

TRANSITION AGE YOUTH PROGRAM



THE TRANSITION AGE YOUTH PROGRAM (TAY) BEGAN IN 2001 AS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND GARRETT COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY/LMB, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADVENTURESPOITS INSTITUTE OF GARRETT COLLEGE. A GRANT THROUGH THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THROUGH STATE OF MARYLAND, PROVIDES FOR STAFF, TRANSPORTATION, MEALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES THAT ARE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE BASED PROGRAMS. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES SERVICES FOR LOCAL GARRETT COUNTY STUDENTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL (AGE 13 OR OLDER) AND HIGH SCHOOLS. THE PURPOSE OF THE TAY PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GARRETT COUNTY YOUTH WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM WITH MEANINGFUL OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES IN SELF- DISCOVERY AND GROWTH THROUGH ADVENTURE SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER COOPERATION, RESPECT, TRUST, AND COMPASSION. THIS OCCURS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF POSITIVE DECISION MAKING AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF STUDENT MENTORS THROUGH THE ADVENTURE SPORTS PROGRAM. PROGRAMMING OCCURS YEAR-LONG WITH VENUES THAT INCLUDE WHITEWATER RAFTING, MOUNTAIN BIKING, ROCK CLIMBING, ORIENTEERING AND GPS GEOCACHING, HIKING, WINTER SPORTS THAT INCLUDE CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, SKIING, SNOWBOARDING AND WINTER TUBING.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TAY PROGRAM OR STUDENT MENTOR OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT: SCOTT RICHARDSON, TAY COORDINATOR, 301-387-3323 SCOTT.RICHARDSON@GARRETTCOLLEGE.EDU

