

**TOWN OF EAST GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU**

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Accomplishments

Please note that State funding for this fiscal year was not approved until January 2018, which severely hindered the YSB's ability to offer programming through the fall.

Collaborations with East Granby schools

1. Organized and partially funded drug prevention presentations in the middle school and the high school. Ginger Katz, founder of the Courage To Speak foundation, was the presenter and the programs were very well received. Comments from the school principals are attached.
2. Applied for and secured a regional grant covering East Granby, Hartland, and Granby to fund opioid education and awareness activities through the "Change the Script" initiative. Grant funds enabled the YSB to:
 - a. Hold a regional forum with experts in all areas of opioid and other substance use and abuse
 - b. Contact regional pharmacies, veterinarians, and doctors to educate them on the state requirements for tracking opioid prescriptions
 - c. Create "Table Talk" jars to encourage family conversation and open communication
 - d. Produce 'Change the Script' brochures with East Granby logo
3. Worked with schools on multiple truancy referrals
4. Worked with guidance staff at Seymour, the middle school and the high school on numerous referrals
5. Provided transportation to Let's Not Meet by Accident, a St. Francis Hospital program promoting driving safety for teens
6. Funded Esteem, a positive self-image program for 5th grade students
7. Provided funding for Project Graduation, a substance-free celebration for graduating high school seniors

Collaborations with Town

1. With the East Granby Lions and the Park and Rec Department, co-sponsored the annual Halloween Party
2. Provided training to Granbrook counselors
3. Will provide two hands-on reptile and amphibian presentations to Granbrook Park Camp
4. Will provide two hands-on healthy eating sessions to Granbrook Park Camp

Collaborations with State Departments of Education and Juvenile Justice

1. Attended training on new Connecticut truancy policies and procedures, and helped East Granby schools implement those procedures
2. Attended training on the Ohio Scales assessment tool, which will be required by the State Board of Education in fiscal year 2018-19 for all children who receive YSB services
3. Timely preparation and submission of funding grants
4. Timely preparation and submission of prior fiscal year financial reporting

East Granby Staff

1. Provided both individual and family therapy to more than 20 East Granby families
2. MS YAC hosted two community events: Skate Night and Recycle a Gift
3. HS YAC hosted a Field Day to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation
4. Red Cross Babysitting training
5. When I'm in Charge class
6. JRB meetings as needed
7. Contributed to Talk Turkey