



To Whom it May Concern:

I was in the NYFS youth diversion program for about 4-5 months because of a disorderly conduct charge. I was going into the program with an open mind, but I was still very nervous I was going to be judged because of my past experiences. But it was the complete opposite, everyone in the program is so open minded and they are genuinely so welcoming when first talking to. My personal experience with NYFS was amazing and super helpful as it has taught me many things throughout my experience, to control myself in pressured situations because all actions have consequences and they don't just fall on you they fall on other people too, loved ones, friends, family, your actions can hurt them as much as they do yourself if not worse. I also made many connections and relationships throughout the program as I met other young adults going through the same thing I am, and we were all able to talk and communicate about our experiences. Also, I learned plenty of options for my future as before the program I was completely lost and nervous for my future as I had no idea for what's ahead or what I wanted for myself. NYFS brought me to Century College and showed me the programs, classes and everything it has in store for me and I think it was a huge step forward for knowing what I'm going to do in the future. I think this program seriously helped me for the better and I am super grateful for everything it and the people of NYFS have taught me. I truly think other young adults can seriously benefit and learn things by this program. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diversion Program Participant