#### From the Director:

I am honored to submit this 2007 Annual Report on behalf of the Allegany County Youth Bureau.

In 2007, over 12,000 youth participated in 44 not-for-profit and Municipal Programs funded through the County Youth Bureau from monies granted by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

We greatly appreciate the dedication and hard work of our staff, volunteer Members of the Youth Board, and numerous individuals from the contract agencies. We also thank the Public Safety Committee and the County Legislature for their suggestions and support.

The Youth Bureau will continue its efforts to improve and build on the network of services that exist in the County. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities to serve our youth and families in the coming year.

Deborah Aumick

#### ALLEGANY COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

#### Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Allegany County Youth Bureau and Board to work collaboratively with all youth service providers to provide our families and youth with opportunities to participate in a variety of educational and recreational programs which will enhance and promote a wide range of assets necessary for healthy development. We will strive to provide innovative programs that will encourage empowerment, constructive use of time, positive values, positive identity, and social competencies so all our young people will grow up to be healthy, caring responsible adults.

2007

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#### WHAT IS THE ALLEGANY COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU?

The Allegany County Youth Bureau functions to assist in the development and funding of programs which encourage positive youth development. These programs encourage all youth to become involved, assist them in developing a sense of responsibility, and motivate them to make a positive contribution to their community. Throughout Allegany County, cultural and recreational opportunities are made accessible to young people so that they may build character and continue to mature physically, intellectually, and emotionally.

The Youth Bureau is a branch of the County government and responsible to the Board of Legislators.

#### WHAT DOES THE YOUTH BUREAU DO?

#### PLANNING:

Involves data collection and assisting youth programs to design appropriate objectives and measurable goals. The purpose is to develop local strategies that effectively and efficiently meet the needs of Allegany County's youth. The results are incorporated into an annual plan.

#### COORDINATION/NETWORKING:

Requires creation and maintenance of linkages among service providers and funding sources.

#### PROVISION OF SERVICES:

Funding is available to implement planning objectives. The Bureau contracts with community agencies for various services annually. Monitoring and evaluation of funded programs are primary activities.

#### COMMUNTIY DEVELOPMENT/ADVOCACY:

The Youth Bureau is responsible for community education regarding youth issues, needs and problems.

#### GRANTS/FUNDING:

The Youth Bureau administers funds made available to the county from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

To be eligible for Youth Bureau funding, organizations must be incorporated as a not-for-profit agency (501 C 3) under the laws of New York State and have a tax exempt status in accordance with the IRS code.

Organizations seeking Youth Bureau funding must respond to Requests for Proposals (RFP) issued by the Bureau in early spring for the following year's funding. This is an open and competitive process. All services provided through the Youth Bureau are free of charge.

All applications for funding must be approved by the Youth Bureau Board of Directors, the County Legislature, and the New York State Office of Children & Family Services.

There are currently (2) Office of the Children Service (OCFS) funding streams accessed by Allegany County, viz. Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention (YDDP) and Special Delinquency Prevention (SDPP).

Funding for Special Delinquency Programs targets youth who are considered "high risk" for pregnancy, dropping out of school, using alcohol and drugs, and exhibiting criminal behavior.

Special Delinquency Programs, which receive Youth Bureau funding in 2007 included:

-	Prevention Education through the Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse	\$4250.
-	Youth Compeer Program through Allegany County Mental Health	\$3250.
-	Summer Youth Employment through Allegany County Employment & Training Cen	\$8732 iter
-	Houghton College Special 1st STEP	\$2100.
-	Houghton College Special STEP	\$2100.
_	Southern Tier Traveling Teacher	\$3100.

Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention funding is given to new program initiatives, youth service agencies, municipal youth service programs and municipal recreation departments. These programs are funded at 50% reimbursement. The agency or municipality must supply the match.

#### Initiatives funded in 2007 include:

-	Southern Tier Traveling Teacher GED Program	\$3600.
-	Peers helping Peers through Literacy Volunteers	\$3000.
-	Allegany County Chapter of Red Cross When I'm In Charge	\$750.
-	Allegany Arts Association	\$1668.
-	Alfred University: Children's Learning Initiative	\$2390.

