

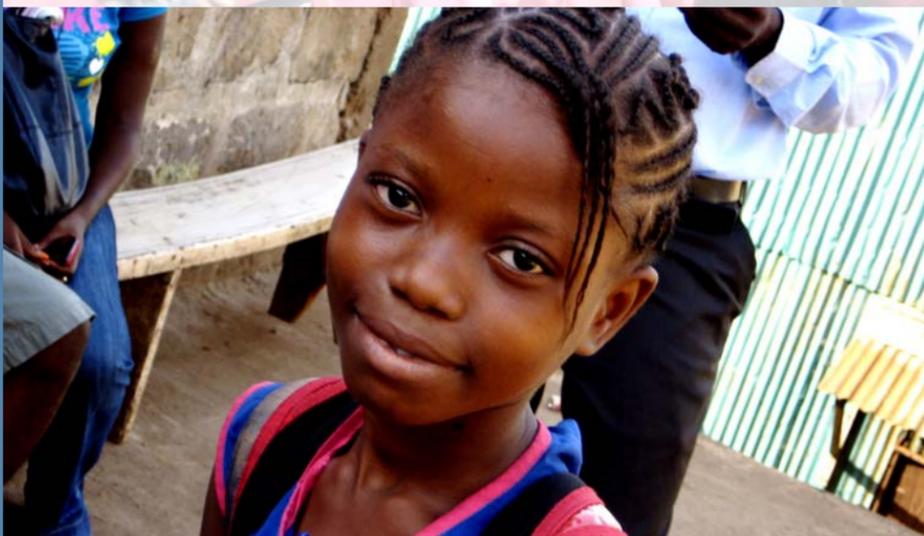
THE YAP MODEL

A Unique and Creative Global Resource

Individuals, families, communities, cultures and countries have unique sets of needs and circumstances. YAP's community-based model has proven effective in addressing distinct needs in diverse cultural environments. From Northern Ireland to Sierra Leone, YAP is applying its universal principles in support of families and communities.

Universal Elements of the YAP Model

- Focus on youth and families
- Individualized service planning
- Identifying and developing youth and family strengths
- Cultural competence and respect for diversity
- Respectful partnerships with families
- Team work
- Never give up approach
- Reducing dependence on external systems by helping young people and families use their capabilities to solve problems
- Developing sustainable networks of formal and informal supports for youth and families



OUR INTERNATIONAL WORK

Capacity Building in Global Communities

YAP helps to build sustainable resources in the communities it serves. Community residents are hired for each local YAP team. Each YAP team includes staff known as advocates who work in concert with families and community members to help young people achieve their goals. YAP teams help to maximize existing community resources and also develop creative ways to bridge gaps in needed services.

Cost-Effective Innovation in Difficult Economic Times

The value of YAP's community-based care becomes even more apparent in financially troubled times. In the current global economy, YAP's ability to leverage natural resources and build community capacity is valued by juvenile justice, child welfare and other public systems seeking services for their most challenging youth. YAP programs provide viable, cost-effective alternatives to expensive incarceration and institutionalization.

Helping Vulnerable Children Youth and Families

YAP is a supportive partner, helping to address the needs of extremely vulnerable populations, including marginalized youth living in situations resulting from civil unrest. Collaborative efforts with our sister agencies and other organizations abroad help to address needs for education, rehabilitation, communication, life skills development and reunification of families. Our partnerships have resulted in successful street outreach, reintegration after out-of-home placement, conflict resolution and acculturation assistance. YAP has created and supported programs internationally that are effective alternatives to detention, correctional facilities and placement in other residential facilities.



YAP AROUND THE WORLD

YAP's international initiatives introduce innovative, cost effective ways to serve vulnerable young people and families. Our aim is to help communities adapt the YAP model to fit their needs and ultimately operate independently. With long-term support and assistance, YAP Ireland recently became an independent organization. In Scotland and Hawaii, experienced YAP leaders provided technical assistance and training. YAP's sister agency in Sierra Leone provides solidarity and support to former child combatants. A second sister agency provides alternatives to life on the streets for homeless youth in Guatemala.

VOICES FOR CHANGE

YAP believes that all children and families, regardless of their circumstances, should have voice in efforts to bring about social justice and systems change. The YAP VOICE initiative is one of many ways YAP is empowering young people with opportunities to express their needs and ideas.

FROM THE BEGINNING...

Since 1975, YAP has been providing effective community-based, family-focused alternatives to institutional care and incarceration of children and young adults. From a single program in Pennsylvania, U.S.A. YAP has grown to become one of the largest non-profit agencies in the United States serving extremely high-risk young people. Our successful U.S. juvenile justice programs came to the attention of policy makers in the United Kingdom, leading to our work abroad.

YAP TODAY...

YAP is a national and international leader in community-based care. In the U.S., YAP annually serves over 10,000 families from more than 125 communities across the country, including 25 major metropolitan areas. Worldwide, we are also helping youth, families and community partners to develop skills, strengths, competencies and sustainable networks of support. YAP is a private, non-profit human service agency incorporated in Pennsylvania and headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

HOW OUR INTERNATIONAL TEAM CAN HELP YOU...

Our international team has extensive experience in starting new community-based programs and adapting them to local cultural and business environments. We will be glad to provide information on program start-up and the many other ways YAP works with global partners. They include:

- Technical Consulting
- Training
- New Direct Service Programs
- Program Support
- Program Evaluation and Outcome Measurement

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