

Y2Y STUDENT GUIDE



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Dear Y2Y Student Ambassador,

You and your fellow students 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, your fellow 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.

You can get involved by using the "Students 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 Students Getting Started tips will help you put Y2Y into motion. From there ... it's up to you and your fellow students to make a difference.

We know that 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 you will consider incorporating Y2Y into your 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 campaign ideas.

Job Corps will share your 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 Student Ambassador, you may start planning today using the Students Getting Started tips on the following page, and other resources available on the campaign website to make sure that your efforts are included.

I'm heartened by and proud to support each of you in your efforts to improve everyone's future.

Sincerely,

Lenita Jacobs-Simmons
National Director
Office of Job Corps

STUDENTS GETTING Y2Y STARTED

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. Learn about what kind of violence your peers have experienced.
- Use the Y2Y “Anti-Violence Resource Links” document to learn more about different types of violence and violence-prevention tools.
- Talk with other students and staff members to see who else would like to support Y2Y at your center.
- Work with staff members to incorporate Y2Y into new-student orientation and CPP.
- Work with your fellow Y2Y supporters to schedule regular Y2Y meetings.
- Use the Y2Y “Meeting Checklist” to make the most of your meeting time.
- Download the Y2Y “Get Involved” flier template, fill in the blanks, and post copies around your center to advertise the details of your meetings to other students.

EMPOWER EACH OTHER TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION.

- Download the Y2Y “Pledge 4 Peace,” sign it, and display it in your dorm so that others know that they can count on you to oppose violence.
- Download the Y2Y “Violence Is Killing Our Future” infographic, display it on your center, and share it with friends and family.
- Share Y2Y information in person and online with your friends and family so that they can join the effort.
- 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.

- Continue holding Y2Y meetings regularly to review your progress, set new goals, and share stories.
- Work with fellow students and staff members to host a Y2Y event during Y2Y Week, which begins Monday, September 14, and concludes Friday, September 18.
- Use the Y2Y “Meeting Checklist” for tips on planning your event.
- Visit the “Share Your Story” tab on www.JobCorpsY2Y.com to upload your story about what is happening on your center and to hear stories from fellow students at other centers about what is happening to prevent violence.
- Take photos of your 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).
- Record short (30- to 60-second) video testimonials and email them to JobCorpsY2Y@mpf.com so that they can be posted to the Job Corps YouTube Channel (www.YouTube.com/doljobcorps).

