

Executive Summary:

DeWitt County Youth Initiative is a local committee comprised of members from educational institutes, City and County government agencies, businesses, health facilities, social service agencies and not-for-profit partners serving DeWitt County youth. The committee's main goal is to give DeWitt County youth the opportunity to complete high school and/or receive their GED and to learn and develop occupational skills, through meaningful classroom and work activities. The Clinton Area Youth Initiative Program is seeking funding to continue its year-round classroom and work program serving high-risk youth in the area through the June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019 fiscal year.

Grants from the Workforce Investment Act, provided the Clinton Area Youth Initiative Program (C.A.Y.I.P.) operated summer youth program from 1996-2001. The year round program began in the 2001 – 2002 school year and is currently operating at a full student capacity with a waiting list. This dedicated program is one of the only options available to at-risk youth in DeWitt County. The Committee has broad community support and is continually applauded for its efforts in assisting area youth with finishing school and entering the job market prepared for success. It is the goal of the committee to continue assisting the youth through the year-round school/work program. More importantly graduates of the program return to share the lasting impact it has had on their lives. It is the goal of the Committee to continue assisting youth through the year-round school/work program.

We will meet our program objectives of academic accomplishment and work preparedness through the provision of classroom based tutoring assistance, skill building, and a comprehensive job training program as outlined in this proposal. Our program will plan long and short term goals that have measurable outcomes for each client utilizing individual service strategies.