

Program Outcomes: Analysis of YIP participants who completed a post-test survey upon exiting their program are illuminating positive outcomes for youth:

- Over 50 percent of youth surveyed self-reported improvement in their grades, attendance and/or behavior at school.
- Over 80 percent of youth surveyed self-report no police tickets, citations and/or or new charges since they began the YIP program.
- 61 percent of youth self-reported abstinence from alcohol and 21 percent reported a decrease in use; 67 percent reported abstinence from marijuana and 15 percent reported a decrease in use; and 85 percent reported abstinence from “other drugs” and 5 percent reported a decrease in use as compared to when they began the YIP program.

While it is difficult to measure the outcomes of YIP programs collectively due to their diverse services and clientele, survey results reveal that individual programs have demonstrated promising or statistically significant improvements in the following areas:

- Increased youth ability to break big goals down into small steps;
- Increased youth satisfaction with grades and achievement;
- Decreased youth acting before thinking;
- Improved relationship with parents; decreased swearing and threatening at home, and
- Decreased irritability and anger; increased ability to control anger.