

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

We provided all children enrolled in the program with back to school supplies.

Six students attended the three day Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute retreat at El Rancho de Paz.

YES students planned and implemented a Tioga County winter clothes giveaway.

Families have been provided with holiday food baskets.

Many students were hired through the Broome-Tioga BOCES summer employment program.

Monthly goal setting allows the youth to earn rewards each month.



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TIOGA OUTREACH CENTER



Newark Valley Central
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YES

Youth Engagement
Services

*Help that works.
Hope that lasts.*

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In 2005, to combat low graduation rates reported in Tioga County, Newark Valley Central School District (NVSCD) set new goals to maximize the high school graduation rate in their district. The initiative was started after a study of student performance found that



Newark Valley
Central School

83% of students who failed either sixth or seventh grade also failed eighth, and students who repeated a grade between fifth and eighth grades were

almost 11 times more likely to drop out of school than those who did not repeat a grade.

As a result of the new goals set by the district, the Youth Engagement Services (YES) Program was created in 2006. The program is run as a collaboration between NVSCD and the Catholic Charities, Tioga Outreach Center and works with youth in the district in grades 7 through 12.

The YES program addresses three essential elements to increase students success:

Attendance Intervention

One of the most critical factors affecting student achievement is attendance. YES monitors student attendance and contacts parents regarding tardiness and absenteeism. Guidance and resources are offered to improve attendance.

Home & Family Study Support

Many studies suggest that parents become less involved with their child's education as the children advance through school and become more independent. YES aims to increase involvement of parents/guardians in their child's education. Consistent family guidance and support provided by the YES Coordinator helps keep



After-School Academic Support

parents actively involved with the students education and hold higher expectations for their children's further education attainment. Monthly progress reports, home visits, and special activities are some methods YES uses to improve communication between the school and the family.

After-School Academic Support

The After-School Program is designed to close the learning gap for those at risk of failure. YES provides an opportunity to help youth with learning experiences in ways that may not be possible in the regular classroom.

Three sessions per week are offered at Newark Valley High School from 2:35–3:20pm. Sessions are typically Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Some adjustments are made to work around holidays or provide extra sessions during major testing periods.

Sessions include a mixture of tutoring, job skills topics, life skills topics, and academic programming.

Presenters offer information on interview skills, nutrition education, healthy relationships, peer pressure, and a variety of other topics.

Field Trips are also offered. Previous field trips have included campus visits, a restaurant, SPCA, and the theatre.