

# REINVESTING IN YOUTH WORKS!

RIY is an educationally enhanced community program that creates stability for at-risk youth by helping them build positive relationships, academic successes, and healthy engagement with their families, schools, and communities.



## HOW IT WORKS

### Who?

Youth ages 11-17 who are at risk of involvement with juvenile justice or child and family services systems; most live within the Rochester City School District, and are referred by FACT, probation officers, or school personnel.

### How long?

6-8 months of holistic programming, with strong aftercare and community connection support. Summer learning program is available.

### How do you evaluate and share progress?

Weekly team meetings and assessment at regular intervals drive individualized planning; progress is shared twice monthly with involved professionals.

## WHY IT WORKS

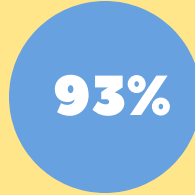
*Every day involves a connection— an encouraging text to get to class on time, a check-in at school, vocational planning in the community. As many as 3 touch-points per day.* Youth have a dedicated Core Team, who focus from day one on personalized supports and asset-building to phase out “professional” supports and integrate natural family and community supports.

*Each youth and family guide their own plan* to build self-efficacy, develop skills, engage in school and their community, nurture relationships that support healthy behaviors, and access support.

*Caring, professional staff* are credentialed in their field, trained in trauma-informed care, utilize strength-based approaches, standardized measures, and best practices.



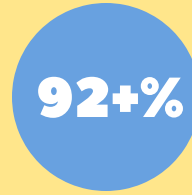
## RESULTS



Avoided re-involvement with justice system



Increase in school attendance by 56% of youth



Developed strengths, assets and/or social-emotional skills



“My RIY team showed me that they really care about me and I feel like I can do anything in the world. They can change more kids like me by just showing they care about us.”

95% report stronger connection with home, school or community

## CORE TEAM



Every student and family is empowered by their Caseworker, Community Asset Navigator, Academic Liaison, and Probation Officer to access:

- Academic Support & Enrichment
- Health & Human Services
- School & Legal Advocacy
- Neighborhood Services & Basic Needs Resources
- Vocational & Job-Readiness Activities

## PARTNERS & SITES

RIY is a partnership between *EnCompass, Hillside Children's Center, Rochester City School District, Charles Settlement House, Community Place of Greater Rochester, South West Area Neighborhood Association, and Monroe County.* Services take place within:

- Youth's School
- Youth's Home
- Youth's Community



## EVALUATION



We are committed to informed practices and data-driven programming, and address strengths and needs across multiple domains. Tools to evaluate progress and program effectiveness include:

- STAR Reading and Math
- CASEY Life Skills Assessment
- Developmental Asset Profile (DAP)
- Associate Child Rating Scale (ACRS)