

Legislative Review of Westchester County 2009 Proposed Operating Budget Department Budget Worksheet

County Department:	<u>Youth Bureau</u>	Date of Presentation:	<u>11/19/08</u>
Commissioner Name:	<u>Marlene Furtick</u>	Commissioner Phone:	<u>914-995-4683</u>
Committee with Oversight Responsibility for Dept:	<u>Generation, Cultural & Ethnic Diversity</u>	Committee Chair:	<u>Bernice Spreckman</u>
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Budget: Proposed 2009:	<u>\$919,726</u>	Approved 2008:	<u>\$964,732</u>	%Increase/Decrease:	<u>-4.89%</u>
Staffing: # employees 2008:	<u>9</u>	Proposed staffing 2009:	<u>9</u>	% +/- Staffing:	<u>0</u>
Sources of Funding: County:	<u>\$693,999</u>	State:	<u>\$122,265</u>	Federal:	<u>0</u>
				Grants:	<u>\$2,797,099</u>
Mandated portion of department budget:	<u>\$</u>	% of total dept budget:	<u></u>	% of county budget:	<u></u>

2008 DEPT. HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Did committee invite commissioner in this past year to discuss specific areas of concern? Describe.

Yes. Commissioner Furtick met with GCED on March 25, 2008 to discuss an Act authorizing the County to enter into inter-municipal agreements (IMA's) with the City of Mt. Vernon, Peekskill, and White Plains under the County's Invest in Kids Program.

Report on 2008: Highlight of dept's accomplishments *(Usually in executive summary of dept budget)*

The Youth Bureau and the Westchester County Public Library System have joined forces in helping Westchester Scholars to maintain and enhance their reading, writing and comprehension skills by working with a known, best-selling author and providing youth employment opportunities at local libraries and day camps, this has resulted in summer jobs for Westchester Scholars students. Maintained the Power of Peace in three cities: White Plains, Yonkers and Port Chester with ongoing expansion to include Ossining, Mt. Vernon and Peekskill. The CYB is the lead agency for implementing the NYS best practice model of AYD (Advancing Youth Development). This "Train the Trainer" model has recruited, trained and supported youth workers in our County with hands on techniques for front line youth workers. To date, more than 130 service providers have been trained and an additional four participants have signed on to become facilitators.

2009 Operating Budget

Impact of State budget cuts on dept: \$ unknown

Specific cutbacks to accommodate reduced spending? Program areas most affected:

There will be no new equipment purchases, elimination of paid summer intern (will now be an unpaid intern), scaling back on Gang Summit due to evaluations given after 2008 Gang Summit with local leaders requesting program to be held on a more local level, partnering with community leaders and parents. Programs will take place in Mt. Vernon, Peekskill and Yonkers.

What's expected public impact of proposed cuts? [EXAMPLES: Public won't notice? Closing sites in these locations? Less funding for specific programs. Consolidating program areas to economize.]

None that will be noticeable.

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QUOTES/COMMENTS

Quote from Oversight Committee Chair

Quote from Legislator Pinto (In Legislator Spreckman's absence): I'm happy to see that more communities have signed on to participate in preventative programs.

Quote from Budget & Appropriations Chair

Legislator Alvarado: Under the leadership of Commissioner Marlene Furtick, the Westchester County Youth Bureau has been brought into a positive light and I want to commend her on all her hard work and efforts.

Other Comment(s)/Quotes, Facts

Commissioner Marlene Furtick: It is not always easy to meet the challenges but it's a team effort that makes us so successful. It's especially exciting and rewarding to see all the good that's going on in our communities but, unfortunately, it's often under reported.