:

The *Rutland Herald* reported about the opening of the life skills center. See article: “Club to Expand Outreach” June 8, 2010.

Brochures and posters have been and continue to be distributed throughout Rutland. Community outreach has included visits to and attending meetings with: Rutland Regional Partnership for Family Services, Local Interagency Team, Rutland High School, Success School, Rutland Mental Health Services, Restorative Justice and

Diversion, Rutland Police Department, Drug Court, Vocational Rehabilitation, Economic Services, Citizens on Patrol, Rutland County Foster Parents Association, Rutland County Parent Child Center, CareNet, Eckerd Youth and Family Services, Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter, The Open Door Mission, Vermont Adult Learning, BROC, and more.

Other Activities:

Referrals have been made to the JOBS program, Economic Services, Vermont Department of Labor, BROC, Rutland Housing Coalition, Neighborworks, the Community Cupboard, Vocational Rehabilitation, CareNet, the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter, and the Open Door Mission.

Activities Planned for Next reporting period:

Grant writing to enhance and expand the program is currently being pursued. Brooke nominated Sarah Schreiber for the Mario Savio Young Activist Award (\$5000), Sarah wrote a BIC Do Something grant for the center (\$5000), and Brooke and Larry will submit a federal grant specifically for street outreach (up to \$200,000). In addition, we are hoping to collaborate with other organizations including the Vermont Achievement Center and the Rutland County Parent Child Center to address the need for transitional housing in Rutland.