

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: YEA, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 42-1648983****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

# Youth/Young Adult Empowered Achievers, Yea! - Youth Enrichment Programs

**State Funding Requested: \$10,000****House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

YEA! is an organization committed to reducing at-risk behaviors of youth and young adults in the Anchorage area.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$20,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$5,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$10,000)
Project Deficit:	\$5,000

*Funding Details:*

YEA! has been 100% community funded since its inception. Fundraisers and events supporting the youth of YEA, inc has supported our efforts thus far.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

For several years, YEA, Inc. has provided our Youth/Young-Adults with many enrichment and life skills training, referrals for jobs, schools, internships, apprenticeship opportunities, health and wellness, community outreach, mentoring opportunities, as well as dance and modeling. YEA! is an organization committed to reducing at-risk behaviors of youth and young adults in the Anchorage area.

We are requesting a legislative grant to support the expansion of our programs to serve additional at-risk youth in the Anchorage community. We have attached examples of several events we've held, and youth we've served.

**Project Timeline:**

The timeline for expending the funds of this legislative grant, if received, is anticipated for the close of Fiscal year 2014.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Patricia Newman

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Name:	Patricia Newman
Title:	Executive Director
Address:	3805 Cope Street Anchorage, Alaska 99503
Phone Number:	(907)240-6437
Email:	Yeainc2012@gmail.com

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

# About YEA! Inc.

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## PHILOSOPHY:

YEA! Inc. centers on individual empowerment and the notion that each human being is uniquely qualified to make decisions concerning the content and quality of his or her life on such highly personal (and emotionally – charged) issues as drugs, sense of self, and sexuality. YEA! Inc believes in access to timely, accurate information that respects cultural, religious, and ideological diversity; the individual's right to confidentiality; and provides drug and smoke-free environment.

**YEA! Inc. PROVIDES:** needs assessment of youth/young-adults; orientation for mentor and mentored; mentor training and recognition; monitoring mentor/mentored matches ;partnerships with community agencies for jobs and apprenticeship opportunities; effective recruitment; information on mentoring programs and written recruitment plans for mentors in the community.

## COLLABORATION:

YEA! Inc. works collaboratively with universities, state agencies, community-based groups, business organizations and other programs to provide prevention, research, care services, and workshops for youth and young adults on:

- Conflict resolution
- Civics
- Employment Search & Interview
- Business Ethics & Social Skills
- Work Ethics
- Health Self-care

## GOALS:

Refer youth and young adults practicing high-risk behaviors and in need of self-direction into mentoring matches that help meet primary and /or secondary need.

Provide strategies and help youth and young adults adopt positive behaviors an increase their marketability in the global economy.  
Provide opportunities and resources to support the empowerment of youth /young-adults to become achievers.

## BOARD:

- President- Pamela DeGrate
- Vice-President – Kato Ha’unga
- Secretary – Tawana Pointer
- Treasurer - Allen Lee
- Executive Director – Patricia Newman

## MENTORS:

Mentors are peers who have the passion to see others succeed. They are students, entrepreneurs, innovative individuals who serve as coaches and guides for those seeking to explore opportunities in business, industry, government, or political participation.

## VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers include businesspersons, state government employees, homemakers, teachers, athletes and others who are committed to giving 1000% to the empowerment of youth and young adults.

To become a mentor or a volunteer please contact Patricia Newman at 444-1167 or e-mail, [pm\\_newman@hotmail.com](mailto:pm_newman@hotmail.com)

## OPPORTUNITIES

Timely alerts and e-mail notices on:

- pre-apprenticeships,
- apprenticeships, internships,
- scholarships;
- Job Fairs and jobs;
- Training opportunities;
- Planning a small business and developing a business plan;
- Modeling and performing arts courses;
- Civics and work ethics coaching



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*Youth/Young  
Adults Empowered  
Achievers, Inc.*

For ages 15—25!

Culturally diverse mentoring  
and community support that  
grow our youth and young  
adults into remarkable  
citizens, leaders, and teams!

