

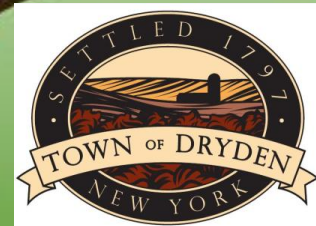
Dryden Recreation & Youth Commission

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DRYC Goal & Membership

Goal:

To provide a high quality of life for all town residents by assisting in facilitating opportunities to participate in healthy and satisfying recreation and leisure activities, and supporting and increasing access of town youth to programs that build skills, confidence, leadership, and supportive relationships with peers and adults.

2014 Membership:

Stephanie Mulinos – Chair

Steve Meyer – Vice-Chair

Tracy Kurtz

Vicki Wilkins

Tom Fuchs

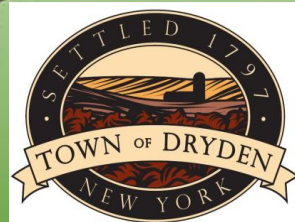
David Bravo-Cullen

Rick Ryan

Joe Solomon, Town Board

Jennifer Jones, Rec. Director

Kris Bennett, TCYS Liaison



Recreation vs. Youth Development

Recreation is...

Noun;

1. refreshment by means of some pastime, agreeable exercise, or the like.
2. a pastime, diversion, exercise, or other resource affording relaxation and enjoyment.

~Webster's Dictionary

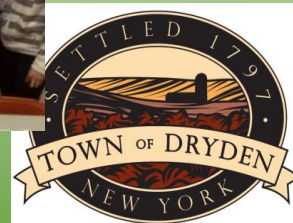


Youth Development is...

Noun;

A process which prepares youth people to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood through a coordinated, progressive series of activities and experiences which help them to become socially, morally, emotionally, physically, and cognitively competent.

~www.youth.gov



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Recreation Activities Offered in 2014:

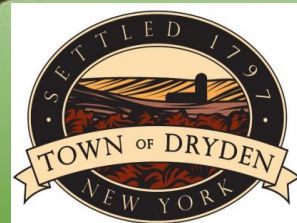
Adult/Family:

- Pickleball
- Co-ed Softball
- Co-ed Kickball
- Father/Daughter Dance
- Music in the Hollow
- Dryden Music Series
- CPR Training



Youth:

- Sertoma Soccer (new in 2014!)
- Indoor Movie Night at DES
- Karate
- Baseball
- Football
- Track & Field
- Lacrosse
- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Summer Camps
- Spring Egg Hunts



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Youth Development Programming:

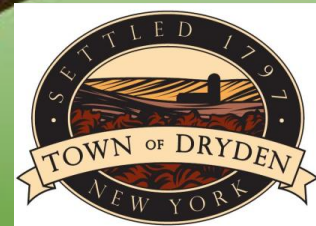
- Dryden Youth Program

- ✓ 39 Programs

- ✓ 170 Participants

Programs included:

- Primitive Pursuits
- Iron Chef/Outdoor Cooking
- Lunch Bunch
- Community Helpers
- Health & Wellness Day
- Monday Makers
- Hiking Trips
- Overnight Camping Trips
- Animal/Environmental Explorers
- Canoe Trips
- Nature Arts
- Fun with Frisbees



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Youth Development Programming:

- O.U.R.S./Y.O.U.R.S.

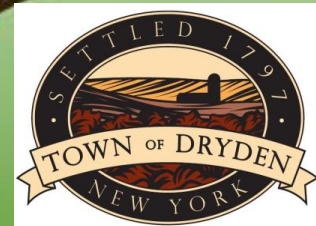
- ✓ Served 26 families located in 3 mobile home parks within the Town of Dryden

- ✓ 65 Participants

- ✓ Cornell Student Mentors

Programs included:

- Autumn Adventures
- Leadership Council
- Cooking Matters
- Mentors in Training
- Nitty Gritty Thursdays
- Crafting in the Park
- Word Buffs
- Lego Robots
- Summer Afoot
- Plant Medicine
- 4-H Fair & KICKS
- Music Wizards
- Animal Tracking
- Just for Teens
- Stay Fit



