

The purpose of the City of West Palm Beach Youth Empowerment Center (YEC) is to develop, grow, and enhance life, education, and job readiness skills for at-risk youth, ages 16-19. This will provide them access to tools necessary to become self-sufficient, productive citizens in their community.

The YEC believes that academic skills should be integrated into all aspects of an after-school program. Parents, youth and community members need to have input into program development; and programs should make a commitment to be inclusive, foster cultural diversity, and build community.



**The Youth Empowerment Program focuses to address those issues confronting teenagers by offering them a variety of prevention base programming.**

**Youth Empowerment Centers expose teens to positive opportunities, which promote positive choices, and in turn, promote positive results.**

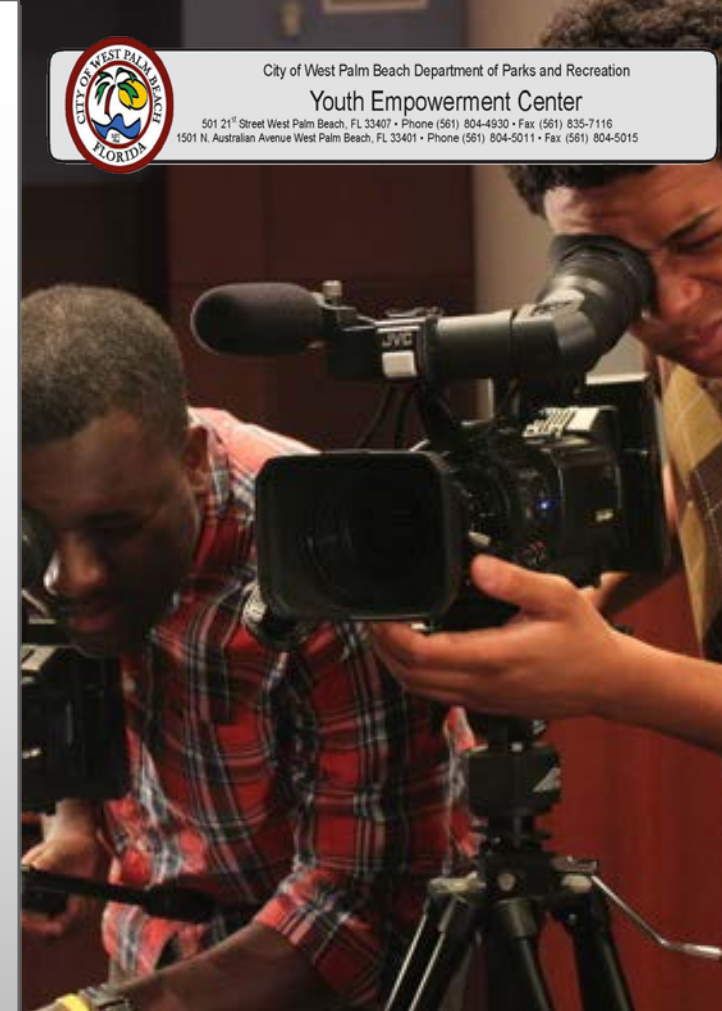
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**CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH**

**YOUTH  
EMPOWERMENT  
CENTER**

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The City of West Palm Beach Department of Recreation's services are for everyone. In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons in need of special accommodations to participate in the proceeding shall, within three business days prior to the proceeding, contact Pleasant City Community Center at (561) 804-4940, 500 22nd Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. For assistance in accessing programs and services or for individual support, please call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (561) 804-4800 or (800) 955-8771, 401 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

