

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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YES Community Counseling Center's mission is to increase awareness about personal and community issues, prevent and treat substance abuse, and to promote healthy families and a safe community. The services are comprehensive and designed to respond to the complex needs of our clients and their family members.

Dear Friends,

For nearly five decades, Youth Environmental Services has been rooted in the heart of the communities we serve. Since 1977, we have walked alongside children, families, and neighbors, responding to emerging needs with programs that uplift, empower, and bring healing. What has remained constant through the years is our deep belief that every person holds resilience and potential—and that connection is often the spark that makes transformation possible.

At YES, we know that challenges come in many forms, and we are committed to ensuring that support is never out of reach. Our services are designed to be accessible, affordable, and flexible, meeting people where they are with care and compassion. By working collaboratively across sectors, we extend our reach, strengthen our collective impact, and advocate for lasting systemic change. These partnerships, combined with the trust of our community, allow us to turn moments of hardship into opportunities for hope.

We have seen time and again how a supportive relationship or a caring connection can change the course of a life. Whether it is a young person discovering their voice, a family rebuilding after a crisis, or a community coming together around a shared purpose, these stories remind us why our work matters. They are the true measure of YES's impact.

In addition to our counseling, prevention, and financial literacy programs, YES continues to provide essential resources to those facing financial struggles, including access to our food pantry and emergency support. These lifelines would not be possible without the generosity of individuals, groups, and partners who share our mission and stand with us in service. Our dedicated staff and Board of Directors remain steadfast in their commitment to ensuring that no one who seeks help is ever turned away.

The past year has brought both challenges and achievements, and through it all, YES has remained focused on building stronger, healthier futures for the communities we call home. We are proud to share some of the highlights of this year with you:

- 434 individuals and families were treated within our Addiction and Support Services Program.
- 229 individuals and an additional 438 family members were served through our Youth and Family Life Support Programs.

- Our WISH (Working in Shared Healing) services to adults and children affected by domestic violence, physical, sexual, emotional abuse, and/or trauma has responded to 44 families in need.
- The Early Intervention Project, (GINO Fund) continues to provide youth ages 13-17 with counseling interventions to not only address their substance experimentation/use patterns, but also to provide support for any of the underlying concerns that have influenced the youth's current behaviors and stressors. In 2024, 11 adolescents and their families engaged in services within this program.
- The agency provided a monthly bereavement group to individuals who lost a loved one to addiction. 9 individuals attended this group in 2024. Our annual Remembrance Ceremony for those family members lost to substance use was attended by 25 community members.
- The agency's addiction treatment program maintains a medical team which consists of a Medical Director (DO), two part-time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, and one part-time Registered Nurse. 455 medical services were provided in 2024. This includes medical assessments, psychiatric assessments, and medication management appointments (including Medication for Addiction Treatment/ MATS).
- The agency ran over 18 continuous group treatment services to participants in the agency's counseling programs. A total of 624 group sessions were held in 2024. This includes, but is not limited to, Mindfulness Series for Kids and Tweens, Tween Talk, Children's CBT Group, Adolescent groups that focus on substance use concerns, coping with stress/trauma, and self-esteem/healthy coping, three different support/education groups for family members impacted by a loved one's addiction, Girl's Self-Awareness Group, Adult Stress Management Group, Seeking Safety Group, Trauma Informed Yoga Group, Young Adult Group, Women's Group, Older Adult Group, and over seven specialty addiction recovery groups.
- 4,893 youth participated in YES prevention programs and activities this year, across 56 different schools, organizations, or community-based locations.
- 1,547 students, parents, and professionals were reached through 23 educational forums.
- 6,389 youth and young adults were served with evidence-based classroom programming for students throughout elementary and secondary schools as well as across several college campuses including Nassau Community, Adelphi, Molloy, NYIT, and LIU.
- 1,325 parents were reached through educational forums and outreach and 31 parents attended our Active Parenting program.
- Additionally, 182 community members were trained in opioid overdose prevention and naloxone administration and an additional 41 employees of businesses serving alcohol were trained in practices to prevent underage drinking.

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- 41 Professionals/school staff were trained to facilitate evidence-based prevention programs including BASICS, TIPS.
- The Hispanic Alliance for Prevention Coalition (HAP) outreached to approximately 1573 Hispanic community members to provide resources alongside educational forums including the first Naloxone training in Spanish and the first Active Parenting Program.
- Four Drug Take Back Events were held with our coalitions (MTAC, LCAC, and HAP) distributing 400 bags of resources and collecting a total of 535 lbs. of narcotics and sharps from the community.
- 4994 youth were reached in person through workshops/events, at community events, and through that were youth driven initiatives including YES' Youth Ambassadors Program, LYOUTH Coalition, and MTAC youth coalition. This includes events such as Massapequa School Districts' Awareness Week, National Red Ribbon Week, National Prevention Week, National Drug Facts Week, YES' Youth Ambassador Program, and our Youth coalitions working with MTAC and LCAC. In addition, wellness events were held on-site for children and teens to promote resilience and healthy coping.
- Our BRIDGES program, available to young adults across Nassau County provided support through screening/assessments and referrals/resources for 75 individuals/families impacted by substance use and mental health issues. Outreach through this program reached approximately 2,895 youth and families through workshops, tabling events, and presentations in the community across high school and college campuses.
- Commerce Plaza, "The Children's Business Center", served a record number of students, with 5,288 youth attending visits this past year.
- 690 adults and children in need received concrete resources through our Annual Breakfast with Santa, the Henry Schein Back to School Program, The Adopt a Family Program, and Food Pantry with the help from our local schools, fraternal and civic organizations, and neighbors who generously donate to support these on-going efforts.
- The agency continued live fundraising events, including its Annual Turkey Trot and Musical Bingo.
- YES participates in the BBB Charity Seal Program and is known as a BBB Accredited Charity, which is an immediate and easily recognizable symbol to donors that our organization has met the Standards for Charity Accountability. The 20 Standards evaluate financial accountability, governance and oversight, effectiveness measures, and fundraising, information materials, as well as other areas of service.

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The following is an overview of YES Community Counseling Center’s income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

<b><u>Total Support &amp; Revenue:</u></b>	<b>\$5,531,983</b>
Program Expenses	1,496,009
Youth Development& Other Programs	<u>3,109,125</u>
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,605,134</b>
Management & General Expenses	682,491
Fundraising Expenses	<u>11,357</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$5,298,982</b>
<b><u>Total Assets:</u></b>	<b>\$4,719,533</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>442,791</u></b>
<b>Net Asset Balance</b>	<b>\$4,276,742</b>

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