

RE-ENTRY/ AFTERCARE SERVICES



Program Description

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) Re-Entry/Aftercare Services are designed to safely bring youth home from correctional or residential facilities. YAP's services reduce risk factors for recidivism and promote community safety, youth accountability and youth well-being through the development of highly individualized service and safety plans that address the needs and strengths of each youth and their family. Our approach is rooted in the principles of wraparound planning, mentoring and positive youth development. We focus on the development of competencies and positive and prosocial behaviors, activities and relationships.

Core Elements of YAP Programming

- A "No Reject, No Eject" Policy for Youth
- 24/7 Staff Availability and Safety Planning
- Family Focus and Engagement
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Individualized Services based on Needs and Strengths
- Culturally and Linguistically Competent Staff
- Intensive, Face-to-Face Weekly Contact
- Services within the Home and Community
- Focus on Education and Employment
- Evidence-Based Group Interventions
- Opportunities to Give Back

Snapshot Of Outcomes

86%

Remained Arrest-Free while in program

93%

Lived in community at Discharge

87%

Lived in community up to one year post-discharge

82%

Remained Arrest-Free up to one year post-discharge

Evidence of our Success

YAP has a 40 year history of engaging high risk and need youth and families within their homes and community with better outcomes- and at an average cost of \$70/day- than facilities or other placements.

A recent issue brief from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice showed that 86% of YAP youth remained arrest-free while in the program, and 93% lived in the community at discharge. Between six and 12 months after their discharge from YAP, more than 87 percent of the sample was living in the community and less than five percent was in secure placement.

"YAP has joined the Court's efforts to keep youth in the community while keeping the community safe through collaboration in processing and programming of high risk of re-offending youth who have re-entered the community after long term placement. My hope is that this program continues to grow and expand so that I can give every youth that comes into my courtroom an opportunity to benefit from YAP services."

-Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon,
Administrative Judge, Lucas County, Ohio