## Our Mission

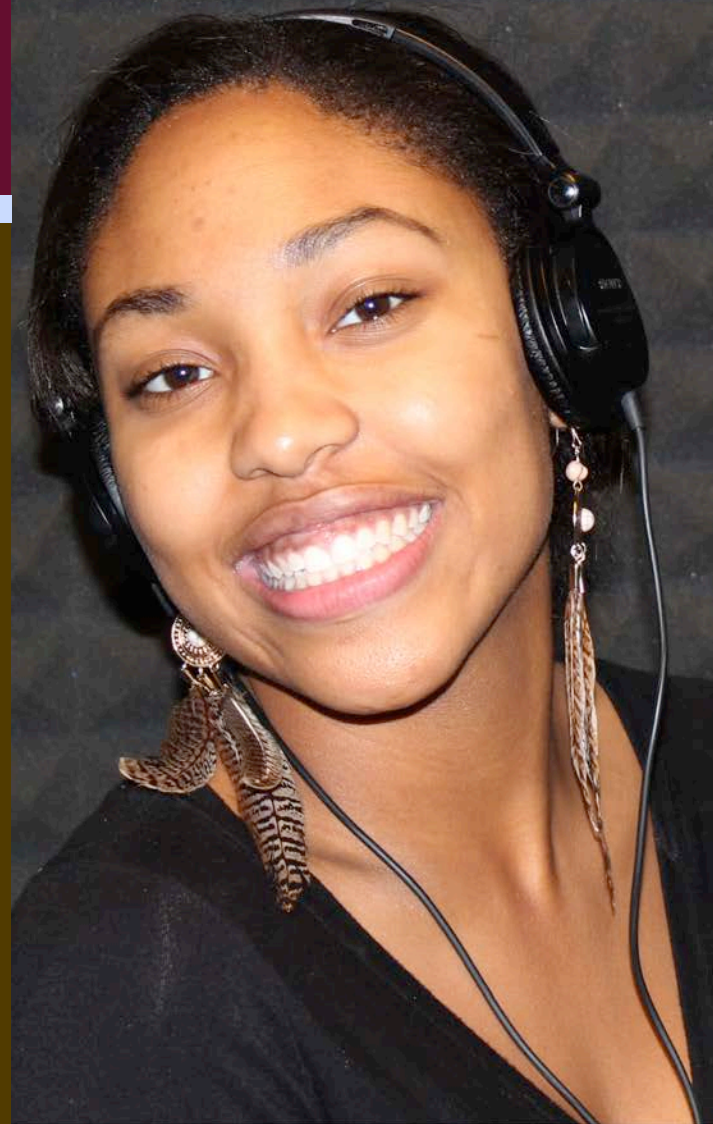
**The mission of the City of West Palm Beach Youth Empowerment program is to provide teens 12 to 19 years old a quality developmental program, in a safe environment, which empowers them, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to become productive citizens in their community.**

## Equipment and Facilities

Our facilities feature a multi-purpose room for programs and activities, Audio-Video and Recording, PC and MAC Computer Labs, a gymnasium and indoor/outdoor basketball courts.

YEC participants are provided with two large studio spaces available 6 days a week. They also have access to a full sound editing and recording studio. The YEC Digital Media program also provides a state of the art multi-media and digital video editing facility. Each lab is equipped with 27-inch iMac's with 3.4GHz Intel Quad-Core Processors. Software includes the latest versions of industry standard software such as, Photoshop, Flash, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, After Effects, Final Cut Pro, DVD Studio Pro, Motion, NUKE and more.

Each lab includes free Wi-Fi, JVC GY-HD200, Canon t39i, microphones and speakers. All programs are available free of charge to each member of the YEC.



## Youth Empowerment Center Programs

- Video and Audio Production Labs
- Reading Club ( Book or NOOK)
- Y-SAV (Youth -Students Against Violence)
- Computer Training (PC and MAC)
- Fishing Club
- Web Design / Digital Literacy
- Community Garden
- Teen Council
- SAT/ACT Prep
- Homework Study /Certified Tutors
- Open Gym
- TOP (Teen Outreach Program)
- Job and Life Skills Readiness Program
- BAK Prep Program
- Good Leaders Program



### City of West Palm Beach Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB)

The City of West Palm Beach Neighborhood Accountability Board ("the NAB") will provide first time school-aged offenders, who commit misdemeanors or other school-based non serious offenses in the City of West Palm Beach, a diversionary alternative from formal court processing based on the values and principles of restorative justice. *(For more information about this program call 561-804-5010).*