MISSION

YAI and its network of affiliate agencies offer children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities a comprehensive range of services. YAI is committed to seeing beyond disability, providing opportunities for people to live, love, work, and learn in their communities.

We believe that everyone deserves:

SECURITY
YAI believes in providing a safe and healthy environment in which every person’s rights are respected and upheld.

CHOICE
At YAI, we empower people to make informed decisions about their own lives. We support people in choosing and realizing their own goals, increasing their independence and self-expression.

CONNECTION
YAI believes that everyone has the right to be part of their community. We ensure that people we support are connected to friends, family, and intimate relationships.

ABOUT YAI

Founded in 1957 as the Young Adult Institute, YAI remains at the forefront of an extraordinary movement aimed at empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. YAI’s 4,000 employees provide supportive housing, education, medical, dental, and mental health care, job training, community integration, and social enrichment for more than 20,000 people with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and all other intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout downstate New York and northern New Jersey.

YAI AT A GLANCE*

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
789 residents

COMMUNITY HABILITATION
1,750 people supported

MEDICAL AND DENTAL CLINICS
14,500 patients

SCHOOLS
172 students enrolled

FAMILY SERVICES
2,500 people assisted

EMPLOYMENT
400 people supported

CRISIS INTERVENTION
250 people helped

*as of October 2019