



## 2012 Annual Report



*Our mission is to work with the Southampton Town community to empower youth and families, promote total health and well-being, and develop life skills through programs, activities, and services.*



Our goal is to foster the positive growth and development of all youth so that they succeed to the best of their ability at school, home, work, and in the community; who are physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally fit; who contribute to a positive quality of life in our community through service, entertainment, the arts, and athletics; and who avoid inappropriate risk taking behaviors. Our priorities include childhood and adolescent mental health, prevention of substance abuse and violence, and engaging youth outside of school. In these efforts the Youth Bureau partners with a broad range of community based agencies, local schools, other Town departments, Suffolk County, New York State, and other Youth Bureaus. Our team consists of 4 full time staff, 1 social work intern, 15 part time staff, 6 contract staff, a 16 member Youth Board, and a 25 member Youth Advisory Committee.



# Year at a Glance 2012

## Youth Served

Direct Services were delivered to **1223 youth**

Contracted services were delivered to **350 youth**

Information and education services were delivered to an estimated **2500 youth**

## Funded By

Town of Southampton Cablevision Fees:	\$352,509
Town of Southampton General Fund:	\$248,538
State of New York:	\$ 17,036
Private Funders:	\$ 7,650

*Cost per youth served:* \$ 250

*Local Taxpayer cost per youth served* \$ 106

## Provided Funding To

Family Service League	\$ 70,000 mental health services
Human Understanding & Growth Seminars	\$ 10,000 prevention services
Youth Advocacy & Resource Development	\$ 15,000 out of school time services
10 Youth Groups	\$ 2,250 community service projects

## Collaborative Partners – Programs

### *Town of Southampton:*

Highway Department	Police Department
Justice Court	Senior Services
Parks and Recreation Department	

### *Community Agencies:*

Alternatives Counseling Services	Riverhead Community Awareness Program
Bridgehampton Child Care & Recreation Center	Riverhead Library
Cornell University, School of Human Ecology	Shinnecock Nation
Hampton Bays Library	Stony Brook University, School of Social Welfare
Hampton Bays Schools	Southampton Youth Services
Human Understanding & Growth Seminars	The Retreat
Quogue Wildlife Refuge	

## Collaborative Partners – Coalitions and Community Education

Riverhead School District	Southold Youth Bureau
Riverhead Police Department	Suffolk County Probation Department
Riverhead Youth Bureau	Westhampton Beach School District
Sag Harbor School District (YARD)	Youth Advocacy and Resource Development

# 2012 Services

## **Counseling and Support Services**

Information & Referral – Youth Bureau social workers respond to inquiries for information and services related to problems encountered by local families.

Case Management – The Youth Counselor provided services to 21 clients in 2012, averaging 15 visits with each client.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – 11 grandparents, who are parenting 15 grandchildren, participated in this socio-educational support group.

Youth Outreach Umbrella – Family Service League provided treatment to 45 clients, totaling 657 counseling visits.

## **Skill Building and Leadership Development**

Act TWO – 20 youth participated in the teen drama troupe, completing training in basic acting skills such as projection and character placement; and highlighting important social issues by researching and presenting them to the public in insightful and informative skits. The troupe completed 7 performances for community groups ranging from senior citizens to elementary aged children on healthy relationships, bullying, and substance abuse.

Project Venture – 14 youth participated in this adventure based prevention program, successfully completing the Native American philosophy based curriculum, culminating in a 2 day camping trip at Squiretown Park. Project Venture youth successfully advocated for a playground in their neighborhood and in 2012 a grant was obtained to build one in Iron Point Park.

Youth Advisory Committee/Youth Board – 39 youth participated as youth advisors through these two programs, incorporating youth input into policy and program decisions at the Youth Bureau. In addition, 8 community service projects were completed by these two groups, ranging from yard clean-up to planning youth events to a short community education video about local youth.

Youth Court – 68 youth volunteered in the Youth Court, successfully completing training, passing the bar exam, and conducting 12 trials of their peers charged with minor offenses.

Employment and Internship Programs – 81 youth participated in these programs, including the Annual Job Fair and Broader Horizons and Flanders Farm Market summer work programs. The Youth Bureau also provided internships to 2 Southampton High School students for their senior project.

## **Out of School Time Programs**

Youth Centers – 408 youth took advantage of programming at 2 Youth Centers – the Drop Spot in Flanders and the PATH in North Sea. These include drop in hours in a safe, pro-social environment, but also include homework help, physical activity, prevention skill building, educational workshops, preparing and eating healthy snacks, field trips, and informal counseling.

Alternative Activities – 665 youth participated in special events, which range from talent competitions to sports and video tournaments to trips to amusement attractions to special use of local facilities. Designed to provide healthy and fun alternatives during free, unstructured, high risk times, a diverse group of youth from across the Township participated in these events.

Summer Programs – 430 youth participated in a range of programs offered in the summer months, also designed to engage youth during high risk times, and including a free summer food service program, an affordable day camp, and summer evening social/recreational events.

## **Community Education Activities**

East End Youth Leadership Summit – 110 youth were hosted at a one day leadership summit at Suffolk Community College, hosted by the Youth Bureau and a collaboration of community agencies that serve youth

Violence Prevention and Gang Awareness Seminar – 125 youth serving professionals and parents attended this education and training seminar, *also* hosted by the Youth Bureau and a collaboration of community agencies that serve youth.

Youth Services Network – 3 training and networking sessions for those working with youth were held in 2012.

Community Forums on Bullying – 3 forums were held across the Southampton community, providing information about bullying awareness and prevention and intervention strategies.

Teen Assessment Project – The data generated in the December, 2011 administration of the TAP survey was analyzed and compiled into a report, which is available to the community as well as to schools and parents. The report shows significant improvement in rates of reported use of alcohol, binge drinking, and tobacco.

Boards, Committees, and Coalitions – The Youth Bureau brought the Town's resources to bear on the Greater Westhampton Beach Community Coalition, the Riverhead Community Coalition, and the Sag Harbor Community Coalition, all designed to reduce youth substance abuse; the Southampton Youth Services Board, the Youth Advocacy and Resource Development Board, and the Parent Leadership Initiative Steering Committee.

