



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The New York Foundling's Strong Families and Communities Training Center works with a diverse coalition of community leaders and partner organizations within all five boroughs of New York City to create long-lasting community change.

The Communities That Care model is an evidence-based methodology that has proven to increase access to medical and mental health care, demonstrate higher rates of academic success, reduce violence and substance use, and more.

Drawing on our 150-year track record of success and expertise, The Foundling maintains a leadership role in partnering with other organizations and neighborhood leaders: from creating and maintaining the coalition, planning with coalition partners, and providing ongoing support for members of the community.

HOW IT WORKS

- We engage community leaders to join a coalition in their neighborhood
- Surveys are distributed among youth in the community
- The Foundling meets with coalition members to analyze survey outcomes and develop a plan of action to best support our youth and improve those outcomes

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Locally owned and operated
- Data is used to set goals and measure progress
- Decisions are made from local data to address community needs
- Addresses the underlying causes of youth health and behavior problems
- Data driven and outcome-focused
- Uses proven programs matched to local priorities
- Cost effective

GET INVOLVED WITH US

We are looking for businesses, nonprofit organizations, medical and mental health providers, schools, nonprofits, and community members to join our network! Help us make an impact and create positive change for young people and families in our neighborhood.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN CTC NEIGHBORHOODS ARE:

- 37%** Less likely to binge drink
- 33%** Less likely to start smoking cigarettes
- 25%** Less likely to start engaging in delinquent behavior