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**Executive Director: Patricia Newman**

# Know the Warning Signs

**Most suicidal people don't really want to die; they just want their pain to end.**

## Watch for these signs.

A previous suicide attempt

Current talk of suicide or making a plan

Strong wish to die or a preoccupation with death

Giving away prized possessions

Signs of depression, such as moodiness, hopelessness, withdrawal

Increased alcohol and/or other drug use

Hinting at not being around in the future or saying good-bye

These warning signs are especially noteworthy in light of:

a recent death or suicide of a friend or family member

a recent break-up with a boyfriend or girlfriend, or conflict with parents

news reports of other suicides by young people in the same school or community

Other key risk factors include:

Readily accessible firearms

Impulsiveness and taking unnecessary risks

Lack of connection to family and friends (no one to talk to)

# What to do if you see the warning signs?

**Southcentral Counseling 563-1000**  
Comprehensive mental Health services/intake and emergency services

**Southcentral Foundation 265-4900**  
(8am – 5pm)  
Mental Health Services  
for Alaska Natives

**Community Grief Self-Help Recovery**  
344-1497

**AYPF Crisis Line 563-7233**  
Residential youth shelter placement

**Covenant House 272-1255**

YEA! Inc. Suicide Awareness  
Suicide Awareness Wristband

“The hardest moments in our lives are those we give to ourselves. We insult ourselves, compare ourselves, ignore ourselves, victimize ourselves, expect perfection from ourselves and ultimately tell ourselves that we are nothing, or the worst person, or the most miserable person in the entire world.

We ask how in heaven can I stop feeling this lonely, awful, ugly, bad, and hopeless. My response is “deep inside you is the divine spark of light that wants you to stop suffering...not stop living.

So, live! Breathe! Trust in that spark, and live to discover your own way through.”

-Pema Chodron, Halifax, Nova Scotia

## HOTLINES!

563-3200

1-800-suicide

## LOST?

Stand still.

The trees ahead and bushes beside you are not lost.

Wherever you are is called **Here**,  
And you must treat it as a powerful stranger, must ask permission to know it and be known.

The forest breathes. Listen.

It answers, “I have made this place around you. If you leave it, you may come back again, saying Here”.

No two trees are the same to Raven.  
No two branches are the same to Wren.

If what a tree or a bush does is lost on you, You are surely lost.

Stand still.

The forest knows

Where you are. You must let it find you.

-David Waggoner, Puget Sound



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*Youth/Young Adults*  
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**No matter  
what you are  
going  
through...**

**Suicide is NOT the  
answer, nor a way  
out.**



## YEA! Inc Budget 2012

Anticipated Expenditure Date	Program/Activity	Time	Cost
1/12/2012	Kick-Off 2012 - Program Overview and registration.	6-8 p.	\$300
2/9/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling. Board Meeting	6-8 p.	\$75
3/8/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling.	6-8 p.	\$75
3/20/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling. Birch	6-8 p.	\$75
4/12/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling Training	6-8 p.	\$75.00
5/10/2012	Enrichment Classes & Modeling	6-8 p.	\$75.00
6/14/2011	Enrichment Class & Modeling. Board Meeting	6-8 p.	\$75.00
7/12/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling	6-8 p.	\$75.00
8/16/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling.	6-8 p.	\$75.00
9/13/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling.	6-8 p.	\$75.00
10/18/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling. Board Meeting	6-8 p.	\$75.00
11/15/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling.	6-8 p.	\$75.00
12/6/2012	Enrichment Class & Modeling. Board Meeting		\$75.00
12/20/2012	Annual Holiday Fundraiser & Awards	6-8 p.	\$300.00
	Computer Laptop		\$800
	Fax & Printer		\$1,000
	T-Shirts		\$500
	Group Special Events (Movies, Performing Arts, Picnic )		\$500
	YEA Promotion Items (Pens, Cups, Key chains)		\$1,000
	Travel for youth training		\$3,000
	Postage and supplies		\$300
	<b>Budget Final Grand Total to-date for 2012</b>		<b>\$8,600</b>



