What is YDP?

The Youth Development Program is the larger program concept that is comprised of two Detention Alternatives – The Garden and YDP After School

The Garden

The Seeds of Change, The Give Back Garden came into being in 2016 after a group of Juvenile Court Staff sought to create a program to allow youth to experience "accountability" that didn't come in the form of traditional detention. The program received its' name from youth involved in the early stages of construction.

The intent was to provide youth with a chance to experience redemptive practices instead of traditional methods. The Garden Project is a skill building opportunity for youth to learn social skills by working within a team construct on goal-oriented tasks. Youth acquire skill in planning, organizing, executing, and completing various tasks within the program. Youth are afforded opportunity to learn and understand the value of leadership, teamwork, work ethic, conflict resolution, and many more skills that are designed to help the youth become employable within the community.

YDP After School

YDP Afterschool is designed to develop positive decision-making skills, strengthen interpersonal relationships, and cultivate a positive self- image. These program offerings are conveyed through mentoring, training, and skill building. We use a therapeutic, holistic, and trauma informed approach to help youth understand individual value and purpose.

YDP After School Hours

Monday through Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm

Our programming offers a wide variety of activities and opportunities including but not limited to:

- * Completing applications and resumes. Engaging in a mock interview
- * Understanding healthy relationships and boundaries
- * Life skills activities
- * Individualized treatment plans
- * Exploring diverse cultures present and past
- * Participate in recreation and exercise classes.

- * Homework help
- * Field trips to local attractions
- * Environmental workshops
- * Exploring goals and overcoming obstacles

Some of our Community Partners

- * The Bridge Music Project
- * Thurston County Food Bank
- * Healing Hearts Ranch
- * The Sprout Farm
- * Gateways
- * Kiwanis Club



The Garden Project Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00am- 1:30pm

Youth that participate in all day program will stay in the garden until 2:30 pm

2:30-3:00 program break



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