

Beaver County Youth Ambassador Program (YAP)

YAP is a youth centered, youth driven program operating in Beaver County schools that enhances mental health awareness and acceptance.



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2016: Program began with 5 Beaver County school districts and 80 students.



2023: Expansion to 20 school districts reaching over 300 + students!

Who are the Youth Ambassadors....

Students in grades 6-12

Beaver County residents

Diverse group of members

Students with or without knowledge of mental health and/or lived experiences

Benefits of being a YAP member:

Being a "change agent" to enhance the culture of acceptance

Meeting others with similar experiences

Helping others

Learning

Making a difference in their community

It's OK to
Not Be OK!

Things we have done:

Meetings with:

Harrisburg Legislators
PA Suicide Prevention Taskforce
County Commissioners

Outreach:

Mental Health Awareness Events
Countywide Events
Outreach to younger students

Engaging the youth:

Poster Contest
Chalk Talk
YAP After Dark
Expansion to middle schools

Program Focus:

- Increase awareness and acceptance of mental health and wellness
- Promote leadership and self advocacy
- Become familiar with local resources
- Fight inequities and stigma



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