

## ProDES Program Design Inventory 2002-2003 Report

### PYAP-51

**Last Updated:** 4/25/2002

**Agency:** Philadelphia Youth Advocate Program (PYA)

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**Probation District in which Program is Located:** Community Based West

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### Organizational/Classification Information

**Date Program Began:** 7/1/1975

**DHS Classification:** Day Treatment

**RTF Certification:** No

**Average Length of Stay (Months):** 3

**Security Level of Program:** Not Applicable

**Does Program Conduct Follow-Up:** No

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### Target Population

**Minimum Age:** 10

**Maximum Age:** 19

**Total Client Capacity:**

**Maximum # of Philadelphia Clients:**

**Gender(s):** Both

**Are Any Services Delivered Coed:** No

**Racial/Ethnic Background of Target Population:** N/A

**Zip Codes Served by Program:**

**Philadelphia Probation District(s) Served:** Southwest

**Philadelphia Probation District(s) Served:** West

**Philadelphia Probation District(s) Served:** South

**Philadelphia Probation District(s) Served:**

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**Problems/Needs of Target Population**

2 parent household  
Enrolled in high school  
First time offender

**Offense Behavior of Target Population**

Adjudicated delinquent

**Grounds for Program Removal**

Multiple/prolonged AWOLs

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#### ***Program Mission:***

Our mission is to provide community-based alternatives for the care and protection of individuals who are, have been, or may be subject to compulsory placement in public or private institutions. Our philosophy stems from the premise that even the most troubled individuals and families have strengths and capabilities that can be developed. Guiding the development of these strengths are Youth Advocate Programs' core principles: Individualized Service Planning, Cultural Competence, Partnership with Parents, Focus on Strengths, Family Empowerment, Team Work, Community-based Care, Unconditional Caring, and Corporate and Clinical Integrity. These principles have been the cornerstone of our agency since its inception as a private, non-profit corporation in 1975. They reflect our ongoing commitment to community-based programming that empowers young people and families to lead healthy, safe and productive lives.

#### ***Program Objectives***

##### ***Primary***

- Avoid risky behavior/peers
- Avoid/Decrease Drug Sales
- Avoid/Decrease Substance Abuse
- Develop Appropriate Communication/Social Skills
- Develop Awareness and Use of Community Reso
- Family functions independently
- Gain employment
- Improve School Grades/Performance
- Increase knowledge of issues related to sexuality
- Increase School Attendance
- Involve Family in Program
- Perform community service/restitution
- Prevent Delinquency or Recidivism
- Reintegrate Client with School or Job
- Respect law/authority
- Teach client the value of an education
- Understand and Manage Anger
- Youth is familiar with prosocial hobbies/interests

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### Program Activities

#### Academic/Votech/Skills Services

<b>Community Service</b>	
<i>Alternative Site</i>	<i>Weekends</i>
	<i>4 hours per week</i>

<b>Conflict Resolution</b>	
<i>Onsite</i>	<i>After School</i>
	<i>3 hours per week</i>

<b>Tutoring/Homework</b>	
<i>Onsite</i>	<i>After School</i>
	<i>2 hours per week</i>
	<i>Sometimes Sylvan</i>

#### Counseling Services

<b>Anger Management</b>	
<i>Onsite</i>	<i>After School</i>
	<i>3 hours per week</i>

<b>Gender-Specific Issues Group</b>	
<i>Alternative Site</i>	<i>Weekends</i>
	<i>2 hours per week</i>
	<i>at DHS</i>

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### Goals Meeting

*Onsite*

*2 hours per week*

*Once, for clients presenting problems  
completing goals*

### Group Counseling

*Onsite*

*After School*

*3 hours per week*

### Family/Parent Services

#### Parent Groups

*Onsite*

*Evenings*

*hours per week*

*Twice every 3 months*

#### Visits to Home by Staff

*In the Home*

*After School & Evenings*

*0.8 hours per week*

### Recreation/Arts/Hobbies

#### Leisure Activities

*Alternative Site*

*After School*

*3 hours per week*

*At teen center*

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**Sports at Program**

*Alternative Site*

*After School*

*3 hours per week*

*At teen center*

**Notes:**

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#### Staff Information

<b>Total # of Direct-Care Staff:</b>	23	<b># of Licensed Social Workers:</b>	1
<b># Female:</b>	4	<b># of Licensed Staff (excluding LSW):</b>	2
<b># Male:</b>	19	<b>Minimum Education Requirements:</b>	Undergraduate Degree
<b># White:</b>	0	<b>Training Hrs w/i 90 Days of Employment:</b>	3
<b># African-American:</b>	20	<b>In-Service Training Hrs Per Year:</b>	24
<b># Hispanic:</b>	0	<b>Is Related Work Experience Required:</b>	Yes
<b># Asian:</b>	0	<b>Does the Program Use Volunteers:</b>	Yes
<b># Other Race:</b>	3		

**# of Clients Per Direct-Care Staff:** 6

**Staff Turnover During Previous Calendar Year:** 7

#### Foreign Language(s) Fluently Spoken by Direct-Care Staff

	<b># of Staff</b>
Other Languages	3
Swahili	3
French	3
Ethiopian	3
Spanish	2