

Service Learning Program Abstract

North Shore Community College

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North Shore Community College (NSCC) has developed a Youth Gang Prevention Initiative through its Project YES (Youth Empowerment and Success) program in Lynn, Massachusetts.

Confronted with increasing violence and gang activity among youth in the city of Lynn, Massachusetts, the Mayor's Office and North Shore Community College initiated the formation of a Violence Prevention Task Force in November 2004. The task force was to focus on collaborating to develop a Gang Prevention Pilot Program serving at-risk youth through an alternative after-school environment linked to include: academic support, life skills, career development, recreation/fitness opportunities, and field trips.

A notable success of the Project YES program is the involvement of service learning students. The 25-30 at-risk youth in Project YES benefit from the caring and knowledgeable attention of service learning students at the college. Each tutor receives specialized training on how to interact with the youth.

Disciplines/Courses Involved:

CRJ101-LM	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRJ105	Constitutional Interpretations 1
CRJ106	Criminal Investigation
CRJ108L	Crisis Intervention

Community Partner(s):

Mayor's Office, Lynn, Massachusetts

Service Provided:

High quality mentoring support for the Project YES program to help place youth in a cycle of learning and empowerment.

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