

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



Mission & Objective

HHYAP serves as an Early Intervention Advocate
Program for youth ages 3-17 ½ who are facing
challenging life circumstances. We take a holistic
approach to coordinate our community's vast array of
talents, services and resources to help youth and
empower parents and caregivers.

YOUTHASSISTANCE.ORG



Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program
(HHYAP) works in collaboration with
Hamilton Heights School District, the three
towns that make up the district—Arcadia,
Atlanta and Cicero, and the Hamilton
County Superior Court. Our programs and
services are in high demand and we are
making strides and more importantly,
making a difference in the lives of the
children and families we serve. Thank you
for the opportunity to make an impact. –
Mary Ann Haymaker, Early Intervention
Advocate

OUR 2023 TEAM

Tricia Akers, Hamilton County Youth Assistance Director Mary Ann Haymaker, Hamilton Heights Early Intervention Advocate

Summer Bailey, Family Resource Coordinator

Our Board of Directors

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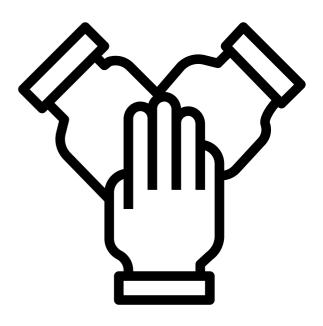
Emily Schmale, Attorney, Church Church Hittle + Antrim

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Judge Michael A. Casati, Hamilton Co. Superior Court No.1

Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent - Hamilton Heights Schools



OUR SERVICES

Services we provide include:

- Lunch Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Family education
- Food, clothing and financial assistance
- General counseling and other mental health resources
- Camps and recreational opportunities
- Grief Groups
- Mental Health/Suicide Prevention



YOUTH SERVED IN 2022

We are always happy to work with our Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program. HHYAP works as a liaison between the students of the Hamilton Heights school district and the services that agencies such as Angels' Attic can provide. They pitch in and help make programs work because they truly care. They want their students to have the best chance at success that they possibly can. Our community is better for having HHYAP as a teammate.

Kim Beaver, Director of Angels' Attic

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Grief Group



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YOUTH ATTEND THE GRIEF GROUP



The Youth Advocate and school counselors run a grief group we call the Gathering Place at the Elementary and Middle Schools. The High School counselors run the same program and we have all been trained through Brooke's Place.

At Hamilton Heights Middle School, The Youth Assistance program has been a positive advocate and resource for our students who face significant challenges. We are so thankful for our partnership. Our students significantly benefit from YAP's compassion, network of support and hard work.

Bret Bailey, Hamilton Heights Middle School Principal



TUTORING PROGRAM

HHYAP has a tutoring program at the Middle and High School. Free tutoring and snacks are provided twice a week after school.



STUDENTS SERVED BY HHYAP TUTORS IN 2023.

HHYAP makes such a positive difference for our students. They connect needs and students enabling our students to focus more on learning and less on meeting basic needs from socks to coats to food and therapy. HHSC is a better place for our students to learn because of the work of HHYAP. Derek Arrowood, HHSC Superintendent

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



SHOP WITH A COP

HHYAP participates and partners with Hamilton County Sherriff's Department Community Foundation each year giving many of our HHYAP kids a chance to get back to school clothes.

HOLIDAY GIVING

We are so thankful for the multiple community partners such as Shop with a Cop, Secret Families of Hamilton County, HHYAP Board members and then generous HH community to name a few who helped provide holiday assistance for over 65 kids this holiday season.

KIDS COATS

HHYAP partnered with Kids Coats and Arcadia Church of the Brethren to provide more than 50 coats to Hamilton Heights students.

SRO/HHYAP MINI CAMP

Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance partnered with Hamilton Heights SRO's and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department to host the very first mini camp this summer. This was a great time with kids to learn about the Sheriff's Department and connect with the SRO's and Youth Advocate. We plan on growing this program every year.

School Assistance

Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Advocate reads to each elementary school classroom several times a year so that she is able to make a personal connection with the kids. She also helps each year scoop ice cream as a reward for all 3rd grade students who complete required homework. She also assists when school counselors need extra support for students in the buildings.

IMPACT YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS

HHYAP hosts a recognition event for a student from each grade at Beck's Hybrids every year. These children are nominated by a school staff member. These are kids who have risen above their circumstances and continue to come to school daily. This is an amazing event that a team of volunteers help make a huge success for the kids and the families.

CAMP/PRO-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

HHYAP was able to assist with summer camp and pro-social activities for 30 kids this year.

2023 SPONSORS

Remnant Coffee Shop White River Christian Church CICF-Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation American Online Giving Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation Spring Valley Storage Hoosier Pool and Spa Specialty Tax Services Powers Septic and Sewer Elks Lodge-Noblesville The Farmers Bank Purkey's Heating and Cooling Drayer Family Foundation Reynolds Farm Equipment Church Church Hittle + Antrim Jackson Township Trustee United Animal Health Biddle Memorial Foundation Monuments by Robinson and Son BerryComm, LLC Bender Homes Adler Attorneys Cicero Insurance

Baldes Auto Video Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Beck's Hybrids Arthur Dean Foundation Kiwanis-Cicero Network for Good Jeff and Beth Roberts Sydney Loomis Jessica Heiser Mike and Jeanann Dodson Perry and Kathy Williams Zach and Sara Smith Nikki Felix Natasha Robinson Committee to Elect Anthony J. Cook Angela Hungate Dr. Cody Tino The Beck Foundation

2023 Contributions \$138,815

HHYAP had a wonderful year. I had the opportunity to really connect with our clients at school this year. We also had the addition of a Family Resource Coordinator at the high school level thanks to the Community Catalyst Grant. The coordinator has been a great asset to our program.

Like last year we have seen an increase in mental health referrals. Thankfully due to our relationships with the community counseling providers in Hamilton Heights School Corporation we have successfully placed clients with a provider.

The Board and I are looking forward to another year of service and connection with children and families in the Hamilton Heights district. HHYAP's success is thanks to the Council, Hamilton Heights School Corporation and all of our community partners and supporters.