

2017 Program Report Card: Supports for Youth with Disabilities



Achieving Youth Results (AYR) Goal:
 Children and youth will have optimal physical and emotional health.

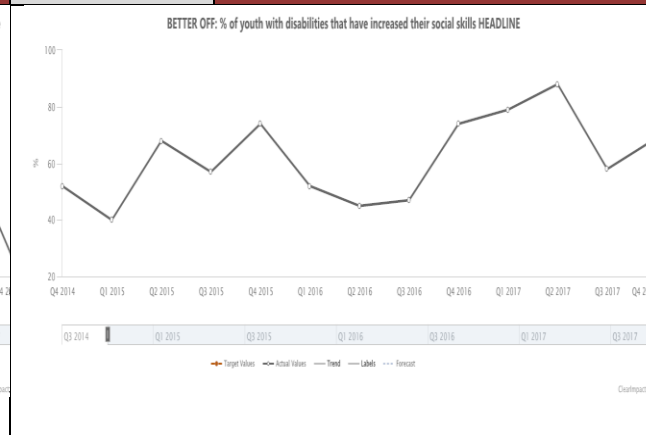
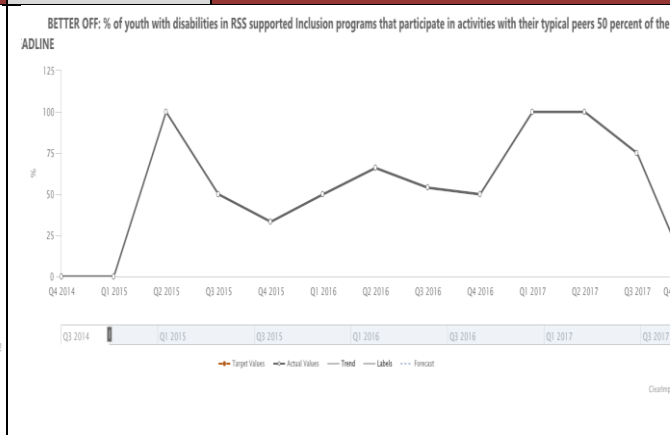
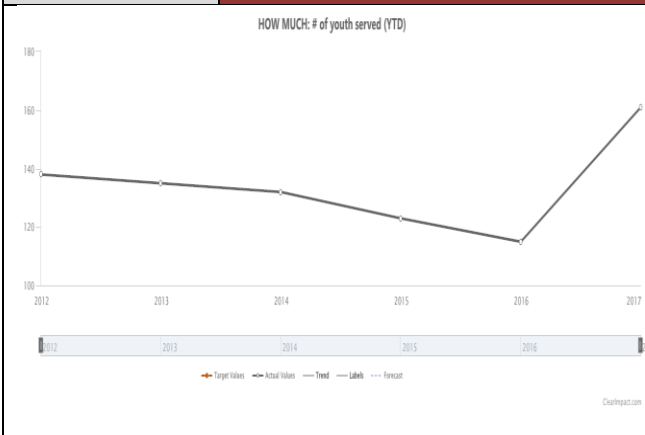
Program: Recreational Support Services
Agency: Ithaca Youth Bureau

CLIENTS:
 Youth ages 2-21 who have a developmental disability.

PARTNERS:
 Franziska Racker Centers, parents/ guardians, school districts, Blue Sky Center, Ithaca College, OPWDD, YMCA, Mental Health

RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY HEADLINE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HOW MUCH:	161 youth	BETTER OFF:	75%	BETTER OFF:	69%
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THE STORY BEHIND THE DATA

GRAPH 1: # of youth served - 120 is the number of youth we proposed in our request. We have found more families ask for more programming. Example: Summer Camp Inclusion Participants now wish for year round programming. Thus, less quantity of individuals but more service hours. More youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder are involved in our program. Each child requires substantial amount of time to develop a relationship with staff who becomes the "giver of good things." Thus, more time needed for each new child which may result in lower overall numbers.

GRAPH 2: % of youth with disabilities in RSS supported Inclusion programs that participate in activities with their typical peers 50 percent of the time. - Repeated inclusion in summer camp increases likelihood of improved skill (we see many of the same kids ages 5-13). More training is being offered to people outside of RSS staff, so skills are likely to increase. Slowly but surely other recreation agencies are supporting inclusion so that kids will have more opportunities to be with their neurotypical peers.

GRAPH 3: % of youth with disabilities that have increased their social skills. - We are going to increase the challenge of the social skill goals for youth who are continuing to be involved in our program for more than 2 quarters. We are seeing an increase in the number of youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder who wish to participate in our programming. Since social skills are the primary disability for youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder we anticipate our percentage of goals reached will be decrease slightly.

AGENCY ACTION PLAN TO “TURN THE CURVE”

2018 Action Plan

HOW MUCH:

- Training for Camp Directors on Inclusion with Northeast’s ADA provided in April 2017.
- Collaborated with Franziska Racker Centers to provide staff for Camp Inclusion.
- Include student volunteers as part of course curriculum.
- Provide 1:1 swim, biking, play group on weekends.

BETTER OFF:

- Social stories were created for Camp Inclusion and Play Group and parents found this helpful. Siblings invited to Saturday Play Group and hopes to include swim program in 2018. Social goals assessed by RSS staff more appropriate to recreation play than IEP but we collaborate with teachers as well.

BETTER OFF:

- Forum was provided by Jennifer Linn Perry and another forum will be offered in 2018 for Parents.
- We offer Inclusion training as part of our department offerings.

2017 Action Plan & Status

RSS accomplished major goals in 2017 by offering training on Inclusion to local recreation agencies, increasing its weekend programming through play groups, swimming and biking programs and working with Ithaca College to develop opportunities for students to do Service Learning, Community Service and Programming Support throughout the Academic Year.

HOW MUCH ↑ Accomplished

- Increase weekend programming
- Increase volunteer recruitment
- Offer Inclusion training as part of RSS mission

BETTER OFF ↑ Accomplished

- Develop Social Story for key programs
- Include siblings in weekend programs
- Identify 2 social goals from IEP and focus on those in recreation programming

BETTER OFF ↑ Accomplished

- Forum in March for area camp directors
- Bring ADA Specialist to community for overview
- Be a designated training site