



2016 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:

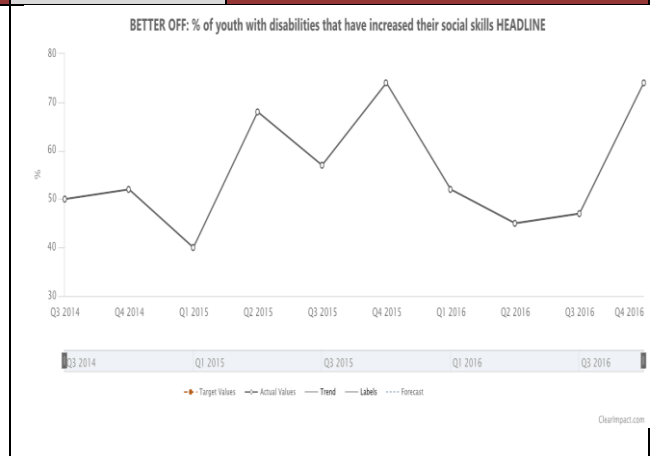
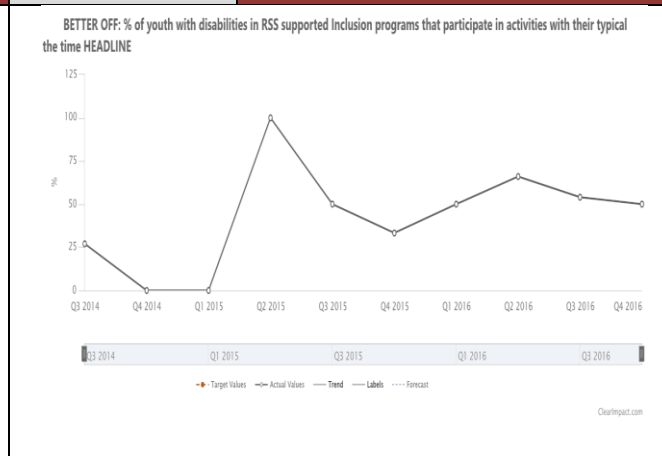
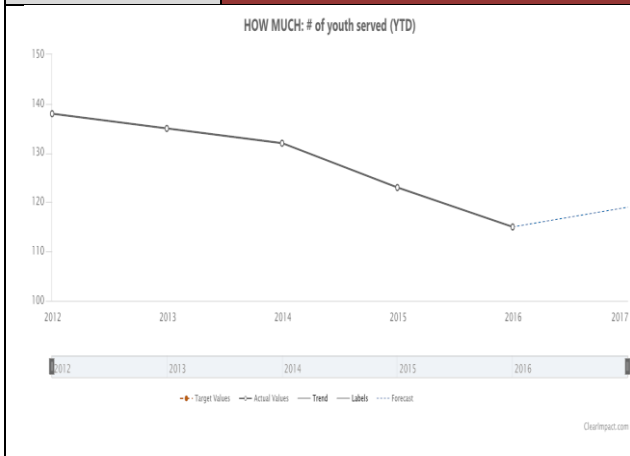
115 youth

HOW WELL:

55%

BETTER OFF:

55%



THE STORY BEHIND THE DATA

GRAPH1: # of youth served

120 is the number of youth we proposed in our request . We estimate we will serve this number of youth in 2016. 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 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 into 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"

2016 Action Plan

- Increase weekend programming
- Increase volunteer recruitment
- Offer Inclusion training as part of RSS mission
- Develop Social Story for key programs
- Include siblings in weekend programs
- Identify 2 social goals from IEP and focus on those in recreation programming
- Forum in March for area camp directors
- Bring ADA Specialist to community for overview
- Be a designated training site

2015 Action Plan

- Programming that is specifically therapeutic in nature (Therapeutic Horseback Riding) that focuses in on social skill development for individuals with serious developmental delays. Increase involvement in programs where other neurotypical youth are present.
- Training and support on Inclusion for Ithaca Youth Bureau roster staff.
- Increase a welcoming atmosphere into general Youth Bureau recreation programs.