



YHSC Assessment Results Year Ended June 30, 2009

YHSC Participant Assessment Findings

1,124 students participated in the YHSC program during July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. YHSC students completed **30,308** hours of volunteer service/service learning projects at our partner volunteer sites. Through the national network of AHECs the YHSC operates at 60 AHECs in 20 states across the nation. 71 students have been awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of completing 100+ hours of volunteer service in a 12 month time period.

All participants were asked to complete a pre and post assessment of the YHSC program. The participant assessments occur electronically through our YHSC website. The analysis below represents data for participants that completed both pre and post completion assessments. 387 participants completed both pre and post assessments (34%).

Pre and post assessments revealed changes in YHSC participant behaviors and attitudes as a result of participation in the program:

- On the **pre assessment 73%** of students reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" they know what skills are needed for their careers while 26% disagreed." On the **post assessment 90%** of students reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" they know what skills are needed for their careers while 10% disagreed."
- On the **pre assessment 13%** of students reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" they want to work in a career that involves healthcare while 86% "disagreed." On the **post assessment 90%** of students reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" they want to work in a career that involves healthcare while 10% "disagreed."
- On the **pre assessment 91%** of students reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" they can make a difference in their community by getting involved while 7% "disagreed." On the **post assessment 97%** of students reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" they can make a difference in their community by getting involved while 3% "disagreed."

Post assessments also revealed the following:

- **94%** of students reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" the YHSC made them feel more confident about themselves. 6% "disagreed."
- **81%** of students reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" that as a result of participation in the YHSC they are doing better in school. 19% "disagreed."

Participant Tracking

The YHSC Helix database Alumni Function can track student information including college, major of study and employment.

Of the 178 YHSC participants who graduated high school in 2009, 44 students (25%) indicated that they are studying a health career in college.

To improve the quality and quantity of data the YHSC program buildings an on-line communication pattern with members while they participate in the program and will continue to use on-line communication to track students as the leave high school and cease their direct participation in YHSC.



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YHSC Partner Assessment Findings

Students completed volunteer service and service learning projects at the 219 partner sites. Partner assessments were administered to partners across national sites in May 2009 to assess their experience as an YHSC volunteer and/or Service Learning site. Sixty three (63) post assessments were returned to Northwestern Connecticut AHEC in June 2009, a 29% response rate.

Based on post assessment survey responses, the project met or exceeded the performance measure: **80% of engaged community partners feel their participation in the YHSC provided them with valuable services. Specifically:**

- **92%** of partners reported working with YHSC students outweighed any burdens it may have added to their workload. 1% reported they "did not know."
- **87%** of partners reported their participation in the YHSC program had valuable social benefits for their organization. 3% stated they "did not know" and 3% "disagreed."
- **84%** of partners reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" the target population benefited from YHSC student activities. 6% reported they "did not know."
- **65%** of partners reported they "strongly agreed" or "agreed" the target population produced economic benefits for their organization. 17% reported they "did not know" and 9% "disagreed."

Partners ranked the impact the following statements had on their agency (in order of importance with 1 being most important and 7 being least important). Results reveal the **YHSC students brought new energy to the agency** as the leading impact of the YHSC program.

Rank as Impact to my Agency	Statement about Youth Health Service Corps Involvement
2.8	The students brought new energy to the agency
3.3	Improved services for clients
3.8	Increased our access to AHEC/community resources
3.8	Raised our public profile because of AHEC involvement
4.1	Facilitated networking with other community agencies
4.2	Increased our awareness of organizational operations
4.4	Saved us money because of the additional help