



TROY YOUTH ASSISTANCE

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

In the vibrant heart of our city, Troy Youth Assistance serves as a dynamic force, tirelessly dedicated to the protection and advancement of at-risk youth. Our mission, deeply rooted in the prevention of juvenile delinquency, child neglect, and abuse, thrives on active community involvement and comprehensive family education programs.

As we navigate the post-pandemic landscape, Troy Youth Assistance remains agile, continually adapting to meet the evolving needs of our community. In response to shifting family dynamics and an increased prevalence of youth mental health issues, we stand resolute, offering support through family education, grants, and essential services.

Our Boost Grants initiative, emblematic of our steadfast commitment, has empowered two deserving students to surmount obstacles on their journey toward academic and professional success. These grants embody our unwavering dedication to ensuring that every student, regardless of obstacles, can access the opportunities that pave the way for a brighter future.

Troy Youth Assistance continues to actively explore how our resources can impact Troy students and their families, as evidenced by our strategic realignment efforts this year. As an organization, we are resolutely committed to providing opportunities for students who may not traditionally have access to them. This commitment extends to our dedication to family education, where we strive to break down barriers by creating podcasts that enable families to access our educational events without the need for sitters.

As we proudly present the 2022-2023 Annual Report, we invite you to delve into a snapshot of the pivotal functions Troy Youth Assistance provides across our community. This report reflects our commitment to transparency and accountability, showcasing the tangible impact of our collective efforts.

On behalf of the entire Troy Youth Assistance family, we extend heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support from our Troy community. Your commitment empowers us to persist in our mission of creating a brighter future for our at-risk youth. Together, we build resilience, foster growth, and pave the way for a stronger and more inclusive community. Thank you for being an integral part of our inspiring journey.

Shari Pawlus and Stephan Henning, Co-Chairpersons



93 TROY YOUTH AND FAMILIES REFERRED TO US THIS YEAR BY...

- 72 The Troy School District
- 11 Oakland County Prosecutor
- 5 parents/guardians
- 3 police
- 2 Child Protective Services

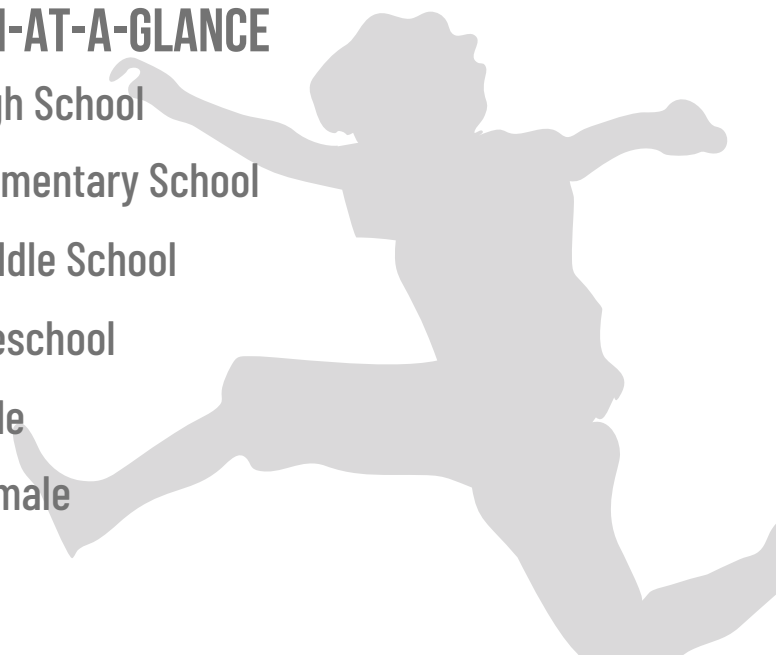
TOP 3 REASONS FOR REFERRALS

- 50 prevention services
- 18 school incorrigibility
- 8 truancy

Other reasons for referrals included destruction of property substance use, theft, assault, educational neglect, home incorrigibility and indecent exposure

TYA YOUTH-AT-A-GLANCE

- 46% High School
- 28% Elementary School
- 23% Middle School
- 3% Preschool
- 61% Male
- 32% Female



OUR FLIGHT PATH

Because incoming revenue for TYA continues to be outpaced by outgoing needs, the Executive Committee and Board of Directors dedicated significant time throughout the 2022-23 fiscal year to rejuvenate our mission and reassess all of our existing services as an agency.

