AYP STRATEGIC PLAN

May 2024-May 2029 FINAL

Organization:	ARMORY YOUTH PROJECT (AYP/THE ARMORY)
	STRATEGIC PLAN MAY 2024 – MAY 2029
Mission:	AYP is a not-for-profit organization that provides a safe environment where young people can build community and be encouraged in their educational, emotional, physical, and Christian spiritual development
Vision:	Our vision is to create a flourishing youth culture in Manistee County where every young person feels valued, finds a pathway to opportunity, and has the tools to realize a more promising future.
Strategic Plan	May 1, 2024 - May 31, 2029
Timing:	The Strategic Plan will be evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis with formal reviews each year. AYP staff will maintain a progress tracker and share with the board on a quarterly basis. More detailed action plans will be managed by each committee – Fund Development, Communications, Facilities, etc.
Strategic Goal 1:	AYP will create and deliver events and programming which increase awareness, participation and engagement resulting in "broad buzz," personal relationships with students and impact to sustain donors and funding
Objective 1.1	Attract and retain new students through 5 th grade orientation
Measures of success:	Number of registrations and attendance post the 5 th grade orientation. Target 20% registration.
Objective 1.2	Create events that drive increased attendance and exposure to current and potential stakeholders including donors, volunteers, students, caregivers, and educators
Measures of success:	# of new events, new visitors to organization, new donors, increased donations, new volunteers, new student registrations
Objective 1.3	Maintain marketing to accurately communicate offering and recruit students.
Measures of Success:	Student attendance
Strategic Goal 2:	AYP will create and offer quality, outcome-based programming which produces meaningful change in the lives of the youth.
Objective 2.1	Effectively deliver Discover You, an evidence-based program focused on the emotional pillar of the AYP mission.

Measures of success:	Pre and post survey outcomes. Student/Parent testimonials
Objective 2.2	Develop Continued Quality Improvement plan
Measures of success:	Utilize MOST (Michigan Out of School Time) Standards.
Strategic Goal 3:	AYP will build stronger relationships and networks with collaborators and partners to further broaden exposure for the organization and increase its reach, value and impact to the Manistee County community.
Objective 3.1	Grow our existing Manistee County school relationships.
Measures of success:	Increased student participation from area schools with counselors, administration and teachers serving as knowledgeable referral sources. List of teachers/staff known to AYP staff.
Objective 3.2	Build on our relationships with Manistee County churches
Measures of success:	Increased student and volunteer registrations
Objective 3.3	Create and build relationships and collaboration with other key community resources and organizations
Measures of success:	Ability to provide referrals and resources to serve students in need of more resources than AYP can provide. To be a recognized partner and to be listed as we are today with 211. Opportunity for connections/socialization/emotional development.
Objective 3.4	Collaborate with other out of school organizations in the state to share best practices and build partnerships.
Measures of Success	Increased understanding of tools and resources in the state.
Strategic Goal 4:	AYP will improve financial sustainability and predictability to our revenue sources and streams of income allowing for strong staffing, operational effectiveness and identified improvements to our facilities.
Measures of success:	Meet or exceed revenue goals that are more than expenses (including capital projects and maintenance items) annually over the next five years
Objective 4.1	Increase grant revenue through the State of MI
Measures of success:	Amount of revenue generated each year in comparison to expenses, while increasing current asset base.
Objective 4.2	Research and obtain multi-year funding through private foundations grants and donations
Measures of success:	Amount of revenue generated over the next 5 years.

Objective 4.3	Plan and determine if support exists to conduct AYP Campaign in 2026 to solidify longer term goal of commitments for \$2.5M-\$5M over the next 5 years
Measures of success:	Donations, multi-year pledges for minimum \$500,000 per year for five years.
Strategic Goal 5	AYP will keep the facility safe and healthy so that it continues to serve our mission. To maintain a safe and cost effective as possible to enable us to offer our programming to Manistee County students in grades 6-12.
Objective 5.1	Prioritize capital needs based on Kendra Thompson initial report and consulting with ad hoc committee, construction, and building maintenance experts.
Measures of success:	List of priority projects
Objective 5.2	Create the position of facilities property manager to help manage the scope, budget and execution of capital projects such as HVAC, plumbing, roofing, etc.
Measures of success:	Finalize contract for Facilities property manager position for 2025 to help prioritize, scope, budget and oversee execution of projects.
Objective 5.3	Continue to solicit rental client contracts that allow us to utilize the AYP space during off hours and help benefit the community overall.
Measures of success:	Revenue generating rentals that do not interfere with AYP programming and allow best utilization of AYP space in non-student hours.
Objective 5.4	AYP will aggressively seek grants and larger donations to address mission-critical items.
Measure of Success:	Number of new and existing grants awarded to help fund capital projects.