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Youth Development Programming:

- Youth Employment

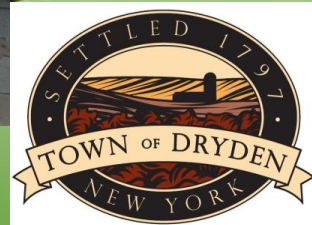
- ✓ 17 Youth Participants

- ✓ 9 Work Sites

- Clark's Shurfine Foods
- Primitive Pursuits
- Dryden Community Center Café
- Dryden Summer Camp
- Freeville Summer Camp
- Southworth Library
- Camp Earth Connection
- Back to Basics Bulk Food Store

Program included:

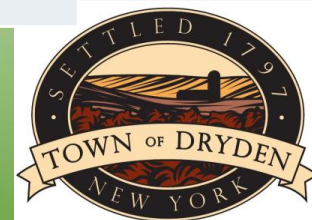
- Interview Skills Training
- Learning the value of money
- Learning patience
- Learning assertiveness skills
- Learning Public Health Standards
- Evaluation of Program by Participants



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Youth Development Programming – 2004 vs 2014:

2004 Programs	2014 Programs
Rural Youth Services	Rural Youth Services
OURS/YOURS	OURS/YOURS
Dryden Youth Jobs	Dryden Youth Employment Program
Brooktondale Camp	
Village of Dryden Police & Community	
Youth Conservation Corps	
Finding Our Strength/Finding Our Voices	
Coddington Community Center	
Landscape Training for Youth	
Freeville Youth Jobs	



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Youth Development Program Funding – 2004 vs. 2014:

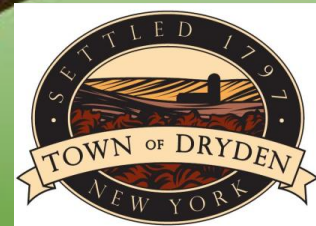
Year	County Funding	State Funding	Town Funding	Total Funding
2004	\$35,235	\$4,188	\$39,423	\$78,846
2006	38,205	3,927	39,882	82,014
2008	39,513	4,128	43,641	87,282
2010	33,264	2,887	44,252	80,403
2012	16,222	1,718	42,039	59,979
2014	18,693	3,207	64,946	86,846



Notes:

2011 – MYSS was cut by 50%

2014 – OURS was extended to 4 days/week and Youth Employment Program was expanded.

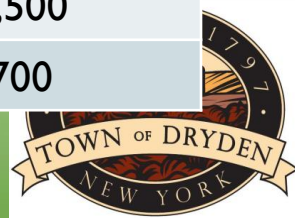


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2014 Community Grants:

\$15,000 was available for Community Grants in 2014. The list of recipients were:

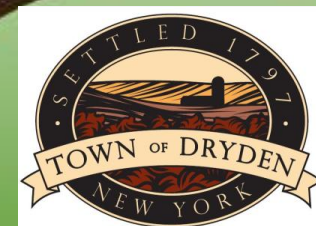
Applicant	Purpose	Award Amount
Dryden Community Center Café	Music Events	\$1,481
Dryden Farmer's Mark	Advertising	\$500
Dryden United Methodist Church	Community Dinners	\$500
Dryden Veteran's Memorial Home	New Roof	\$4,500
Ellis Hollow Community Center	Poolside Lighting	\$814
Friends of Dryden Wrestling	Singlets	\$700
Neptune Fire Company	Jr. Fire Academy 1	\$1,615
Neptune Fire Company	Jr. Fire Academy 2	\$1,319
Southworth Library	Teen Programing	\$1,300
Dryden Historical Society	Annual Festival	\$1,500
Varna Community Center	Programming, Music Event	\$700



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2014 Community Grants:

Year	Town Funding	Number of Programs
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	30,000	9
2013	32,000	18
2014	15,000	11
2015	6,000	8



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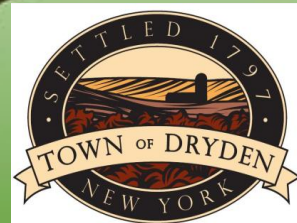
Purpose:

To gather information from youth in the community that will assist DRYC in developing and refining youth programs in the town. Needs assessments are completed every 3-6 years.

