

HI-Y

HI-Y engages teens in a process of leadership development through civic responsibility. Volunteer school and community service are central to HI-Y. Teens identify the kind of school and community they want, plan and carry out programs and projects to achieve their vision, and evaluate their efforts.

HI-Ys . . .

- are school and community partnerships,
- empower teens for a lifetime of civic responsibility,
- are developed, organized, and led by teens,
- have the support of volunteer adult advisors,
- prepare new generations of leaders committed to service,
- bring people of all ages and backgrounds together for the common good,
- cause teens to lift their vision beyond self to others, to their community, nation, and world!

HI-Y is a program of the HI-Y Leadership Center. Contact the Center for materials, staff assistance, and HI-Y training conference information.



The HI-Y Leadership Center Vision

We seek to extend HI-Y into every community and for HI-Y to be a national leader in helping youth develop into lifelong good citizens of the community who work to create better futures for all.

HI-Y Values

We believe in these values.

- **Youth Development** is the focus of everything we do. HI-Y enables individuals to discover and seek to achieve their potential as individuals and as citizens.
- The **HI-Y Idea**...young people are important to themselves and the world.
- The **HI-Y Concept**...young people are best served when they themselves serve.
- The **HI-Y Purpose**...to involve youth in leadership, fellowship and service, while increasing an awareness of oneself and the world.

HI-Y Program

HI-Y helps young men and women...

- evolve a philosophy of life grounded in standards of spirit, mind and body;
- seek to understand themselves and the world;
- develop personal skills of communication, leadership, group work and decision making;
- learn and practice principles of democracy;
- gain an awareness of the needs of others, our communities, our nation and our world;
- serve others, build community and contribute to a better state, nation and world;
- have a good time with a purpose, develop friendships, and build understanding with diverse individuals.

HI-Y Mission

HI-Y Youth Development program creates positive experiences for culturally diverse youth and adults to achieve their potential and to help others. In support of this mission, we will...

- prepare a new generation of responsible citizens;
- strengthen the leadership available to local communities;
- enable people to change their lives so they can succeed and serve;
- work to change conditions so youth, families, schools and communities can succeed;
- speak on behalf of children and youth;
- influence the course of education;
- touch the future through the hands of youth.