



# Annual Report 2018

Jefferson County  Youth Bureau

A Division of Jefferson County Department of Social Services  
250 Arsenal Street Watertown, New York 13601



# JEFFERSON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

## Annual Report January 1—December 31, 2018

During 2018, the Youth Bureau and Advisory Board acted in an advisory capacity to the Jefferson County Board of Legislators through the Health and Human Services Committee

**Scott Gray, Chairman of the Board of Legislators**

### Health and Human Services Committee

John Peck, District 7, Chair  
Anthony Doldo, District 15  
Allen Drake, District 4  
Robert Ferris, District 11  
Carolyn Fitzpatrick, District 12  
Jeremiah Maxon, District 10  
James Nabywaniec, District 8

### Youth Advisory Board

Sheryl Foan, Watertown, Chair  
Jesse Roshia, Watertown, Vice Chair  
Brooke Bazinet, Watertown, Secretary  
Grace Babcock, Adams (youth member)  
Amy Briggs, Lafargeville  
Robert Cantwell, III, Liaison with Board of Legislators  
Sharon Chaple, Watertown  
Robin Colello-Poplaski, Watertown  
Dan Deegan, Watertown  
Taylor Edgar, Adams Center (youth member)  
Jane Gendron, Watertown  
Karlie Maloney, Belleville (youth member)  
Kristine Maloney, Watertown  
Mary Jane Mathewson, Watertown  
Thomas Powlin, Watertown  
Rebecca Reed, Carthage, Immediate Past Chair  
Matt Rogers, Adams Center  
Allyson Ruetten, Dexter (youth member)  
Christine Sutton, Watertown  
Scott Weller, Carthage

Robert Hagemann, County Administrator  
Sarah Baldwin, Deputy County Administrator  
Teresa Gaffney, Commissioner, DSS  
James Schell, Deputy Commissioner/Youth Bureau Director



***Mission Statement: to provide, promote and expand opportunities for the positive development of all children and youth in Jefferson County***

## **Highlights**

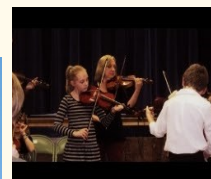
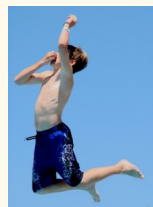
### **Community Support**

The Youth Bureau provided opportunities for youth serving programs to share information and resources and for the community to respond to identified youth needs. The Youth Services Network provided information on the topics of: Adolescent pregnancy prevention, Probation information regarding “Raise the Age”, Community Outreach Center, YMCA youth and family programs, the Q Center programs, Sexually Exploited Youth training, Alliance for Better Communities “Not a Number” program, PPNCNY Lift program, Healthy Families NY, NCPPC training on Youth Mental Health First Aid and awareness, and Youth Advocacy Empowerment. Just to name a few.

The Youth Services Network gathers information from all attendees about the programs they provide. Minutes are taken and posted on the Jefferson County Youth Bureau website.

### **Recreation Scholarships**

28 girls & 27 boys ranging in age from four to seventeen received scholarships for activities such as overnight camps, music lessons, youth leadership conference, martial arts, boxing, swimming, dance classes, tumbling and gymnastics classes, art classes, sports, cheerleading, yoga and day camps.



**2018**

## ***Youth Recognition Awards***

In recognition of outstanding accomplishments, annual youth recognition awards were presented to:

### **Outstanding Youth Volunteer**

**Logan Corron**

### **Youth Overcoming Odds**

**Samson Thomas**

### **Youth Leadership**

**Lydia Cantwell**

### **Outstanding Adult Youth Worker**

**Cynthia Moore**

### **Promising Ability in Youth Services**

**Laura Wormwood**

### **It Takes A Community**

**Kevin and Aimee Murphy**



## Youth Bureau Funded Programs



### Funding

**\$84,615** in funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services supported:

- ★ Ten programs operated by non-profit agencies
- ★ Recreation Scholarships

### The Young People

Programs reported a total of 1378 children and youth attending Youth Bureau funded programs. (Children may have been counted more than once if they attended more than one program.)

#### Gender

*49% were boys and 51% were girls*

#### Ethnicity

*80% Caucasian ~ 8% African-American ~ 3% Hispanic ~ 1% Asian ~ 6% Two or more races ~ 2% American Indian, Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian*

**Ages** 137 ~ *under five years old*  
311 ~ *five to nine years old*  
404 ~ *ten to fourteen years old*  
367 ~ *fifteen to seventeen years old*  
159 ~ *eighteen to twenty years old*

### Youth Development

#### ***Hearts For Youth***

***(Hearts For Youth Inc. \$10,500)***

A program focusing on life enrichment opportunities that facilitate youth in volunteering and being an active and vital part of their community. After school and summer programs encourage teamwork and camaraderie, building relationships, developing physical and cognitive skills and encouraging healthy, respectful, productive citizenship.



#### ***Engineering for a Better Summer***

***(Jefferson-Lewis BOCES \$4,000)***

A two week summer camp was offered to youth entering 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The focus was participation in a multi-faceted service learning project with a mission to build healthy partnerships and supports that empower youth to be contributing members of the community.

#### ***Youth Court***

***(Resolution Center \$9,000)***



Youth volunteers are trained to oversee sentencing of younger children who have pled guilty to misdemeanors and infractions of the law.



## Youth Development Continued

### **Summer Theater Institute** **(Lyme Central School \$3,500)**

Students in grades K-12 will produce and present a high quality theater production to the local community.



### **YMCA Summer School Program** **(Watertown Family YMCA \$5,000)**



A 6 week summer program designed to help students in grades 1-4 that are classified as needing help with reading so they can catch up to or keep up with their grade level.

### **Certified Babysitting/CPR Classes** **(North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council \$3,000)**



Youth who care for children were trained in a variety of aspects related to infant and child care as well as emergency care. At least one babysitting course with CPR/First Aid was offered in each of the 12 Jefferson County school districts. All participants that complete the class received CPR certification at no cost.

### **Recreation Scholarships** **(Youth Bureau \$12,615)**

Financial assistance to cover the costs of skill-building activities, camps, sports and lessons for children from financially needy families.

## Child Abuse Prevention and Family Support

### **The Q Center** **(ACR Health \$8,500.00)**

The center provides services, activities and supports for our community's LGBT youth.



The overall goal of the program is improved health and social-emotional outcomes for LGBT youth and their families.

### **CASA** **(Resolution Center \$5,500)**

Trained volunteers work with Family Court, DSS and parents to determine the best and most permanent placements for children.

### **Watertown Teen Center Life Skills** **(Children's Home of Jefferson County \$10,000)**

Teens learn healthy living skills with a focus on nutrition, food choices, menu planning, food preparation and careers in the culinary arts field.



### **School Age Child Care Scholarships** **(Watertown Family YMCA \$13,000)**

Scholarships for safe and enriching after school child care.

