

Youth Development Budget Priorities

1. Restore \$1.28 million to YDDP/SDPP to maintain SFY 2012-13 levels and restore \$214,456 for Runaway and Homeless Youth to maintain SFY 2012-2013 levels.

As you are aware the YDDP, SDPP and RHYA funding streams have been cut every year since 2008, declining from almost \$39 million to \$14.1 million in the 2012-13 state fiscal year. This year even if the funding streams are combined as proposed in the Executive Budget, an addition of \$1.28 million is needed to truly maintain the funding for the two programs at last year's levels. For RHYA, an addition of \$214,456 is needed to maintain last year's levels.



2. Make Amendments to the Governor's Proposed Youth Development Program

Although the ANYSYB supports administrative streamlining, we seek assistance from the Legislature to protect youth's access to quality programs and services around the state. The youth bureau system embodies the definition of youth development and prevention as an ongoing process in which children and adolescents seek ways to build life skills and competencies that allow them to be successful, achieve career and college readiness, and learn how to function effectively in their daily lives in the community. Positive youth development and prevention services include, but are not limited to programs that build skills to prepare New York's youth for graduation, career and job readiness, healthy eating and obesity prevention, mentors and to prevent them from entering or re-entering the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Youth Bureaus statewide provide programs and services to over 1.5 million youth.

Legislative Action

ANYSYB respectfully recommends the following:

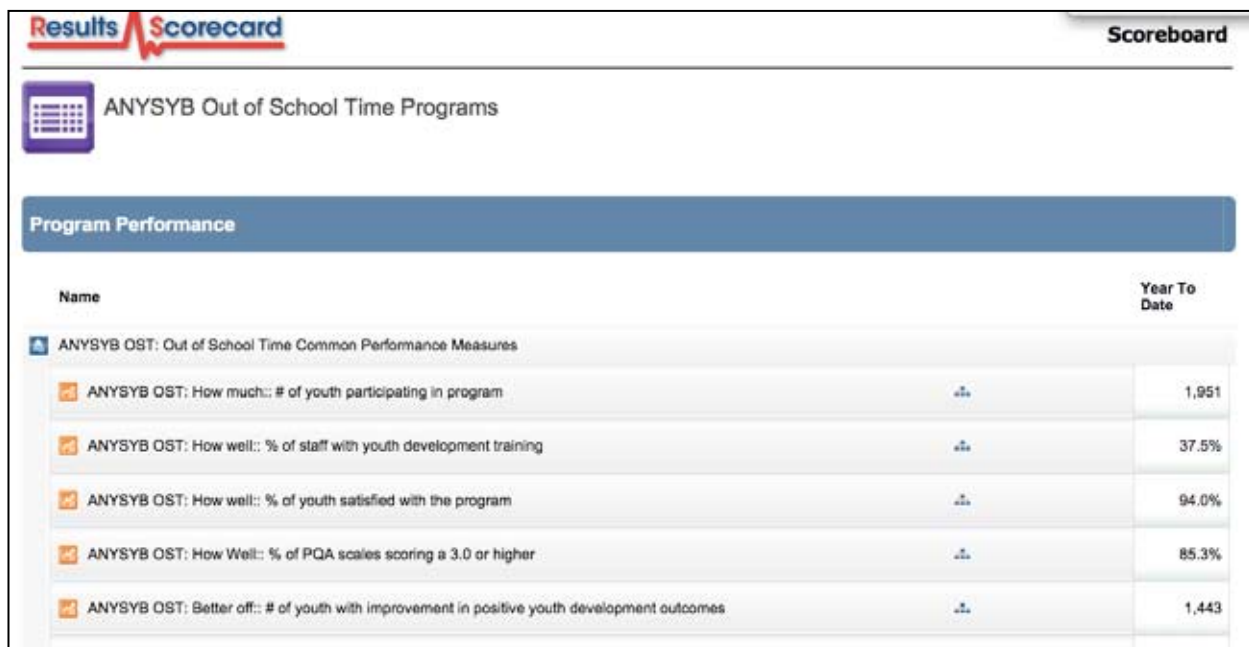
1. The proposed new Youth Development Program funding (formerly YDDP/SDPP funding) flow through County Youth Bureaus and the NY City Department of Youth and Community Development as single points of contact;
2. Authorize the January 1, 2014 effective date except that the comprehensive plan fund the 12-month transitional needs for city, town and village youth bureaus;
3. Authorize the Commissioner to develop, in consultation with existing youth bureau representatives, a report back to the Legislature that identifies regulations necessary to implement this chapter including, the distribution formula, role of municipal youth bureaus in development of the comprehensive plan and which local government department is eligible to receive the funding;
4. Amend that the comprehensive plan shall address the need in the municipality for youth development programs in all cities, towns and villages; and
5. Assure that the RHYA program is unaffected by the consolidation language and any distribution formula changes.



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3. Add \$150,000 for new Outcome Measurements and Reporting Requirements as outlined in the Governor's Proposed Youth Development Program.

With relation to adding the reporting of outcome measures as outlined in the Governor's proposal, the Association has already taken a lead in piloting Results Scorecard, a trademarked software system that tracks youth results and program impact (see sample data collected below). The following counties are currently utilizing this measurement system or are involved in a pilot program: Orange, Erie, Herkimer, Broome, Washington, Madison, Ontario, Saratoga, and Schenectady. We urge the Legislature not to impose an unfunded mandate and to authorize funding for training and software licenses necessary to support this new requirement.



The screenshot displays the 'Results Scorecard' interface for 'ANYSYB Out of School Time Programs'. It features a 'Program Performance' section with a table of metrics. The table has two columns: 'Name' and 'Year To Date'. The data is as follows:

Name	Year To Date
ANYSYB OST: Out of School Time Common Performance Measures	
ANYSYB OST: How much:: # of youth participating in program	1,951
ANYSYB OST: How well:: % of staff with youth development training	37.5%
ANYSYB OST: How well:: % of youth satisfied with the program	94.0%
ANYSYB OST: How Well:: % of PQA scales scoring a 3.0 or higher	85.3%
ANYSYB OST: Better off:: # of youth with improvement in positive youth development outcomes	1,443