



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA of Greater Cleveland

# COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT

## PURPOSE

In response to the increasing negative and high-risk behaviors confronting today's youth, the Cleveland YMCA has designed an innovative and highly successful programming model that involves the family, schools, juvenile justice system, collaborating agencies, and the community at large – all of which have an opportunity to make a positive impact on the youth of our community – The Community Youth Services (CYS) programs at the YMCA.

CYS currently offers programs in YMCA branches, in schools, and at satellite locations.

## METHODOLOGY

- Collaborate with partner agencies.
- Provide youth with academic and social support where they need it – not limited to the YMCA.
- Promote and address the need for academic rigor while also addressing the need for building social,

developmental, and financial support to meet the increased academic demands placed on them.

## EXPECTED OUTCOME

- Reduce negative and high-risk behaviors confronting today's youth.
- Assist students in building stronger social networks.
- Increase youth exposure to the 40 Developmental Assets, which are correlated to a reduction in high-risk behaviors and are designed to help students have more likelihood of success.
- Youth to become more self-motivated and willing to take advantage of academic services that are made available to them such as tutoring, mentor/mentee events, lectures, and workshops.
- Foster an improved level of self-confidence in youth.

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### SUCCESS STORIES

After participating in the Law and Government cluster, rising 9th grader Autumn was selected to be a part of the Ohio's First Forty program sponsored by the office of the Governor. She attended leadership camp and has taken on the task of getting more students involved.

CYS programs truly help students realize the many career options open to them. Shaconna B, who has a number of career aspirations, decided to pursue a career in the field of law after participating in the Law and Government cluster two years ago. She was initially very reluctant but gave it a try and found out it could be fun. After presenting before a Youth and Government Mock Supreme Court session at the state conference, she took the initiative to ask a program volunteer to mentor her. He helped her secure an internship at the Justice department.

When Sabrina R. came to the program, she was what some might call a troubled teen. She was both a runaway and at-risk for becoming a teen mom. The YMCA gave her mentors, a place to socialize with teens in a positive environment, and opportunities to travel, make presentations, and learn more about college. Currently, four years later, she has participated in YMCA programs and she has become a different person.

Sabrina is no longer violent at home nor has she run away. She knows that when things feel tough, there are adults outside of her family that she can talk to. She has also taken on leadership roles in school and in the Y-Achievers program. She has traveled to multiple youth summits and presented at the state Youth and Government conference last year.

### PARTICIPATION DATA

**100%** of participants were from Cuyahoga County

### DEMOGRAPHICS

