

2020 Program Report Card: Safe Place Out of School Time



Achieving Youth Results (AYR) Goal:

Our community will provide children, youth, and families with healthy, safe, and thriving environments.

Program: 4-H Urban Outreach

Agency: Cornell Cooperative Extension

CLIENTS:

Young people 5-18 who may have barriers or risk factors living in affordable housing apartment complexes in Ithaca.

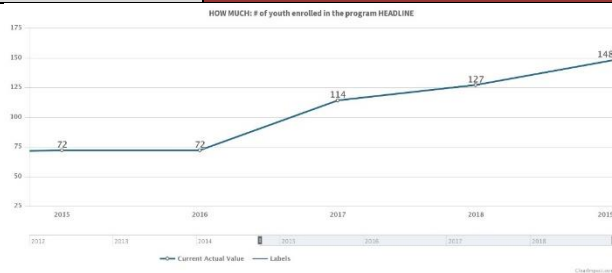
PARTNERS:

Cornell University and Cornell Public Service Center, Free Science Workshop, Inc., Tompkins County Library Staff, Ithaca Housing Authority, CCE-TC Nutrition, Horticulture and Energy Educators, Ijump, Community Foundation of Tompkins County, Social Services League, Park Foundation, Ithaca Mural, Friends of the TCPL, Friendship Donation Network, Words to Deeds, Reliant Realty at West Village Apartments, Cornell Asian Student Organization, Ithaca Youth Bureau YES Program, The Floating Classroom, LACS, volunteers, program educators.

RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY HEADLINE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HOW MUCH:

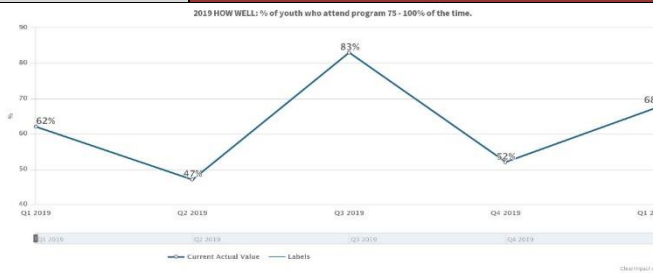
148 Youth*



*Youth served in 2019

HOW WELL:

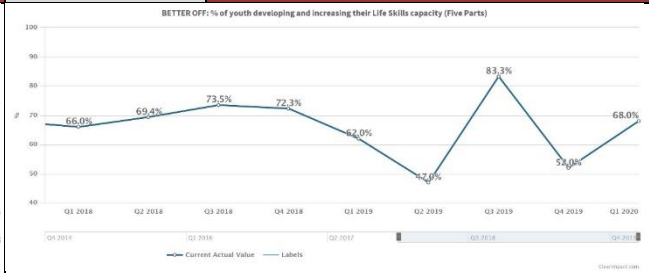
68%*



*54/79 youth in Q1 of 2020 (Q2 2020 data not available)

BETTER OFF:

68%*



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THE STORY BEHIND THE DATA

GRAPH 1: # of youth enrolled – The 4H Urban Outreach program served 99 youth by Q2 2020 and held 185 programs. The program is attended by 94% minority youth and 60% of youth speak English as a second language. The program is on track to serve 126-140 by the end of Q4 2020. We forecast program enrollment will increase if school closes again during Q4 2020 and Q1 2021 and we move to an online program. COVID-19 has made forecasting our enrollment difficult because we do not know if we will continue to be able to hold programs in person or if they will need to be held online. Programs were not held during Q2 of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and program educators pivoted to working to connect families with community agencies, providing food and crucial support.

GRAPH 2: % of youth who attend program 75-100% of the time - We forecast steady or slightly lower performance measurements for Q4 2020 through Q2 2021. Attendance at programs generally increases during the Q3 since we started offering free summer programs. Not all of the children can attend the program every day and some youth join or move during the quarter. Program enrollment and consistent attendance is closely tied to other performance measurements.

GRAPH 3: % of youth developing and increasing their Life Skills capacity (five parts) – Attendance is the primary driver for whether youth can attain a high level of performance for this measure. The majority of youth in our programs are fully participating and gaining life-skills at every meeting. The 4H Urban Outreach program is growing increasing our community partnerships. We forecast developing new and innovative partnerships in 2021 to provide more programs for youth by sharing resources to help youth achieve a higher level of well-being. The program forecasts additional school closures during the Q4 2019 – Q1 2021 period that will create a need to help youth with homework. We forecast an increase in this Better Off measurement beginning in Q2 2021 due to increased community partners, mentors, and preparing for online and onsite programs.

AGENCY ACTION PLAN TO “TURN THE CURVE”

2021 Action Plan

HOW MUCH

- Being flexible to meet family & community needs.
- Increasing partnership with the Free Science Workshop, Inc. to increase underserved and minority youth access to STEAM.
- Providing food & snacks.

HOW WELL

- Holding onsite and online programs.
- Having a diverse group of community partners, hiring people that live in the communities we serve.
- Purchasing tablets for under-served families

BETTER OFF

- Proving STEAM access and partnerships for youth.
- Focusing on reading and literacy and pairing with community partners.
- Continuing to create lessons & projects that involve experiential learning and promote positive youth development.

2020 Action Plan & Status

HOW MUCH

- STEAM Field Trips: Youth and parents report STEAM field trips and projects as number one reason youth like to attend 4H program. Continue to partner with community partners to offer this programming. **↑ Accomplished**
- Providing food at every program and providing CCE-TC Nutrition and Cooking programs designed for youth taught by professional educators. **↑ Accomplished (expanded to families during pandemic)**
- Work with community partners to offer dynamic hands-on experiential STEAM and life-skill programs. **↑ Accomplished**

HOW WELL

- Constant communication with parents about the program. **↑ Accomplished**
- Holding consistent and frequent programs. **↑ Accomplished**
- Keeping the 4-H Urban Outreach Program free. **↑ Accomplished**

BETTER OFF

- Create engaging hands-on STEAM learning opportunities with new community and university partners. **↑ Accomplished**
- Increase the number of physical activities youth participate in. **↑ Accomplished**
- Continue to develop positive relationships with youth and parents to create a sense of belonging and safe spaces for youth to spend out of school time learning new skills. **↑ Accomplished**