

NYISP History

NYISP was founded by a group of community members in Jamaica, Queens who were concerned about the alarming rate of young children dropping out of school, becoming statistics of the juvenile and incarceration systems. These at risk children have the potential to be productive and law abiding citizens. Some children need nothing but just tutoring and mentoring, but they have used truancy as a defensive mechanism to their inability to do their schoolwork. Others need an outlet from the fragmented systems or chaotic home situation that has been infested with drugs and gang activities. We all agreed to mentor a child in the community and begin the process of appealing to men and women from all walks of life in our neighborhoods to mentor one child for at least a year. We also agreed to provide tutorial services, organize sports events on weekends. Tutorial services were available after school for all youngsters that need help in subjects like Math, English, Science, Writing, and comprehension. We also assisted with projects and homework assignments. These youngsters who were at risk of dropping out of school, incarceration, or hospitalizations, graduated from high school, pursued college degrees, or obtained professional jobs. Some of the graduates have become mentors to the younger generation.

Our services are open seven days a week and to all ethnic groups in our community. We have social workers, teachers, bankers, lawyers, musicians, photographers, and sports players. We work closely with schools, churches, police precincts, NYCH associations and subsidized housing complexes.



NYISP Special Services

- Summer job placement
- College Preparations
- College Campus Visits
- SAT/ACT Tutoring
- College Application Preparation
- Financial Aid Applications
- College Decision Support
- Study Guide
- Homework Assistance

After School Program

All after school services are provided to children and adolescents by our multicultural staff who speak English, Spanish, and other languages.

Our Staff teach students to think critically, make positive and independent decisions. They also advise on social interactions with peers. They provide one-on-one or group tutoring at homes and in our centers.

Our creative arts program serves as a vehicle to learn teamwork, problem solving, and leadership skills.

Mentoring Program

- Organize yearly mentors for children without fathers or incarcerated parents.
- Provide group meetings for mentors.
- Recruit mentors and mentees.
- Train mentors.

NYISP Programs

- Supported Employment
- Vocational Program
- Intervention
- Education
- Summer Camps
- After School Programs (Talents)
- After School Activities (Sports)
- Summer Employment
- Independent Living
- Immigration Services
- English as a Second Language
- Theatre and Arts
- Advocacy for Youth and Families
- Housing
- Pantry Referral
- Clinical/Medical Referral
- Big Brother/Big Sister Programs (mentor).
- Victim Services
- Benefits/Entitlements

Resources

- Linguistics hot line for those that need interpreters
- Hot line for free help with homework for NYC students