



# HOOSIER YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

Community Referral Form Fax Referral to : 765 345 1024

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Male or female between ages of 16 and 18-years-old
- Not currently attending school; not on track to graduate
- Unemployed, underemployed upon enrollment
- Willing to become tobacco, alcohol and drug-free
- No felony charges or convictions
- Can be on parole for juvenile status offenses
- Citizen or legal resident of the United States
- An Indiana resident
- Mentally & physically capable to participate and complete the program
- Has identified a committed adult to be mentor

**8 CORE COMPONENTS**

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

**HEALTH AND HYGIENE**

**JOB SKILLS**

**LEADERSHIP / FOLLOWERSHIP**

**LIFE-COPING SKILLS**

**PHYSICAL FITNESS**

**RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP**

**SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**

Referral Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT INFORMATION ONLY:**

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Female \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YY)

RACE: American Indian \_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_ Black \_\_\_ White \_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (County)

**PRIMARY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work : (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)  
(County)

**SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

Last School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Officially Withdrawn from School? Yes /No Date of Withdrawal: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL HISTORY:**

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Location of Offense: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY COUNTY STATE

Offense/Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the conviction of the offense? STATE / FEDERAL MISDEMEANOR \_\_\_\_\_ FELONY \_\_\_\_\_

Was it Juvenile or Adult Court: JUVENILE or ADULT (Circle one)

Penalty Imposed or Other Disposition / or Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Probation Officer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Our Mission

The mission of the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA) is to intervene, train and mentor at-risk youth to become productive young adults with the values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to successfully contribute to society. The program uses a quasi-military format to instill positive leadership and discipline traits in cadets during a five-month residential program and a yearlong post-resident mentorship phase.

***\*Quasi-military is a term used to describe an organization that resembles a military environment, including structure and discipline.***

## Our Program

HYCA is a volunteer program for at-risk youth, ranging in ages between 16 and 18-years old, who are likely to drop out or have already dropped out of high school. The free program is a 17 ½-month commitment, including an in-depth screening process, two-week acclimate phase, five-month residential program and a yearlong post-resident mentorship phase to help the graduates with career and life goal achievement.

### **Acclimation:**

- Two-week phase focusing on behavior and decision making
- Determines candidates potential for successfully completing the program
- Focus on teamwork, physical fitness, close-order drill practices and codes of conduct

### **Residential:**

- Five-month quasi-military phase
- Rigorous program of mentorship, education, community service and leadership training
- Opportunity to qualify for High School Equivalency Diploma (HSE) and college credit courses

### **Post-residential:**

- 12-month phase begins when graduates return to communities
- Mentors are qualified and trained to serve as positive role model
- Required bi-monthly meetings with Academy advisors increases chances for continued success of graduates

## Our Focus

The HYCA staff is dedicated to significantly improve the life skills and employment opportunities of our youth. For the ones who have gotten distracted, fell into the wrong crowd or simply want to become a better version of oneself – this free program may be for you! HYCA believes in you and believes you can succeed!

### HYCA strongly focuses on:

- Motivation, self-discipline & self-value
- Academic preparation
- Mentoring and monitoring
- Sense of belonging
- Accountability and consequences
- Demanding schedules
- Teamwork
- Physical fitness

***"I wanted to quit so many times, but the Cadre pushed me to go further than I ever thought I could go. I've gained self-confidence and a better outlook for my future." – Cadet Smith, Class 17***

## **Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy Recruiters:**

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