

Youth Development Goes Green With CAPP



By supporting positive youth development practices our community builds assets for young people and decreases risk of teen pregnancy, truancy, substance use and teen violence. Youth development goes beyond prevention and offers a three-pronged framework for optimizing adolescent development: services, opportunities and supports. But how can we incorporate each of these ideas to enhance our community, support our adolescents and involve youth in actual program planning?

The CAPP team at REACH CNY began exploring ways to meet this challenge; and, Camp Green Teen is our solution!

REACH CNY is reaching out to any partners in the community who might be interested in supporting a special summer program for 50 local teens. Over the course of 6 weeks, teens will be challenged to plan and carry out five different sustainable community projects as they learn all about the CNY region's green industries and career opportunities. Field research in state parks, campus tours of SUNY-ESF, an eco-friendly overnight camping trip and other exciting opportunities all culminate to a Green Job Fair! The camp experience is focused on leadership and skill building opportunities that will benefit our youth and our wider community.

Camp Green Teen will be open to youth ages 10-17, with special leadership roles for older young adults (18-21). Do you want to learn more about the camp and how your youth can participate? To get involved with Camp Green team, please contact Christina Mills at cmills@reachcny.org

If you are a business or member of the community who would like to support Camp Green Teen either through a sponsorship or other donation, or by hosting an activity for the camp during the summer of 2012, please contact Erin Bortel at ebortel@reachcny.org. We thank you in advance for your support!