

2017 Joint Youth Commission Members and Liaisons

Lorraine Moran	T. Ithaca
Evie Karnes	T. Ithaca
Christianne White	T. Ithaca
Julia DePaolo*	T. Ithaca
Karyn Scott	T. Caroline
Ronny Hardaway	V. Lansing
Sandie Grooms	At-Large
Rachel Eginton	Youth
3 current vacancies	T. Ithaca, T. Caroline, V. Lansing

Rich DePaolo	T. Ithaca liaison
John Fracchia	T. Caroline liaison
Kris Bennett	Tompkins Co. liaison

*Resigned seat during 2017

The Commission evaluates youth needs and makes funding recommendations accordingly. Members actively engage in program monitoring and evaluation of programs.

If you are interested in serving on the JYC, please contact Kris Bennett, 274-5310.

↓ Learning Web tour with D.E.C. environmental officers



2017 Annual Report

Joint Youth Commission

Serving the towns of Caroline and Ithaca and the Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing



↑ Youth in CCE RYS Sky's the Limit program tour the airport
↓ Learning Web community service participants at Cayuga Nature Center

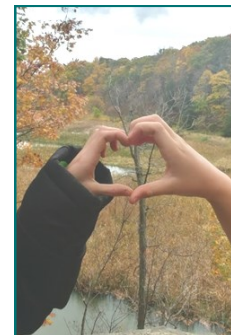


JYC Youth Program Priorities

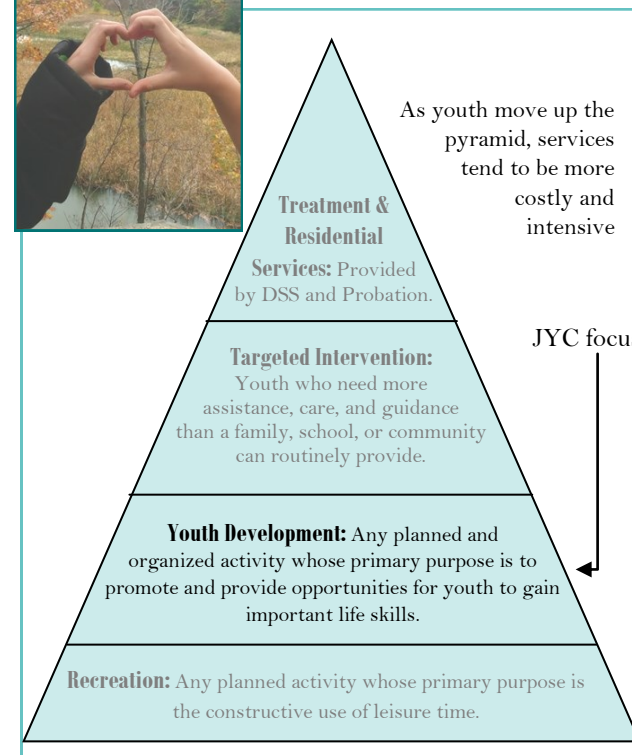
- ◆ First time employment, employment training, career exploration, apprenticeships
- ◆ Youth development and life skills

Understanding Youth Development

Youth development programs are purposefully designed to promote and provide opportunities for youth to gain important life skills that allow youth to have meaningful roles in their communities.



← Youth in CCE RYS Outdoor Adventures



↑ Youth in IYB YES customer service workshop

Other 2017 JYC News

- ◆ A new provider for youth employment began working with JYC youth to build employment skills and find first-time employment. The JYC renewed contracts with three other providers to provide programming for career exploration and life skills.
- ◆ The JYC undertook a youth needs assessment to inform its future priorities and funding. Analysis continues in early 2018 and a final report will be published in spring, 2018.
- ◆ The JYC launched a Facebook page.
- ◆ The JYC presented to the Caroline Town Board in 2017 and will present to the Village of Lansing Trustees in 2018.

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2017 Programs & Participation

Career Exploration

Learning Web Youth Exploration Program

Through guided apprenticeships, career exploration activities and volunteer community service projects, youth built pre-employment skills and knowledge of career opportunities, work roles and responsibilities. 28 youth did apprenticeships, 25 youth toured 48 worksites, 33 did community service, 37 received pre-placement services. For more information, contact Micah Wilkins, 275-0122.

