

# Facts About Youth Eastside Services



Youth Eastside Services is a lifeline for kids and families. When substance abuse, violence or emotional problems shatter the lives of children, teens, and those close to them, YES makes them whole again.

## What we do

For 42 years, YES has been improving the lives of Eastside youth and families, helping them avoid and triumph over drug and alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, dating violence, gang activity and discrimination. In 2009, thanks to YES, over 34,443 kids and family members discovered the inner strength to overcome painful crises and to make decisions that led them toward happy, healthy and productive lives.

## How we do it

Through the efforts of a dedicated professional staff, nearly 19,000 annual hours of volunteer service and a \$3.6 million yearly budget, YES provides a comprehensive array of services including individual and family counseling; substance abuse education, prevention and treatment; community and school-based violence prevention; family support, consultation and training; mentoring and teen parenting assistance. YES provides services from its main facility in Bellevue's Crossroads Park, satellites in Redmond and Kirkland and at more than 40 partner sites including schools, community and teen centers and other human service organizations. Contributions from individuals, businesses, foundations and public agencies help fund our work. On average, about 85 cents of every dollar go directly to providing services to kids and their families. The YES *Lifeline Fund* insures that no child or family is denied service if unable to pay.

## Who leads the way

A 30-member Board of Directors sets the direction and policies for YES. Patti Skelton-McGougan has been the agency's executive director for over ten years.

## How we got here

YES was founded in 1968 by local volunteers concerned about the emergence of drug abuse among teenagers. Today, our approach has broadened to deal with the problems of violence, substance abuse, teen alienation and family stress with a focus on the issues affecting youth aged six to twenty, the dynamics of counseling whole families, and the unique challenges faced by culturally diverse communities living on the Eastside.

## Our mission

Youth Eastside Services is a lifeline for kids and families coping with challenges such as emotional distress, substance abuse and violence. Through intervention, outreach and prevention, YES builds confidence and responsibility, strengthens family relationships, and advocates for a safer community that cares for its youth.

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