The goal of service programs is to provide organized, supervised activities which will prevent youth delinquency and promote youth development.

#### During 2007, the Youth Bureau funded (8) Service Programs:

-	Week of Alternatives (Youth Day Camp) through the Allegany Council on Alcoholism	\$4000.
-	Government for Youth – Intern Program through BOCES.	\$2650.
-	1 <sup>st</sup> STEP for 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grades through Houghton College	\$3000.
-	STEP for High School Youth through Houghton College	\$4500.
-	Natural Helpers (Peer helpers) through Allegany Council on Alcoholism	\$2754.

- Wellsville Skate Park \$3000.

- Youth for Christ for Teen Centers \$3811.

- Andover Youth Baseball/Softball Assoc. \$750.

The Youth Bureau also funded (2) Municipal Service Programs including:

- A Sound Beginning through the \$3100. Cuba Library

- Dance & Theater Program - Town of \$2300. Wellsville

Recreation Programs are usually municipality operated. Their outcomes include development of healthy athletic skills, development of hobbies and leisure interests and relaxation and socialization.

In 2007, the Youth Bureau funded (22) town and village recreation programs. Additionally the Youth Bureau funds the Rushford Lake Beach area.

Partnership and Collaboration in 2007

The Youth Bureau continues to actively collaborate with governmental, civic and not-for-profit agencies throughout Allegany County in order to meet the needs of all County youth and to address identified gaps in services to our youth and their families. In 2006, one expanded partnership became known as Partners for Prevention in Allegany County (PPAC). PPAC has held informational meetings in Wellsville and Cuba, Whitesville and at Genesee Valley School and has worked on youth projects in Friendship and Belfast.

The Youth Bureau continued its outreach to area schools to find ways to better serve our youth and the Bureau continues to work with other agencies to provide assistance to troubled youth so that they may successfully remain in the community. Specifically, funding for these "high risk" youth is granted to programs such as STEP & 1<sup>st</sup> STEP (an adventure based/experiential program), the Summer Youth Employment Program, and Youth Compeer.

One highly successful program that targets youth who have committed criminal acts is the Allegany County Youth Court. The Bureau took over the operation of the Court in November 2003 and hired a full time Coordinator in January 2004. Over the past 4 years, the active membership has increased from 22 to 49. Total cases heard have increased to 106 by the end of 2007. With the authorization of the Youth Court Board, the Youth Court extended its services to include defendants ages 16-18 (from ages 7-15). This program involves actual court hearings for juvenile and first-time Youthful Offenders who have been arrested for criminal acts. Youths themselves serve as Court personnel after completing 20 hours of training. All defendants must serve as jurors as part of their sanctions. This enables offenders to become part of the solution instead of simply part of the problem. The Court continues to be supported with no local tax dollars. Funding comes from a generous grant from the Rural Justice Institute, member item grants from Senator Cathy Young and Assemblyman Joe Giglio, from donations from a variety of local civic and not-for-profit agencies, and from fundraisers coordinated by the Youth Court members. For example, a Dodge Ball Tournament last year netted over \$600 in donations.

Youth Bureau personnel are available to provide a variety of services to other youth agencies. For example, in 2007, staff again served on a panel of judges for the Eckerd Drug Quiz sponsored by ACASA for area middle and high school students. The Bureau, in conjunction with Stop-DWI, ACASA, and Youth for Christ sponsored the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen New Years Eve Celebration. The Bureau sponsored the Youth Recognition Awards presented at the Annual Youth Board dinner. Youth Bureau staff also participated in several local health fairs as well as the Allegany County Fair.

The Youth Bureau continues to work closely with the various towns and villages which administer youth recreation programs. These contacts are valuable for monitoring and evaluation purposes, and also for networking and sharing information between and among youth organizations. In 2007, the Director provided a training to municipal clerks on how to prepare the OCFS grant application.

The Allegany County Youth Bureau is committed to encouraging the development of innovative youth programs, which are based upon the principles of Youth Development.