Process:

Input was obtained by DRYC from:

- Community Stakeholders Forum
- Student Surveys
- Parent Surveys



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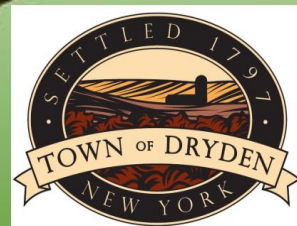
Community Stakeholders' Forum

Dryden's Challenges:

- Transient families
- Youth are over-programmed
- Adult mental illnesses not treated
- Low parental interest in activities
- Youth have a sense of entitlement
- Low funding availability
- Transportation

Dryden's Strengths:

- Town location & size of community
- Youth are more sophisticated & enthusiastic
- School system invokes community pride
- More electronics, more global awareness
- Youth are more honest & realistic



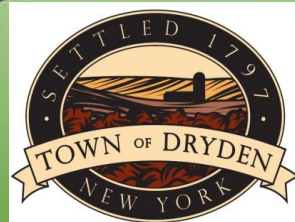
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Student Surveys

111 students completed the survey; 97% were 10th graders (15-16 years old)

Results:

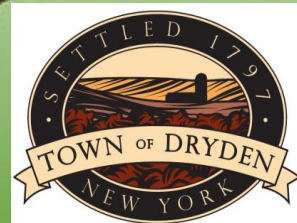
- 74% state there is good availability of after-school activities
- 50%+ state there are good opportunities for youth to become involved in the community
- 95% enjoy hanging out with friends
- 51% would like more to do outside of school, better parks and a recreation center in town.
- 88% think there's a good variety of places to eat in Dryden
- 23% state the people and community are the best things about Dryden
- 62% state drug/alcohol use is medium-big problem
- 16% of youth reported using alcohol, 3rd highest rate in Tompkins County
- 74% state bullying is a significant issue
- Cost, transportation and having to watch younger siblings restrict youth from participating in programs



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Parents' Perspectives

- 80% of activities are sponsored by the school
- 60% believe community programs are very important for youth development
- 40% state youth programs do not align with interests
- 62% state program costs are too high or they have to travel too far
- 12% of parents state their children are frequently bullied
- Parents would like to see more outdoor activities, sports, environmental/natural activities, educational opportunities, arts programs, and activities suitable for girls be offered



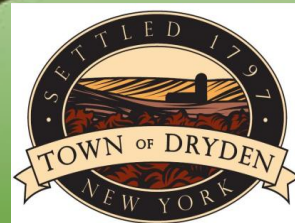
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Common Themes:

- Parents want a community center and safe recreational facilities
- Transportation is an issue, whether public or private
- Communication about available activities should include e-mail and flyers sent home
- More programs that teach social skills are welcome
- There is a strong sense of community in Dryden

Recommendations:

- Move forward with a community center and recreational facilities
- Communication/coordination with public/private transportation options, including community organizations and carpooling
- Additional programs to address bullying, ethics, leadership and responsibility
- Offer online youth programs for those youth that cannot attend in person

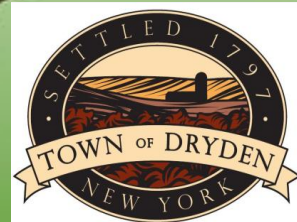


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Community Stakeholder Forum Participants:

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- Paul Streeter, Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund
- Shelley Lester, Cornell Cooperative Extension Rural Youth Services Supervisor
- Dave Hall, Cornell Cooperative Extension Rural Youth Services Program Manager
- Lt. Mike Watkins, Village of Dryden Police
- Don Scutt, Dryden Kiwanis
- Louis Gatto, SUNY Cortland Professor
- Sandy Sherwood, Dryden Central Schools Superintendent
- Mary Ann Sumner, Dryden Town Supervisor
- Kris Bennett, Tompkins County Youth Services Department



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- Dryden Middle and High School Students
- Parents of Dryden Youth

