



Cumberland County Youth For Success Initiative At-Risk Criteria

Youth Name: _____

It is the intent of the Cumberland County Youth for Success Initiative to identify, through the deployment of these criteria, those youth most at-risk for involvement with the criminal justice system. The Youth for Success Initiative strives to prevent and reduce at-risk and delinquent behaviors of youth in Vineland, Bridgeton and Millville. Ultimately, the Initiative seeks to have a long-term, positive and life enhancing change on the youth referred into the Initiative. These goals are pursued through collaboration among criminal justice and law enforcement agencies, community organizations, faith-based organizations and social service providers.

In order to be placed on the Cumberland County Youth for Success Initiative caseload, an individual must meet the first 2 criteria listed AND 1 preferably 2 of the remaining criteria below (Please check the boxes of the criteria and circle the specific circumstances within the larger criteria met by the youth):

- Age –**
The youth must be in Middle School or High School, defined as 6th grade through 12th grade.
- Residency –**
The youth must reside in Vineland, Millville or Bridgeton in Cumberland County.*
- Youth’s Criminal History and Discretion –**
 - Youth who are demonstrating risky behavior, including but not limited to, such as running away; suspected of or committing status/disorderly person offenses, such as disorderly conduct, improper behavior, harassment, criminal mischief, shoplifting; disobeying municipal ordinances, such as curfew; can be eligible for the Youth for Success Initiative; as well as youth suspected of gang involvement or associates with other delinquent peers. The youth’s exposure and use/abuse of alcohol and/or drugs should also be a circumstance for referral into the Initiative.
- Performance and Behavior in School –**
 - Youth who are, including but not limited to, chronically absent from school (5 or more *unexcused* absences from school); late for school (5 or more times tardy for school); have been expelled or suspended; performing below grade level academically; receiving poor grades; exhibiting defiant behavior (such as uniform violations; talking back to teachers; using profanity; and inappropriate cell phone use) at school; or engaging in bullying can be eligible for the Youth for Success Initiative.
- Family’s History with Law Enforcement –**
 - Youth who come from families who are, including but not limited to, known to law enforcement; have family members involved (past or present) in the criminal justice system; or with a parent incarcerated within last 18 months can be eligible for the Youth for Success Initiative.
- Home Situation –**
 - Youth who come from, including but not limited to, an unstable home life, as gauged by being raised by someone other than a parent; domestic abuse in the family; having a lack of adult supervision in the home; residing in a known gang area; has a history of loss (death or abandonment); or is known by DCP&P (past or open current case) can be eligible for the Youth for Success Initiative.

Other (Please Explain) –

* The participant need not remain a resident of the city after admission to the program, but a case must be made for his/her further inclusion in the Initiative in the event of relocation beyond these city’s limits.