The following is a Statistical Comparison of Youth Participation in Bureau-funded programs since 2003

# Total Youth Served in All Programs.

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
20093	18098	11460	12183	12452

# Youth Participants by Age Group.

Year	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	2339	6363	7812	3579
2004	1712	5238	6532	4616
2005	1046	4870	4605	939
2006	995	4594	5249	1345
2007	725	4477	5179	2071

# Youth Participants by Gender.

Year	Male	Female
2003	10442	9651
2004	9403	8695
2005	6018	5442
2006	6294	5889
2007	6408	6044

# Statistical Report for Special Delinquency Prevention Programs.

Year	Total Youth Served
2003	1518
2004	1511
2005	1566
2006	1500
2007	1442

# Youth Participants by Age Group.

Year	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	9	1024	445	40
2004	10	1009	470	22
2005	11	1118	412	25
2006	158	1000	281	61
2007	64	935	392	51

### Youth Participants in SDPP by Gender.

Year	Male	Female
2003	805	713
2004	807	704
2005	795	771
2006	818	682
2007	778	664

Statistical Report on SDPP Programs. Individual Program Comparisons.

Allegany County Employment & Training – SYEP at BOCES: Provides work experience, life skills and academic support to youth ages 14-18 through the summer. Referrals are made for year round program.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	10-15	16-20
2003	10	6	4	3	7
2004	11	9	2	5	6
2005	11	7	4	4	7
2006	9	8	1	3	6
2007	8	6	2	3	5

Mental Health – Youth Compeer: Adult volunteer is paired with an emotionally troubled youth. The two work weekly on social skills and esteem building activities.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	171	92	79	9	81	76	5
2004	172	85	87	10	81	76	5
2005	184	93	91	11	87	81	5
2006	238	142	96	14	102	109	13
2007	247	144	103	14	106	114	13

Prevention Education/Referral: ACASA

This program provides classroom instruction activities primarily for youth ages 5-12 on drugs and alcohol abuse and/or use. Agency also provides assessment and referral for counseling and individual participants.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	1187	621	566		942	245	
2004	1134	608	526		884	250	
2005	1283	640	643		964	319	
2006	1046	535	511	144	824	78	
2007	1077	557	520	50	829	198	

Special STEP: Similar to regular STEP Program but works intensively with highest risk high school youth to prevent Family Court involvement.

Year	Total	Male	Female	10-15	16-20
	Youth				
2003	4	4		4	
2004	7	7		6	1
2005	6	6		3	3
2006	12	12		7	5
2007	6	5	1	4	2

Special 1<sup>st</sup> STEP: Similar to the regular 1<sup>st</sup> STEP Program but targets middle school youth whose difficulties at home, in school or in the community may lead to Family Court involvement.

Year	Total	Male	Female	10-15	16-20
	Youth				
2003	8	6	2	8	0
2004	7	7		7	
2005	5	5		5	
2006	10	10		10	
2007	5	5		5	

Southern Tier Traveling Teacher Special GED Program: Assists youth on probation or at risk for other types of negative behaviors (e.g. drug/alcohol) to obtain their GED.

Year	Total	Male	Female	16-20
	Youth			
2005	10	9	1	10
2006	10	7	3	10
2007	9	9	0	9

Allegany County Youth Court Program: To support local effects to provide alternatives for juvenile and youthful offenders ages 7-17.

Year	Total	Male	Female	10-15	16-20
2006	101	66	35	74	27
2007	90	52	38	68	22

### Youth Development Delinquency Prevention Programs (YDDP) Total Contract Service and Initiative YDDP

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	2446	1155	1311	68	1153	983	262
2004	2451	1298	1153	118	944	1022	367
2005	1311	692	619	54	483	585	189
2006	1851	1023	828	51	464	965	371
2007	1951	993	958		701	918	332

#### Contract Youth Services

Allegany Arts Association-Summer Arts Festival-Hands on experience for youth 6-20 years old-conducted by local artists.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	163	44	119	9	78	76	
2004	245	97	148	17	134	93	1
2005	58	22	36		30	24	4
2006	76	26	50	1	15	57	3
2007	95	33	62		10	84	1

Allegany Council: Week of Alternatives-Camp-4 day summer camp which provides educational and recreational activities to promote healthy self concepts and a drug free lifestyle.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	69	39	30	30	39	
2004	89	42	47	16	73	
2005	80	40	40	47	33	
2006	129	60	69	51	78	
2007	116	53	63	42	74	

BOCES: Government for Youth-Legislative Internship Program for High School Students.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	10-15	16-20
2003	8	3	5		8
2004	21	7	14		21
2005	30	15	15		30
2006	20	10	10		20
2007	20	10	10		20

Literacy Volunteers: Peer helping peers - high school teens tutor other students who have difficulty reading and or working skills.

