

AVON
youth
Assistance
PROGRAM



2024

Impact
Report



From Judge Tanselle:

The Hendricks County Youth Assistance Program is a program that every resident of Hendricks County should be proud of. The Plainfield Youth Assistance Program was the first building block to bring a positive, early intervention program to children and families alike in Hendricks County. The Avon Youth Assistance Program took that block and made a program that fit the needs of Avon students and families. Words cannot express how delighted I am with the foundation being built to provide children and families in Hendricks County with access to resources such as mentoring, tutoring, counseling, housing assistance, and so many others without the need for formal, or forced, intervention. I was honored to help build the foundation stronger during my time as judge, and I cannot wait to see where the Hendricks County Youth Assistance Program goes.

Mission

The Hendricks County Youth Assistance Program serves as a voluntary early intervention and advocacy process for at-risk youth and families in Hendricks County. HCYAP engages the community holistically and brings together individuals, businesses, faith-based and other nonprofit organizations to provide support, enrichment and opportunities for youth and their parents and caregivers.



Numbers:

34

Students served
since August



58

students referred
since August
2024



"Wow you all have been awesome, and I can't tell you how you have made this transition a lot easier for him and me both. Thank you so very much for stepping up and helping us. Thank you Thank you Thank you!!!!"- AYAP Parent

Advisory Board President




After several years of discussions and planning, the Avon Youth Assistance Program was launched in August 2024 in partnership with Avon Community Schools and Town of Avon.

In the short time since August, AYAP has grown from 5 students to serving 34 students. AYAP started serving students in the Avon Academy and after Fall Break, AYAP was in Avon High School. In the first round of the AYAP Mentorship Program, we established 5 Mentor/Mentee matches. This growing program needs volunteers to serve as mentors to our teen students. If you are curious about the details of this program, please contact Director Staci Hovermale at shovermale@co.hendricks.in.us.

Our goal as the Avon Youth Assistance Advisory Board is to help the youth in our community thrive. To fulfill our mission and meet our goals, the Advisory Board must grow awareness, fundraise, and increase engagement to allow more opportunities for our Avon youth to participate with our community partners. We currently have 10 Advisory Board members but are seeking community leaders who share our passion and will join our mission. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to me at mbcarmichael993@gmail.com.

It's an honor to serve this board and our community. Please look for more information about the AYAP Fundraising Trivia event coming this fall.

With Gratitude,
Mary Beth Carmichael
Avon Youth Assistance Advisory Board President



Staff:

Staci Hovermale- Hendricks County Youth Assistance Director
Melissa Echerd- Early Intervention Advocate
Victoria Allen- Early Intervention Advocate

Advisory Board:

President

Mary Beth Carmichael- retired YMCA

Members

Don Casey- YMCA
Steve Einsebarth- HNTB Indiana
Don Hodson- Hendricks Regional Health
Rick McClain- Duke Energy
Kelli Rodkey- Avon Academy
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Michael Sullivan- Avon Community School Corporation
Emily Thomas- Hendricks Power
Libby Whipple- Retired