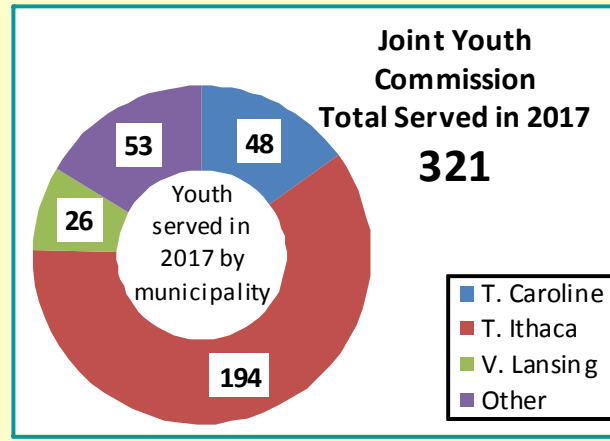
First-Time Paid Youth Employment

Camp Coddington CIT Program

Over the summer, 9 JYC youth participated in workshops, presentations and field trips to build skills needed for success in the work world including teamwork, communication, money management, how to look for employment and more. They also worked at the camp, putting their skills to use. For information, contact Isaac Piha, 277-1434.

Ithaca Youth Bureau Youth Employment Service (YES)

Forty JYC youth were matched for work in first-time paid jobs and supported by YES staff. Twenty-three additional JYC youth built work-readiness skills including job interviewing, application and résumé prep, through coaching and workshops at YES Connect. Contact Beverly Stokes, 273-8364, for more information.



An additional 16 JYC youth were served by Cooperative Extension programs offered by other commissions.

Youth Development Programming

Cornell Cooperative Extension—Rural Youth Services

RYS staff offered 26 multi-week programs year-round and 11 special events to 140 youth, primarily in grades 5-8, to explore new activities, develop healthy lifestyle choices and build skills and positive relationships. Summer programs were offered jointly with other commissions, bringing youth together with peers from other municipalities and exposing youth to new areas of the county. For information, contact Beth Bannister, 272-2292.



↑ Bobcat Chefs preparing smoothies in CCE RYS program

2017 Funding

2017 Budget — \$189,282

Revenue comes from the Towns of Ithaca and Caroline, Village of Lansing, Tompkins County, and New York State to support programming for our local youth.

2017 Program Highlights

New to Ithaca and DeWitt Middle School, “K” did not have a friend and was eager to feel comfortable in his new home. He joined the Learning Web volunteer community service group and was not only able to volunteer and make new friends, but he also learned a lot about important Ithaca institutions. His parent noted that “K” increased his self-confidence, work habits, ability to relate to others, knowledge of community, ability to work as a team member, and developed a positive attitude toward community service.

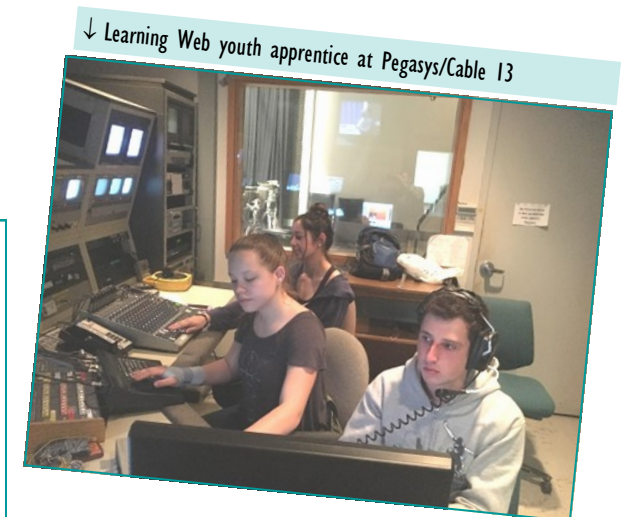
“C” was quite unsure of himself when he started his job at Camp Coddington. At first he was rambunctious and spoke unprofessionally to the campers. But as the summer progressed, he followed directions well, learning quickly from the guidance provided by staff. By the end of the session he asked if there were additional hours available for him to work. His growth as an employee was great to watch!



↑ YES teens preparing items for sale at Significant Elements

“D” obtained a summer job at CTB through the I.Y.B. Youth Employment Service. She had two goals as she started her job: memorize all of the sandwich names at CTB and save for college. Although family obligations sometimes prevented her from working, she communicated clearly with her worksite supervisor and worked to make up her missed hours each week. Her supervisor was so impressed with “D” that she offered her a part-time job during the school year.

“R” was an interested and active participant in Cooperative Extension’s Local Foods, Farms and Cooking program. Especially interested in cooking, “R” was enthusiastic every day and led the group in creating a sweet sauce using cucumbers and honey. She took the lead in inviting CCE staff to try the food creations and even enticed CCE’s executive director to attend the tasting event. At the end of the program, she said she may be interested in becoming a cook and planned to sign up for any future cooking programs.



↓ Learning Web youth apprentice at Pegasys/Cable 13