

About Gateway

Gateway Youth Programs specializes in positive youth development by working with the youth of Darke & Miami County that may be in conflict, at-risk, or in need of support. This program focuces on building positive attributes that younger individuals need in order to be successful in their life. Within this program there is an emphasis on providing support and experiences to help youth transition through the stages of their developmental journey and gain skills necessary to deal with life's many challenges.

MISSION

We provide a unique mix of learning and social experience to develop competence, motivation, and behavior for a better life and stronger community.



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The future rests in the hands and minds of our youth, who work to make our communities a better place for families to live and for children to grow.

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Community Connectors

The Community Connectors program is designed to bring together students, their parents, schools, and businesses to streghten communities, encourage mentoring opportunities and create new pathways for civic engagement that will result in higher educational achievement, higher levels of well-being and health, along with workforce readiness.

The program provides mentoring to youth in grades 5 through 12 in Darke County by pairing students with role models who can help motivate and inspire them, as well as help them develop skills that lead to success in school and the workplace.

The program has school based youth advocates that meet 1:1 with students, facilitate small group mentoring, leadership, motivation, and focus on college and career preparation. There is also a focus on job readiness and development for high school aged students.

The goal is to help students get excited about their future - to be encouraged to dream big - and learn what it takes to put their dreams and goals into action by addressing the following core principles:

- Setting goals to be prepared for the future workforce.
- · Building character.
- · Developing pathways to achievement.
- · Building a sense of resiliency.
- · Believing in a positive future.



Summer Programming

Gateway offers additional group programming in the summer months. The goal of group is to provide education and support to enhance socialization and growth of the individual. The group process allows youth to openly express their thoughts and feelings in a safe environment and to challenge their creative and athletic ability. Groups have included the following: Running Buddies, Book Club, Art Expressions, Fitness and Nutrition and Photography. There are opportunities for field trips and special events.



Tutoring Program

The tutoring program is offered after-school and in the summer for students kindergarten through 12th grade. Students are provided one hour, 1:1 tutoring sessions weekly during each program quarter.

Referrals can be made by schools, social service agencies, parents, friends, or self referred. Upon enrollment, students will complete a WRAT assessment that is administered by our literacy specialist to determine students' academic deficiencies. There is a fee for turoring that is determined by a sliding scale based on family size and income.

ACES

ACES is designed with the philosophy that all students can learn and succeed when the conditions are conducive to their personal and educational needs. Through a collaborative effort with the Darke and Miami County Educational Service Center and Darke and Miami County Schools, we offer an alternative education program for students in grades 9-12 who are credit deficient or have no school engagement. Students must be referred to by their home school administration.

ACES has two certified teachers, educational aides, and support staff that provide academic instruction and support to help students move towards graduation. Curriculum is aligned with the State standards and can be individualized for each student. Additional activities and services are incorporated to promote personal development. Students also participate in job readiness activities and soft skill building to assist in employability.