Year	Total	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
	Youth						
2003	786	396	390	26	485	200	75
2004	980	456	524	69	530	254	127
2005	445	229	216	26	204	126	89
2006	431	210	221	50	236	95	50
2007	824	341	483		560	165	99

Isaacs Youth Center: Sponsored by Southern Tier Youth for Christ: Teen centers are located in Wellsville, Whitesville, and Fillmore. Provide supervised leisure activities.

Year	Total	Male	Female	5-9	10-15	16-20
	Youth					
2003	312	189	123	3	175	134
2004	270	170	100	50	162	58
2005	No	Funds				
	Program	Requested				
2006	356	212	144	21	208	127
2007	259	173	86		161	98

Southern Tier Traveling Teachers: GED Program for out of school youth - Youth Bureau funds a maximum of 10 youths for this program.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	Ages 16-20
2003	12	6	6	12
2004	14	5	9	14
2005	17	1	16	17
2006	13	2	11	13
2007	12	5	7	12

Allegany County Chapter Red Cross: When I'm In Charge: Youth who must be home alone learn responsibility and safety.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	5-9	10-15	16-20
2005	75	38	37	44	30	1
2006	114	50	64	64	50	
2007	50	16	34	19	26	2

Youth for Christ-Wellsville Skate Park: For Youth in Wellsville and surrounding areas to practice skateboarding in a safe, substance-free environment.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	5-9	10-15	16-20
2005	176	131	45	37	111	28
2006	207	171	36	12	105	90
2007	241	207	34	18	136	87

 $1^{st}$  STEP: Houghton College- Using outdoor activities such as ropes course, camping, etc. to increase decision-making and self-esteem skills among  $5^{th}$  -  $8^{th}$  grades.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	10-15
2003	80	35	45	80
2004	69	32	37	69
2005	58	25	33	58
2006	67	23	44	67
2007	62	29	33	62

STEP- Houghton College- use outdoor living experiences and physical work to increase self esteem and problem solving skills for high school teens.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	10-15	16-20
2003	74	53	21	56	18
2004	75	44	31	35	40
2005	61	29	32	41	20
2006	53	32	21	38	15
2007	61	28	33	48	13

Natural Helpers- Sponsored by Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse: Teens are trained to help peers with coping and decision making skills.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	5-9	10-15
2003	65	20	45		65
2004	70	30	40	68	2
2005	54	25	29		54
2006	70	26	44		70
2007	36	19	17		36

Alfred University- Children Learning Initiatives: This program is a regional learning and educational / career exploration center for disadvantaged adolescents.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	5-9	10-15
2006	67	21	46	11	56
2007	75	23	52	2	73

Andover Youth Baseball/Softball Association – This program provides recreation for youth ages 5-15. Volunteers asked for financial aid to buy materials to build a fence - one time only grant.

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Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	5-9	10-15
2007	100	56	44	50	50

## Total Municipal YDDP

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	2680	1220	1460	265	95	950	514
2004	1255	489	766	449	553	223	30
2005	1609	700	909	210	859	493	47
2006	1176	264	912	100	253	762	61
2007	1200	495	705	100	294	794	12

### Municipal Youth Services

Village of Cuba - Cuba library: Preschool and children's story time, library awareness and activities for children.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	454	214	240	135	199	96	24
2004	1061	476	585	429	449	156	27
2005	1393	679	714	179	731	443	40
2006	371	185	186	74	125	125	47
2007	400	150	250	70	170	158	2

Town of Wellsville- Dance and Theater- 26 weeks of dance lessons to area children/youth summer theater program.

