

Summer LEAD Forward 2026

PUBLIC IMPACT SNAPSHOT

46 Young People. Four Weeks. One Community Moving Forward.

CFC Services and Resources LLC designed, directed, facilitated, and evaluated a four-week youth development program for ages 10–18 in Syracuse, New York. LEAD Forward combined leadership, social-emotional learning, restorative practice, workforce readiness, financial awareness, civic engagement, mentoring, and hands-on learning.

Impact by the Numbers

52 Initial sign-ups	46 Eligible youth enrolled	91.3% Average attendance	87% Met 85% attendance benchmark
40 of 46 85%+ attendance	16 Program days	36 Baseline assessments	44 of 46 Final-day participation

Who We Served

Fifty-two young people initially signed up. Six were over the program's maximum age of 18 and were not included in the eligible cohort. The final cohort consisted of 46 youth ages 10–18. All 46 remained part of the program through closeout; 40 of 46 also met the program's separate 85% attendance benchmark.

What Youth Practiced

Leadership & Accountability: Positive choices, responsibility, teamwork, youth voice.

Emotional Regulation: Mindfulness, reset strategies, conflict resolution, asking for help.

Financial & Civic Awareness: Needs vs. wants, service, community responsibility.

Belonging & Confidence: Safety, identity, respectful communication, inclusion.

Future Readiness: Resumes, mock interviews, transferable skills, entrepreneurship.

Hands-On Learning: Guest speakers, chess, gardening, reflection, Gallery Walk.

How We Measured the Work

CFC used unduplicated enrollment records, daily attendance, youth pre/post surveys, participant work products, staff observations, reset plans, workforce-readiness activities, reflections, and culminating presentations to document reach, participation, and youth-reported learning.

Thank You

To our youth, families, community partners, presenters, staff, volunteers, and supporters for helping create a summer centered on leadership, belonging, practical skills, and community connection.

Data note: Statistics are based on reconciled Summer LEAD Forward 2026 enrollment and attendance records. The 46-participant cohort reflects youth who met the established age eligibility of 10–18. Survey findings are participant self-report and program-learning indicators, not clinical outcomes. No personally identifiable youth information is published.