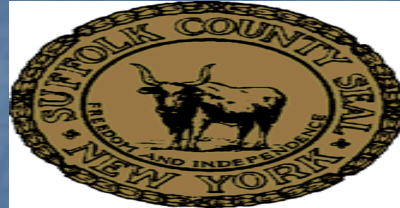


**SUFFOLK COUNTY
CONGRESS
FOR**

J.U.S.T.I.C.E.

Suffolk County



"Congress for J.U.S.T.I.C.E."



Mission Statement:

- Share the work of fellow youth leadership organizations throughout Suffolk County
- Support and identify community needs that impact or that can be led by youth
- Promote policy changes that will improve positive youth development

Vision:

Our Vision is to see youth better integrated into the life of our communities and to see them established in meaningful careers.

Membership Guidelines

- Each fall, the Congress for J.U.S.T.I.C.E. partners will request recommendations from each youth leadership program with Suffolk County to participate in CFJ. The following are guidelines for participation:
- Delegates should have a Sophomore or Junior high school status and can serve a two year term.
- Each youth leadership program can send up to four delegates, two sophomore and two juniors.
- Delegates must be dependable, friendly, cooperative, self-motivated, good communication, works well with others, display positive attitude, possess leadership skills.
- Delegates must be in good academic standing.
- Congress for J.U.S.T.I.C.E. will meet two to three times each year, in the fall, winter and spring. During the summer, one representative from each youth program will be asked to meet and serve on the planning committee for the next year.

Membership Guidelines Continued

- For 2009-10 the Congress will be divided into the following four sub-committees. Each organization /school will have a representative on each sub-committee.
 - Health /Safety** – Address issues concerning healthy living, substance abuse, crime/gang violence.
 - Relationships** – Address issues involving youths interaction with others including family members, romantic acquaintances, and members of different cultures.
 - Education /Careers** – Address issues surrounding the quality of education in the regions including environment, quality of opportunities, and career awareness.
 - Leisure Time** – improvement of positive entertainment options, community service, environmental concerns within the communities.
- Fall Meeting – November Kick off with Keynote Speaker
- Winter Meeting round table discussion – identify issues and possible solutions – promotion of sub-committees
- Spring Meeting – the presentation of recommendations to the County Executive

GOALS:

- To provide youth of Suffolk County with a framework for developing leadership and career skills
- To provide youth of Suffolk County the opportunity to work on challenging issues in their communities
- To provide youth of Suffolk County with powerful leadership and teambuilding skills through action projects
- To provide youth of Suffolk County with an understanding of service learning and community service
- To provide youth of Suffolk County managerial and job readiness skills.

Town Hall Forums:

The foundation of Congress for J.U.S.T.I.C.E. is the voice of our Youth.

Congress members participate in Town Hall Forums and speak out on issues important to them. Here assemblies of youth are gathered to discuss important issues pertaining to them and their communities (such as recreation, violence, drug usage, etc).

The Town Hall Forums lead to the formation of Action Councils where a selected number of participants choose to go to the next level and put these plans into action.

Action Councils:

The second phase of CFJ is Youth Lead. A smaller group of youth are selected from those who participated in Youth Voice to receive **T.R.I.C.S.** training. T.R.I.C.S. helps young people embrace the basic values of **t**rust, **r**espect, **i**ntegrity, **c**onsistency and **s**elf esteem.

They learn the fundamentals of character, decision making, and basic workplace skills. They are also given the tools to step out and lead in key issues identified in the Town Hall Forums. This stage emphasizes experience, as participants are immersed in work contexts, field trips, service projects and mentoring relationships.

JOB AND INTERNSHIPS

After Congress members go through Youth Lead they're ready to GO!
Here's where youth learn to put feet to what they've gained in their training and to acquire new skills.

JOB: Congress members participate in diverse workforce opportunities such as internships, part time jobs, full time jobs. The goal here is to help youth gain additional skills and to get established in solid careers.

SERVICE: Congress members give back to their communities in areas addressed by the Town Hall Forums, in other key community sectors, and in the Youth Congress itself.

Congress for J.U.S.T.I.C.E. Partners:

Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, Honorary Chair
Suffolk County Youth Bureau – Louis A. Medina, MSW
Superintendent Association, Pres. – Wendell Chu
Suffolk County Police Department
Suffolk County Office of Minority Affairs
Advisory Boards –
 Hispanic Advisory Chair
 African American Advisory Chair
 Muslim Advisory Chair
 Asian Advisory Chair
 Anti-Bias Advisory Chair

Congress for J.U.S.T.I.C.E. Officer's Executive Committee

- President:
- Vice President:
- Secretary:
- Treasurer:

Congress for J.U.S.T.I.C.E.

