

Become Involved

Advisory Board:

Advisory board consists of youth and adult volunteers. The board's function is to ensure that the goals and objectives of the project reflect the needs of the community. The board also organizes fundraising events, and networks within the community.

Volunteers Needed:

As part of a non profit organization, Project Excel relies heavily on the skills, ideas, services and support of volunteers from the community.

Donations:

Project Excel is funded by the Town of Huntington, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the Suffolk County Youth Bureau, The Huntington Arts Council, The Women of the Greens, various fundraisers and private donations.

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*Advancing Youth Development Through...
Education, Employment, and Enrichment*

OUR MISSION

To help develop youth's personal, social and academic competencies that will enable them to excel in school, in the community, in the workplace, at home and among their peers.

Excel offers youth *academic and employment skills* training, which includes tutoring, GED classes, and interviewing skills workshops; *life skills* training, including communication and conflict resolution; and *personal skills* training such as critical analysis, planning, and self-expression. The project also capitalizes on the power that programs in the arts have to develop skills, explore solutions, afford gratification and build relationships among youth. By doing so, Excel develops competencies in young people that will empower them to make healthy, productive life choices.

ABOUT PROJECT EXCEL

Project Excel is one of four specialized projects of the *Huntington Youth Bureau Youth Development Research Institute (The Institute)*. The Institute was established in 1979 and mandated to create, promote and implement programs and services that address the expressed and demonstrated needs of youth and their families.

Project Excel strives to make its programs accessible to youth by locating its programs in school districts, community organizations and other places youth can reach with relative ease. All programs are free and are held in school, after school evenings and on weekends.

Excel staff actively networks within the 8 local school districts, area businesses, Chamber of Commerce, trade schools, government agencies, cultural arts organizations and community groups to develop and support its programs.

*All programs are provided to youth
FREE of charge.*

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- ♦ G.E.D. Tutoring & Workshops
- ♦ Trips to Colleges/Vocational Schools
- ♦ College Prep/Exploration Workshops
- ♦ SAT Preparation
- ♦ College Survival Workshops
- ♦ Scholarship Exploration

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- ♦ Employment Counseling
- ♦ Career Exploration Workshop
- ♦ Entrepreneurial Workshops
- ♦ Job Referral & Placement
- ♦ Job Shadowing/Internship Program
- ♦ Summer Youth Employment Program (Dept. of Labor)
- ♦ Youth Out of School Program (Dept. of Labor)

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMS

- ♦ Conflict Resolution Workshop
- ♦ Cyberbullying Presentations
- ♦ Communication Skills Workshops
- ♦ Creative Problem Solving Workshops
- ♦ Dropout Prevention Programs

EXPRESSIVE ARTS PROGRAMS

- ♦ Writers' Workshop
- ♦ Backstage Productions
- ♦ Mural Painting
- ♦ Visual Arts Workshops
- ♦ Cultural Arts Trips

EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCES

Backstage Productions uses improvisation and role play to create skits addressing various issues youth face daily i.e. drugs and alcohol, dating, violence, and stress management. Performances are held for youth agencies, schools, conferences, libraries, community groups, etc.

To find out how your organization can benefit from a Backstage Performance, please call 631.271.5499. A 6-8 week advanced booking is required.