



Jefferson County Youth Bureau

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Youth Development Program

- The funding amount for the 2025-2026 program year is \$130,261. This funding is to assist with a variety of developmental opportunities to promote positive youth development by advancing the well-being of youth. The spending period of the funding is 10/1/25-9/30/26.
- Funding can be used for a wide variety of Youth Development Programs including, but not limited to
 - Citizenship and Civic Engagement (youth leadership, race equity, cultural competency, etc.)
 - Community (youth activism, mentoring, community service, etc.)
 - Economic Security (career development, life skills, etc.)
 - Physical and Emotional Health (summer camp, creative expression, etc.)
 - Education (“out of school time” programming to support education engagement, etc.)
 - Family (conflict resolution supports like restorative practices, etc.)
- Funded programs must embed the principles of positive youth development, and promote the well-being of youth, by foster the following:
 - Physical and psychological safety.
 - Appropriate structure.
 - Supportive relationships.
 - Opportunities to belong.
 - Positive social norms.
 - Support for efficacy.
 - Opportunities for skill-building
 - Integration of family, school, and community efforts.
- Youth Development Eligibility
 - Serve youth under 21 years of age.
 - Promote positive youth development.

Applicants for the Youth Development Program will need to submit an RFP and provide all required documents. RFP'S can be sent to Jefferson County Department of Social Services/Youth Bureau by e-mail

(Nicholle.Lacey@dfa.state.ny.us) 250 Arsenal St. Watertown, NY 13601), or fax (315-785-3109). **RFP'S are due by 4PM on Friday August 29th. Please reach out if you are unable to meet the deadline.**

Please contact Nicholle Lacey at the Department of Social Services/Youth Bureau, at 315-785-5031 or Tammy Hunter at 315-785-3128, if you have any questions or need additional information.