There has not been a systematic review of our functions in the past 20 years. Our goal in the review was to recognize that our limited resources need to be applied only to activities with a direct, measurable impact on our target youth population. Initial discussions identified functions the entire organization agrees are of high impact value. Our 2023-24 fiscal year budget then only allocated funds for those functions; the remaining functions have been put on hold while we continue to work through a systematic review of their appropriateness and efficacy over the next few months. We anticipate that some functions may undergo significant alterations, while others may be discontinued indefinitely.

Our goal is to have reviewed and adjusted all functions by the close of this fiscal year, then reflect those adjustments in our 2024-25 fiscal budget. We think this is one way we can better align and prioritize our services to function efficiently within our available income. We will share service adjustments with stakeholders in the coming months once all changes have been implemented.



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-Mike Caminidi, TYA Caseworker

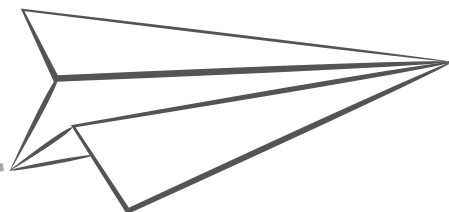
OUR YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

\$5631 SUPPORTING COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS, IN ADDITION TO PRIMARY SPONSORSHIP

\$3850 SUPPORTING CAMP AND SKILL BUILDING ACTIVITIES

\$1000 IN EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

\$900 SUPPORTING IN-SCHOOL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



18 CHILDREN ATTENDED CAMP OR SKILL-BUILDING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING...

- Tutoring
- Soccer
- Troy Community Coalition Summer Program
- Art classes
- TSD summer math classes
- TSD summer preschool
- Summer camp

11 COURT ACTIONS DIVERTED

8 FAMILY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES, ATTENDED BY...

- 75 Students
- 63 Parents

TOPICS INCLUDED...

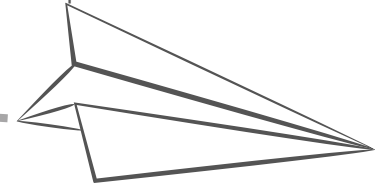
- Girls Stand Strong
- Overcoming Frustration and Anger
- Parenting Beyond Behavior
- Youth Yoga
- Understanding Vaping and Marijuana to Protect Youth Health





A WORD FROM TYA CASEWORKER MIKE CAMINIDI

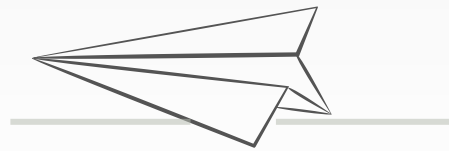
"As my first year of being the TYA Caseworker comes to a close, I've been reflecting on how grateful I am to be part of the Troy Community. I love working in a community that values education, diversity, and integrity. I have met so many amazing parents, teachers, students, support staff, therapists, volunteers and other professionals who have helped me grow into my role. The last several years have brought so many challenges to our families. I am hopeful that my role as Caseworker helps alleviate some pressures that our families are facing. It is such a gift to work with students and parents who are smart, dynamic, and fun. Through our process of developing goals and objectives for families, children and parents can learn different ways to deal with problematic behaviors at home, school, and in the community."



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

0 CHILDREN MENTORED
THROUGH TYA THIS YEAR

One of the most powerful ways TYA can make a difference for children and families in our community is through our mentorship program. People from all walks of life can form relationships with Troy children of all ages who might benefit from an additional guiding presence. TYA mentors help children build positive connections with others, learn how to express themselves in a healthy and productive way, develop new interests, improve their performance in school and more! At the moment TYA is in dire need of volunteer mentors. During this program year TYA did not mentor any children because of this shortage. You do not need to have experience parenting, any specific level of education, or a connection to the Troy School District to make a difference in the life of a child through TYA. Contact us today for more information, pressure free. You can help a child take flight!



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