Ex-officio

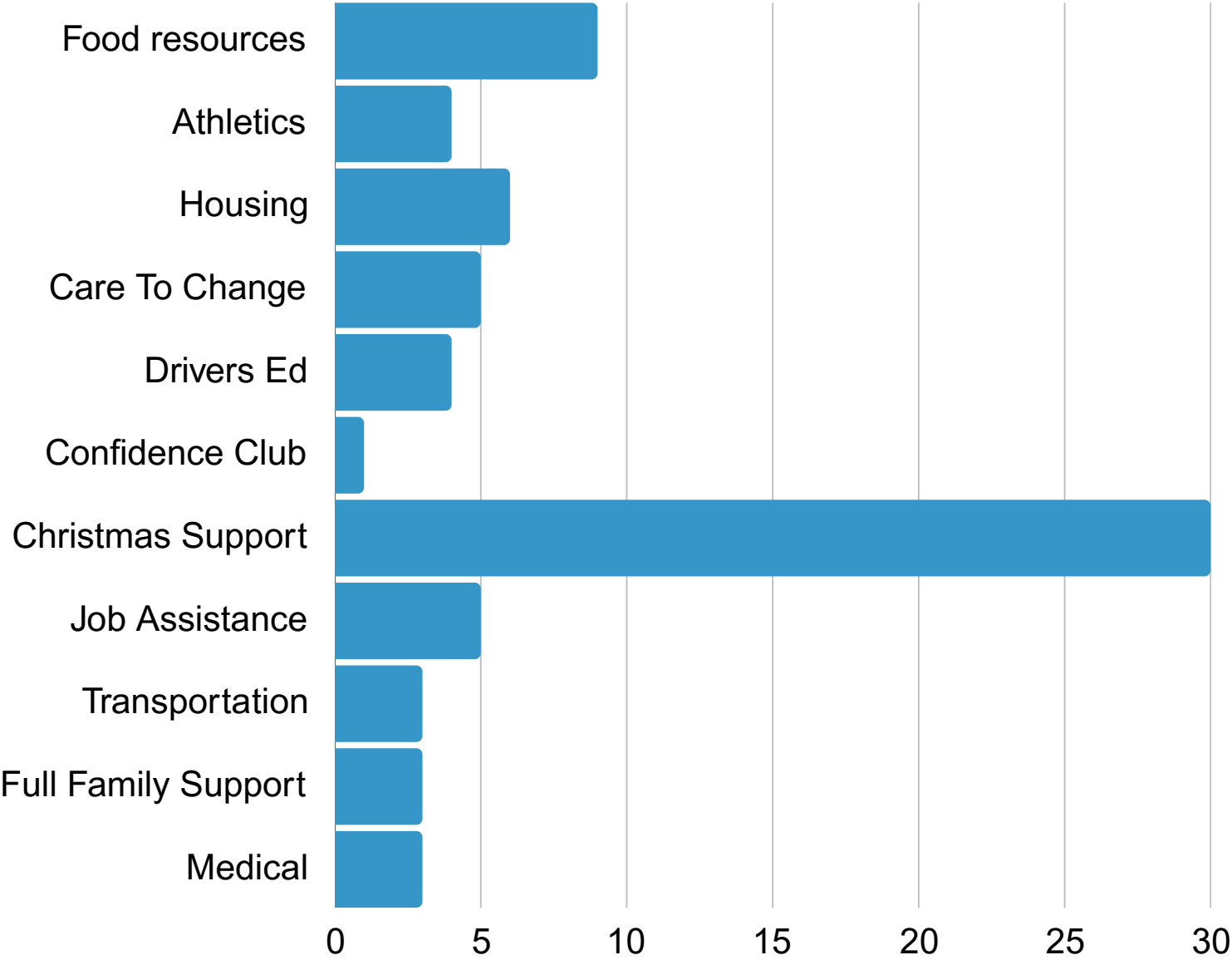
Judge Ryan Tanselle-
Hendricks County
Juvenile Judge Superior Court 3



Community Programming

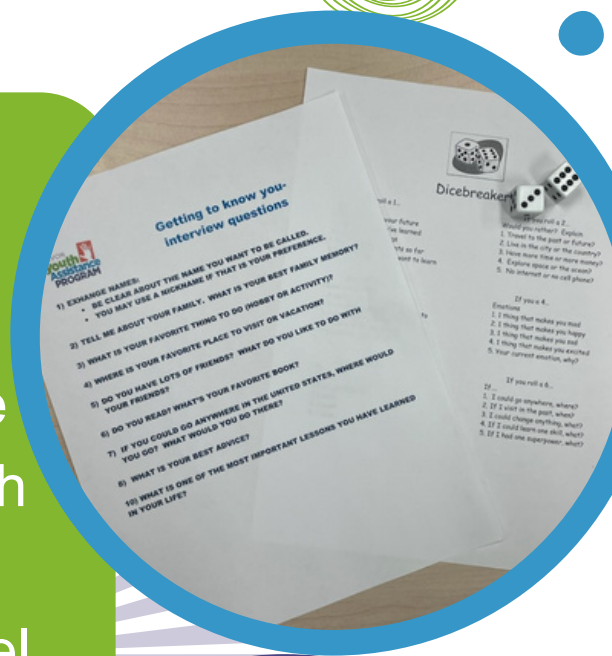
AYAP is a program of staff, volunteers, and the Avon community that comes alongside teen students and families during some of their most difficult circumstances. AYAP Early Intervention Advocates help students navigate resources and encourage them to get engaged in their school and community.

