

UNITED WAY OF BROOME COUNTY



Agency Name: Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier, Inc.

Program Name: Compeer Youth Mentoring

Program Success Story:

Teenage male, 16 years old, dropping out of school, aggressive towards authority figures/mother and involved with self-inflicted harm. Youth was couple days short of being dismissed from high school due in-part to poor attendance and was extremely disrespectful towards females. Two years (plus) of being matched with a positive male mentor, began applying to colleges, received scholarship to further his education, plays high school baseball and awarded recognition by Cornell University for improved grades in a short time-frame. Through mentor/mentee process youth has learned and is utilizing life skills such as respect, grades increased to high honors and no longer involved with self-inflicting harmful behavior. Youth's mentor funded a life-insurance policy for his future. Youth will be ready by 21 according to guardian, volunteer and youth. Compeer Youth Mentoring of the Southern Tier has improved this young man's life tremendously with social, academia, community involvement and the match has no plans of stopping anytime in near future. Match continues meeting on regular basis and progress in positive direction continues.