



Jefferson County Youth Bureau

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Youth Development Program

- The funding amount for the 2026-2027 program year is \$134,749. 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 10/1/26-9/30/27.
- 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 fostering 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. In addition, please submit Forms OCFS-5001,5002,5003, and coding doc OCFS-5003. All information 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). **RFPs/doc. are due by 4PM on Friday August 14th.**

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.