THE CHOICE IS YOURS PROGRAM

GRADUATION INSTEAD OF INCARCERATION
TCY’S MISSION
To empower our youth and adult participants with knowledge, skills and confidence to improve their employability and workplace effectiveness.
JEVS Human Services Overview

JEVS Human Services enhances the employability, independence, and quality of life of individuals through a broad range of programs.

Each year, our services help **more than 55,000 individuals** realize their goals, achieve independence and live lives with dignity.

We have **1,000 employees** and **20 successful programs** providing skills development, job readiness and career services, vocational rehabilitation, and more.
The Reason for The Choice is Yours

• In 2012, Philadelphia was facing the fourth-highest per capita inmate population in the country and three year recidivism rates were approaching 50%, Philadelphia now has the highest per capita inmate population in the country, with three year recidivism rates now at 60%.

• The TCY program was created as an alternative to incarceration for first-time, nonviolent drug offenders, arrested and charges with PWID.

• Youth are referred by the Philadelphia Defenders Association in conjunction with the DA's Office.
TCY is a Two Phase program consisting of:

- TCY Orientation (4 weeks) and
- TCY Enrollment (12 Months)
- During the Enrollment Phase clients are required to be either employed full-time, working to enhance or further their education, or enrolled in a Skill Training program.
- After successfully completing TCY, clients have their case dismissed. Clients that go one year post-graduation without getting re-arrested will be eligible to have their case expunged.
Outcomes

Fiscal Year 2017-18 TCY Statistics

- 86.5 completion rate
- 14 youth earned HS diplomas at a 95% completion rate.
- 72.5% youth placed in employment
- 7.4% recidivism rate
- Served 166 youth

“We are thrilled with the success our program participants are finding through the Penn Foster High School Completion program.”

Jeffrey Booth
Sr. Vice President of Workforce Development
JEVS Human Services
What makes TCY Unique

- Intensive Case Management Component
- TCY uses an Holistic Model
- On site Workforce Development Component
- Restorative Justice Component
- On site High School Completion program
- 24/7 Mentoring and Life Coaching
- Unique Partnerships

Penn Foster has allowed TCY clients to achieve something that they thought at one time was not achievable. Our clients are now able to apply for sector-based employment, and pursue post-secondary education. TCY clients that have earned their PF diploma display a higher level of self esteem, their abilities and overall confidence in themselves.

Nigel Bowe
Program Director
JEVS Human Services
TCY PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Partnerships

- Philadelphia District Attorneys Office
- Philadelphia Public Defenders Association
- Philadelphia Municipal and Criminal Court
- Penn Foster
- PA CareerLink

Government Support

- Pennsylvania Commission for Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)
- City of Philadelphia
TCY Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

• Permanent Funding
• Public Perception of TCY
• Employers / Criminal Backgrounds
• Clients trusting the Process / System

Opportunities

• Expansion outside of Philadelphia
• Public exposure through Community Service
• Vocational and Technical Training
• Provide Mentoring and Life Coaching
WHAT’S NEXT FOR TCY

• Increasing the number of participants served
• Implementation of the Paid Work Experience
• Hiring of additional staff
• Relocation to a larger facility
• Expansion to surrounding counties