2024 Highlights



Mentoring

Mentoring is a trusting relationship over a prolonged period of time between a student and a caring adult. The adult provides help to the teen student as he/she goes through life, offering guidance and support. The purpose is for the student to feel a sense of connection and belonging.



5

Students
started in the
Mentorship Program

Impact

"Mrs. Victoria is a miracle worker and I don't mean that figuratively. She quite literally saved my life. Enduring a lifetime of abuse, emotional trauma and basically hell. I was at my wits end. I've committed 4 times and without Mrs. Victoria there would've been a 5th. She saw the environment I was in and declared it unfit. Instead of blowing me off and telling me "it gets better" or "just wait until you're 18" like cps has been for literally more than a decade, she actually acted upon the matter and kept her word. And because of that, my life has truly changed for the better. No more sleepless nights and unreasonable blame. No more being the scapegoat for my family. No more fearing for my next meal or where I'm going to sleep or fear of being kicked out. My life finally has stability and with a strong foundation I can only build up from there. All thanks to Mrs. Victoria and AYAP for their efforts."

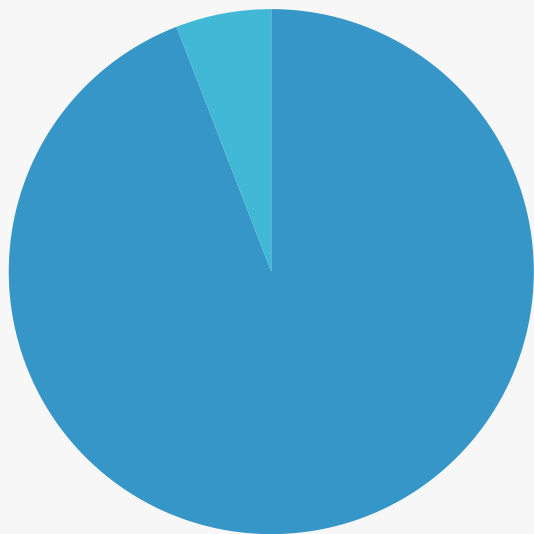
"AYAP has gave me the support to be successful and pursue my aspirations as a musician and be there for me mentally. Mrs. Melissa got me into a music school called launch Pad to learn to produce and be a music engineer. The AYAP group is working on getting me a mentor to really talk about my feelings with and give me advice with what I have going on that isn't someone in my personal life. I thank AYAP and I'm grateful to be a part of it." AYAP Student



Avon students served

Avon High School

5.9%



Avon Academy

94.1%

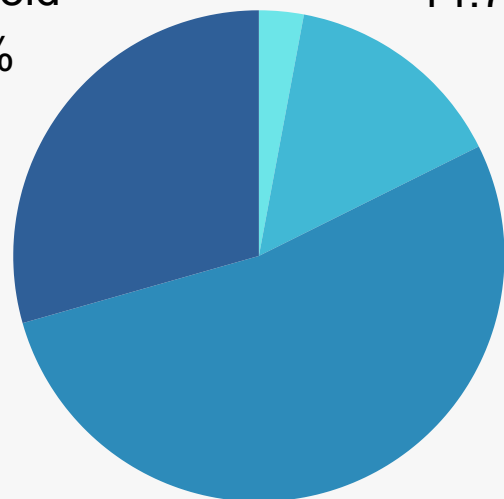
Ages of students

18 year old

29.4%

16 year old

14.7%



17 year old

52.9%



"I can't express to you how grateful I am that my son was accepted into the program. It has literally changed his life and ours. A year ago he was suicidal and so very lost. You all have helped him find his way and I will be forever grateful."-
AYAP Parent

Local Heroes



Hendricks County
Community Foundation

Where Local Good Grows



Hendricks County
Health Partnership



Individual Heroes

April Bordeaux

Mary Beth Carmichael

Dianne Clampitt

Joy Dorsey

Steve Einsenbarth

Don Hodson

Rick McClain

Sarah Parent

Daphne Sighting

Emily Thomas

Libby Whipple

Kaye York



Thank You!



Where kids,
families &
community come
together &
THRIVE!