Year	Total Youth	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	226	26	200	45	53	118	10
2004	194	13	181	20	104	67	3
2005	216	21	195	31	128	50	7
2006	805	79	726	26	128	637	14
2007	800	345	455	30	124	636	10

### Recreation Totals:

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	13429	7262	6167	1997	3235	5434	2763
2004	12881	6809	6072	1135	2732	4817	4197
2005	6974	3831	3143	771	2410	3115	678
2006	7656	4189	3467	686	2877	3241	852
2007	7859	4142	3717	561	2547	3075	1676

# Village of Alfred: Recreation

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	49	23	26		29	20	
2004	75	46	29		36	39	
2005	81	37	44		36	45	
2006	74	30	44		31	43	
2007	70	33	37		39	31	

## Village/ Town of Almond

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	No Program						
2004	19	13	6		9	10	
2005	24	15	9		3	21	
2006	12	5	7		3	9	
2007	35	17	18		30	5	

## Village/Town of Angelica

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	115	62	53		38	77	
2004	100	50	50		50	50	
2005	100	40	60		30	70	
2006	100	40	60	10	70	20	
2007	100	40	60	10	70	20	

## Village/Town of Andover

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	85	37	48	3	42	40	
2004	65	34	31	4	47	14	
2005	65	31	34		38	27	
2006	53	15	38		27	26	
2007	58	18	40		30	28	

## Town of Belfast/ Town of Caneadea

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	145	78	67		106	39	
2004	145	77	68		100	41	4
2005	132	71	61		90	35	7
2006	145	78	67		106	39	
2007	69	37	32		43	26	

## Town of Amity/ Village of Belmont

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	44	24	20		28	16	
2004	71	39	32		38	33	
2005	79	41	38		40	39	
2006	62	34	28		32	30	
2007	65	35	30		34	31	

## Village/Town of Bolivar

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	600	240	360	120	180	210	90
2004	600	240	360	100	150	250	100
2005	600	240	360	120	180	210	90
2006	675	270	405	105	160	305	105
2007	683	275	408	100	173	315	95

## Village of Canaseraga/ Town of Burns

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	67	35	32	8	23	36	
2004	No Program						
2005	No Program						
2006	76	31	45	6	32	38	
2007	78	35	43		31	47	

# Village / Town of Cuba

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	100	40	60	4	90	6	
2004	100	40	60	4	90	6	
2005	100	50	50		90	10	
2006	100	40	60	8	85	7	
2007	100	40	60	4	90	6	

## Town of Hume/Town of Granger

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	105	54	51	12	66	27	
2004	79	39	40	3	56	20	
2005	46	23	23		37	9	
2006	78	38	40	1	59	18	
2007	63	33	30	2	39	22	

## Town of Friendship

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	150	90	60		40	60	50
2004	125	75	50		63	50	12
2005	200	80	120		100	70	30
2006	200	140	60		40	120	40
2007	200	140	60		40	120	40

## Town of Independence

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	121	51	70		72	45	4
2004	133	60	73		76	48	9
2005	137	56	81		68	64	5
2006	149	51	98		71	74	4
2007	100	50	50		75	25	

## Town of Rushford

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	87	48	39		36	36	15
2004	82	43	39		33	39	10
2005	80	45	35		29	42	9
2006	87	42	45		32	46	9
2007	72	39	33		29	34	9

## Town of Scio

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	36	22	14	2	20	14	
2004	15	8	7		11	4	
2005	20	5	15		15	5	
2006	3	1	2		1	2	
2007	No Program						

## Town of Wellsville

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	805	356	449	11	321	382	91
2004	1148	680	468	12	455	670	11
2005	998	567	431	47	102	787	62
2006	1100	555	545	43	452	591	14
2007	1140	538	602	51	480	593	16

### Town of Wirt

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	236	116	120	16	104	95	21
2004	No Program						
2005	No Program						
2006	210	100	110	60	90	60	
2007	210	60	150	25	150	35	

### Rushford Lake Beach

Year	Youth Totals	Male	Female	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
2003	10654	5966	4688	1821	2020	4321	2492
2004	10124	5365	4759	1012	1518	3543	4051
2005	4312	2530	1782	604	1552	1681	475
2006	4532	2719	1813	453	1586	1813	680
2007	4616	2612	2004	369	1154	1617	1476