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*(Youth/Young-Adult Empowered Achievers)*

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*Dear Concerned Citizens:*

*It's that time of the year for YEA to reach out into the community for your continued support of our community based program.*

*Throughout 2011 we have provided to our Youth/Young-Adults with many enrichment and life skills training, referrals for jobs, school, internships, apprenticeship opportunities, health issue, community outreach, providing mentoring opportunities, dance and modeling. See attachment of events provided to youth/young-adults in 2011. Help us continue our outreach with your financial support.*

*YEA! is an organization committed to reducing at-risk behaviors of youth and young adults in the Anchorage area. Therefore we would like to request your support for our program.*

*We do hope you will continue your support or begin your support this year for a program that is doing a wonderful job at addressing the needs of the youth/young-adult in our community. Please note that YEA Inc.*

*YEA! Is a 501 C3 tax-exempt organization and all contributions are tax-deductible. Your contribution includes honorable mention in the program and your name added to advertisement. Please respond no later than December 9, 2011. See tax ID number in the information column. For questions please call 240-6437.*

**2011 YEA! Inc.**

**Presents**

**"Holiday Fashion and Talent Holiday Fundraiser"**

**Thursday, December 15, 2011**

**BP Energy Center - 900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503**

**6:30-7:45 p.m.**

**Donation: \$15 Adult - Youth (12 under) \$10, Table of 6 @ \$85 each.**

*Checks should be made payable to: YEA! Inc., 3805 Cope Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503*

*Thank you in advance for your support.*

*Very truly yours,*

**Patricia Newman, Executive Director**

*YEA! Inc., (Youth/Young-Adult Empowered Achievers Inc.)*

**Program Booklet Ads**

*E-mail jpeg ads to: [yeainc2012@gmail.com](mailto:yeainc2012@gmail.com)*

*Business Cards: \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ Pg.: \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_; ½ Pg.: \$75.00; \_\_\_\_\_*

*Full Page: \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Inside Covers: \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Back Cover: 175.00: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_*

**Ad due by December 9, 2011.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Marina Lupus  
Shawn Dinkin  
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Tax ID #42-1648983**



**EMCEE'S**

**Mrs. Dee & RC**

**DJ STACY**

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*PRESENTS*

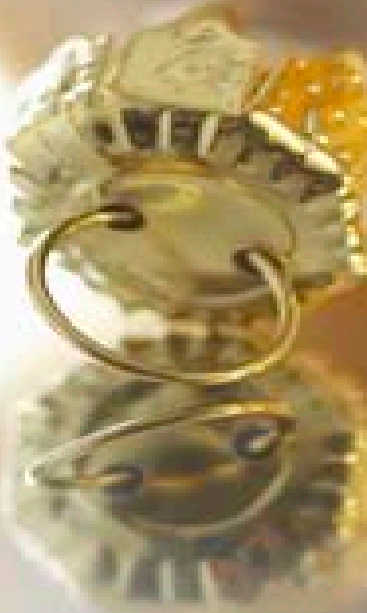
*Winter/Holiday*

**SILENT AUCTION, HOLIDAY FASHIONS AND TALENT SHOW**

*Fundraiser*



*Thursday, December 15 2011*



*YEA! INC. MODELS*

**BP ENERGY CENTER  
6:30-8:00 P.M.**

**Special  
Performances by  
Top Shelf  
Performers &  
ALASKA QUAKE  
DANCER**

**Donation: Adults \$20 – Children \$10**

**Refreshments Provided**

*Performances by: YEA Models and guest model appearances by Marcus Webb and Jonathan Degree.*

*Information on Oil & Gas Jobs Information, Local Job Information, and Apprenticeship Opportunities*

*Tickets, call Patricia Newman 240-6437.*

**Free Suicide Awareness Bands with tickets at the door.**