

# Foundation of HOPE Youth Diversion Program

A Second  
Chance  
to Succeed



HOPE Youth Diversion Program  
Northside Location

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Hill District Location

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YOUTH DIVERSION



*"It gave me peace of mind to know that the Youth Diversion Program staff were there for my daughter."*

*~ Youth Diversion youth parent*

**The HOPE Youth Diversion Program** is designed to divert youth from engaging in delinquent activity and delinquent offenses in their targeted communities, while increasing public safety and access to community resources that will allow youth to remain in their community.

## WHO WE SERVE

The HOPE Youth Diversion Program is a voluntary-based program that is located on Pittsburgh's Northside. We are designed to give youth who commit a non-violent, low-medium-level offense the opportunity to remain in the community while addressing their needs rather than being adjudicated and confined to a detention center or out-of-home placement facility.

HOPE Youth Diversion Program serves youths from 10-19 years in age who reside, or commit an offense, in or near targeted communities throughout the city of Pittsburgh. Our current target communities are the Northside and Hill District. Youth Diversion looks forward to expanding throughout the city of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, as well.



## How to refer to the HOPE Youth Diversion Program

Once a youth has committed an offense, a referral can be made by one of our referring partners and/or a proactive service request from our community partners:

- Propel Schools (Northside Propel)
- Allegheny County Juvenile Probation
- Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh (HACP)
- The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police (PBP)
- Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS)
- Oak Hill Apartments
- Urban Strategies, Inc. (Cornerstone Village)

After the referral is submitted, an intake will be conducted by a Diversion staff member. During intake, the staff member will identify any mental health or drug & alcohol challenges that the youth might be experiencing. A Diversion staff member will make the appropriate referral(s) to address those domains. Diversion staff and youth will also work together to create an individualized goal plan which will focus on treatment needs and behavior modification.



## OUR SERVICES

The **HOPE Youth Diversion Program** provides both virtual and in-person workshops to address the following topics:

- Conflict Resolution
- Positive Coping Skills
- CPR/First Aide 101
- Workforce Readiness
- UPMC Smoking Cessation
- Entrepreneurial 101
- Money Management
- Cyberbullying
- Victim Awareness
- Community Service

We also have a partnership with Boys & Girls Club of Western PA who conduct their Teen Outreach Program (TOP) workshops biweekly.

Youth Diversion staff also conducts monthly home visits and school visits, and provides support with Individualized Educational Program (IEP)/504 plans and court proceedings involving Juvenile Court.

*"I am pleased to see that second chances aren't just available for the wealthy."*

*~ a Youth Diversion youth*

## BENEFITS

Benefits of the HOPE Youth Diversion Program:

- Communities are made safer.
- It's cost-effective for the courts.
- The use and access of community resources are increased, providing support to at-risk youth due to factors such as family breakdown, abuse or neglect, homelessness, mental health issues, or substance use.
- Delinquent behaviors are reduced both in school and at home while youths participate in the program.

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