

New Haven Public Schools

# YOUTH CONNECT

NHPS Office of Youth, Family & Community Engagement City of New Haven Youth and Recreation Department



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### What Is Youth Connect (YC)?

Youth Connect (the next generation of Youth Stat) is a school-based intervention program that seeks to improve school engagement, academic performance, reduce justice involvement and improve health and wellness outcomes among the most vulnerable city youth.







#### Student Participant Criteria

- 1. At high risk for school disengagement and/or juvenile court involvement
- 2. Poor academic performance (D's & F's) specifically in reading and math
- 3. Multiple suspensions and/or expulsions
- 4. Chronic truancy and absences
- 5. Exposure to trauma or violence





### More Effective Approaches

- Laser-like focus on Wilbur Cross, Hillhouse and Riverside Education Academy
- Resources specifically committed to 100 of the most vulnerable NHPS students
- Community partners organized more effectively as responders based on the tiered level of interventions needed
- Increased social-emotional supports at Tier 1
- Virtual meetings designed to be more time efficient and productive
- Electronic signing for quicker parental consent process
- Virtual Re-Entry Circle for students returning to school from incarceration

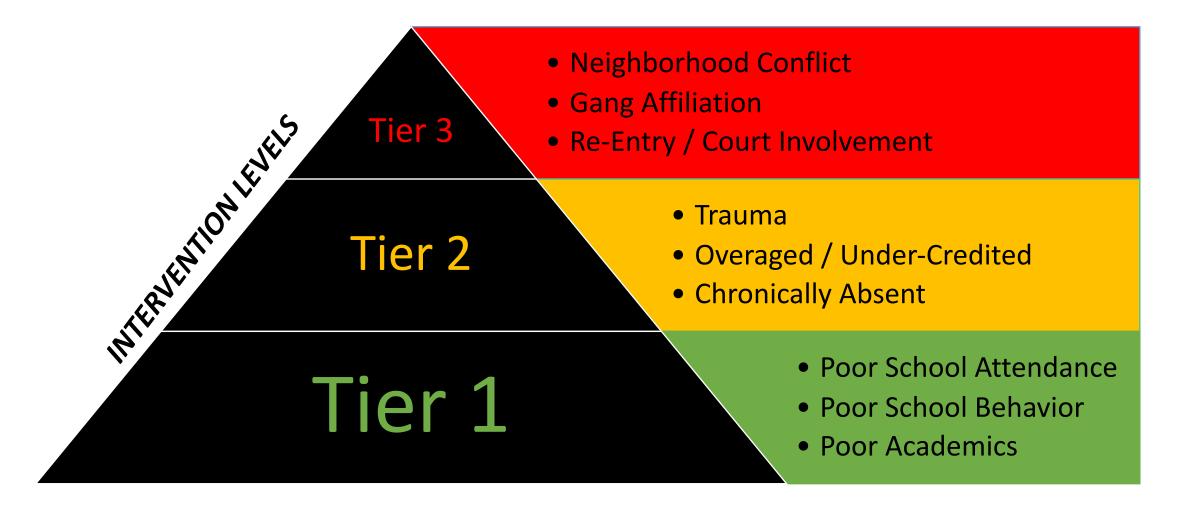




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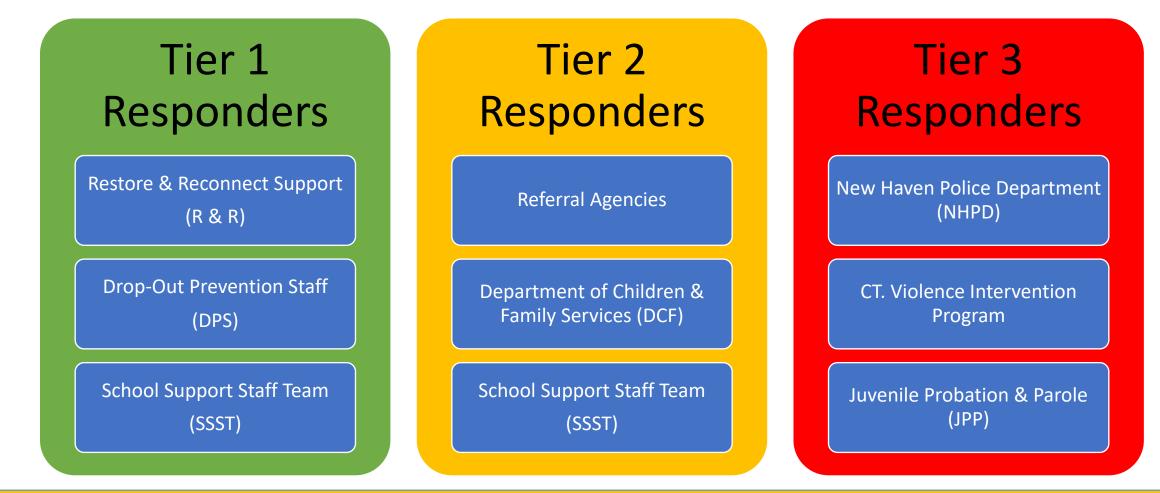


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**Referral Agencies:** Clifford Beers, Governor's Prevention Partnership, Juvenile Review Board (JRB), R.E.A.D.Y., Career Pathways, Junta, The Justice Education Center, Christian Community Action Agency, and many more.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

YC's network of targeted services are for Tier 2 & 3 participants. These services are inclusive of, but not limited to:

- Student led conference that supports the development of an Individual Success Plan
- Peer Tutoring
- Mentorship
- Neighborhood Conflict and Gang Intervention
- Mental Health Assessments and Treatment
- Social-Emotional Supports
- Assisted Employment Search & Soft Skills Training
- Career Exploration Counseling