- Region I Chair:
- Region II Chair:
- Region III Chair:
- Region IV Chair:
- Region V Chair:
- Region VI Chair:
- Region VII Chair:
- Region VIII Chair:

District Represented:

Region I –

Amityville
Babylon
Copiague
Deer Park
Lindenhurst

North Babylon
West Babylon
Wyandanch

Region III –

Bay Shore
Brentwood
Central Islip

East Islip
Islip
West Islip

Region II -

Northport
Elwood
Half Hollow Hills
Harborfields
Huntington

Region IV –

Commack
Hauppauge
Kings Park
Sachem
Smithtown

District Represented:

Region V -

Bayport-Blue Point

Connetquot

Patchogue-Medford

Sayville

South Country

Region VII -

Center Moriches

East Moriches

Eastport –South Manor

William Floyd

Rocky Point

Shoreham-Wading River

Region VI -

Comsewogue

Longwood

Middle Country

Miller Place

Port Jefferson

Three Village

Mt. Sinai

Region VIII-

East Hampton

Hampton Bays

Riverhead

South Hampton

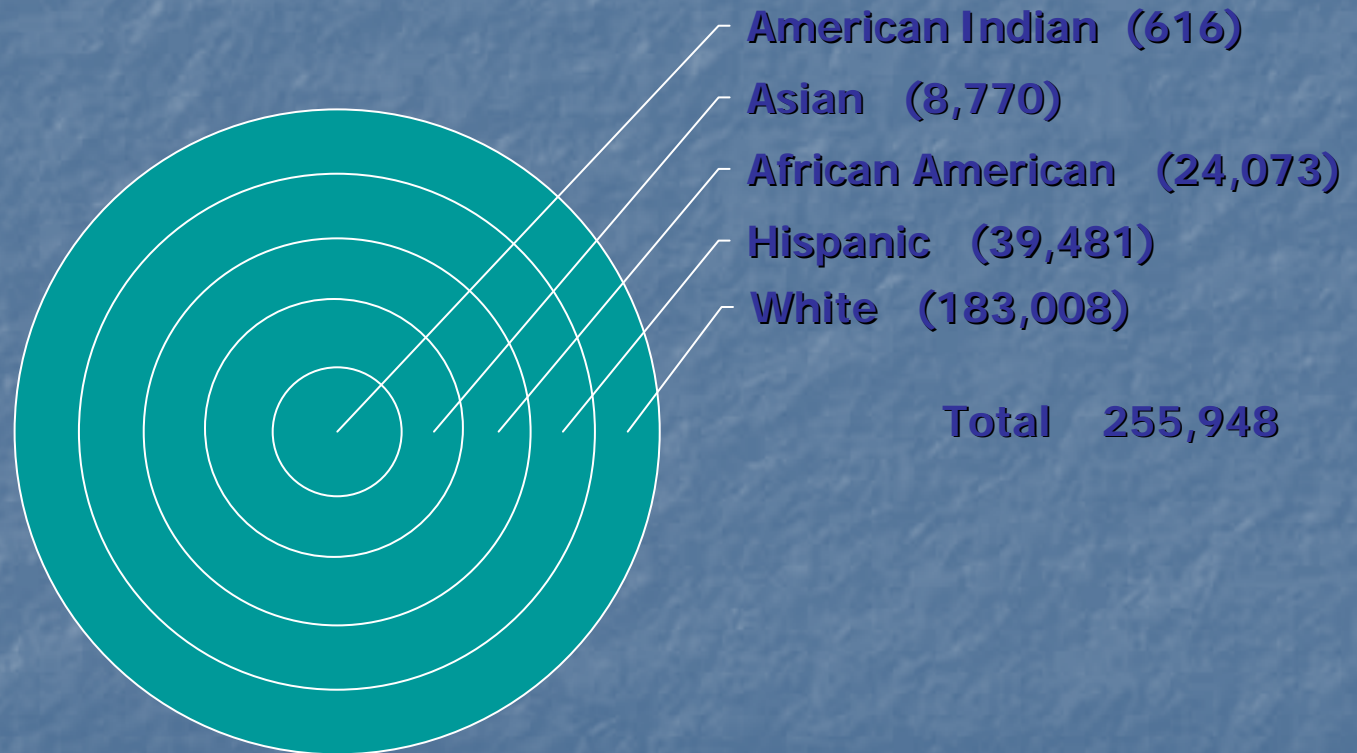
West Hampton

Shelter Island

Southold

Sag Harbor

Estimated Suffolk County Youth Racial/Ethnic Data 2006-2007



Suffolk County Youth Congress for J.U.S.T.I.C.E.

- Join
- Us
- Speaking
- Together
- In
- Creating
- Equality

Respectfully submitted by
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