

Y2Y STAFF POINT OF CONTACT GUIDE



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Dear Y2Y Staff Point of Contact,

We know all too well that violence is killing our future. Emergency rooms in the United States treat 692,000 young people each year due to injuries sustained from violence.

In response, Job Corps students have organized Youth 2 Youth: Partners 4 Peace.

In recent years, Job Corps has partnered with the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention and My Brother's Keeper to support violence prevention. Job Corps students have created Youth 2 Youth: Partners 4 Peace (Y2Y) as a student-led outreach effort to initiate positive, peer-to-peer dialogue on Job Corps centers and in surrounding communities about violence prevention.

Y2Y seeks to:

- Talk about violence and aggression in our community.
- Empower one another to prevent violence and aggression.
- Share stories and talk about solutions to help others prevent violence and aggression.

Y2Y is a student-led campaign created for Job Corps students and by Job Corps students. You can support your center's Y2Y Student Ambassadors by using the "Staff Getting Y2Y Started" guide on the following page. Problems with violence are different in each community across the country, and each center's Y2Y efforts will be different. The Staff Getting Started tips will help you support your students as they put Y2Y in motion. From there ... it's up to your students to make a difference.

Some Job Corps centers already have violence-prevention programs in place. If that's the case at your center, I am excited to hear it, and I hope that your students will consider incorporating Y2Y into their efforts.

"Y2Y Week" begins Monday, September 14, and concludes Friday, September 18, 2015. During Y2Y Week, Job Corps Student Ambassadors across the country will officially announce Y2Y to their surrounding communities. Leading up to that week, Student Ambassadors and Staff Points of Contact will organize, plan, and collaborate with one another on announcement ideas.

Job Corps will share students' efforts and post photos, videos, and updates about Y2Y to the campaign website, **www.JobCorpsY2Y.com**, and on Job Corps' Facebook page (**www.Facebook.com/doljobcorps**) and YouTube channel (**www.YouTube.com/doljobcorps**). As a Staff Contact, you can empower your Student Ambassadors to start planning today using the Students Getting Started tips, and other resources available on the campaign website to make sure that their efforts are included.

I'm heartened by and proud to support your students in their efforts to improve everyone's future, and I thank you for your commitment to them. Please join me in supporting them.

Sincerely,

Lenita Jacobs-Simmons
Office of Job Corps
National Director

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The checklist below can guide your Y2Y efforts.

TALK ABOUT VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION IN OUR COMMUNITY.

- There are many types of violence: assault, bullying and cyberbullying, sexual violence and intimidation. Work with Y2Y Student Ambassadors to help them understand what types of violence have occurred on the center or in the community.
- Encourage students to use the Y2Y “Anti-Violence Resource Links” document to learn more about different types of violence and violence-prevention tools.
- Talk with staff members about the Y2Y campaign and how they can support students’ efforts on center.
- Work with Student Ambassadors to incorporate Y2Y into new-student orientation and CPP.
- Ensure Student Ambassadors have access to the Y2Y website (www.JobCorpsY2Y.com) and online toolkit.
- Provide necessary administrative and logistical support for Student Ambassadors planning Y2Y meetings.

EMPOWER ONE ANOTHER TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION.

- Encourage Student Ambassadors to download the Y2Y “Pledge 4 Peace,” sign it, and display it in their dorm room so that other students know whom they can count on to oppose violence.
- Assist Student Ambassadors in downloading the Y2Y “Violence Is Killing Our Future” infographic and displaying it around the center.
- Share Y2Y information with your friends and family so that they can join the effort.
- Support Student Ambassadors as they plan assemblies and events to give other students opportunities to become involved in your center’s Y2Y efforts.

SHARE STORIES AND TALK ABOUT SOLUTIONS TO HELP OTHERS PREVENT VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION.

- Help students plan and host a Y2Y event during Y2Y Week, which begins Monday, September 14, and concludes Friday, September 18.
- Review the “Meeting Checklist” for tips on planning events.
- Encourage all students to visit the “Share Your Story” tab on **www.JobCorpsY2Y.com** to upload their stories about what is happening on center to prevent violence.
- Take photos of your students’ Y2Y efforts—from small meetings to big events—and send them to **JobCorpsY2Y@mpf.com** along with short descriptions so that they can be posted to the Job Corps Facebook page (**www.Facebook.com/doljobcorps**).

