



# SILVER OAK ACADEMY

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*Dedicated to improving the lives of youth, families and communities.*



## About Us

### *The Silver Oak Academy Program*

Situated on a sprawling 75-acre campus, Silver Oak Academy offers Maryland's young men a normalized high school experience through its community-college ambiance and expansive athletic fields. SOA serves at-risk young men aged 14-17 who have displayed delinquent behaviors and who have been subjected to abuse, neglect or traumatic experiences. Silver Oak encourages its students to participate in daily programming focused on education, vocational training, health and wellness, community and family engagement and clinical treatment services. Silver Oak utilizes evidence-based practices, a cognitive behavioral approach and is guided by our mission to improve the lives of youth, families and communities.

### *Operated with over 35 years of experience*

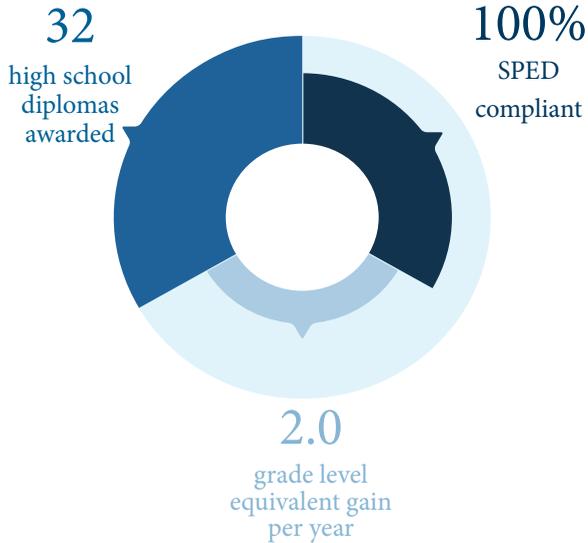
For over 35 years, Rite of Passage has incorporated best-practices, research and evidence-based methodologies to develop its Academic Model™ program: a strengths-based, trauma-informed paradigm that places youth at the forefront of their own personal growth, healing and recovery. It is this approach—offering at-risk youth a normalized, academic and therapeutic environment—that has allowed us to fulfill our mission of improving the lives of youth, families and communities.

# Silver Oak Academy

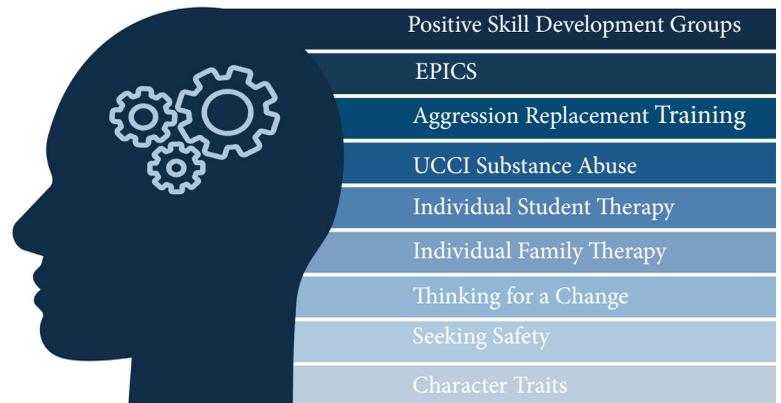
## 2017 Outcomes

In 2017, the young men at Silver Oak Academy attended AdvancED accredited classes, participated in extracurricular activities and developed new skills through evidence-based interventions. These targeted services helped them to plan for a successful future and reunification with their families and home communities.

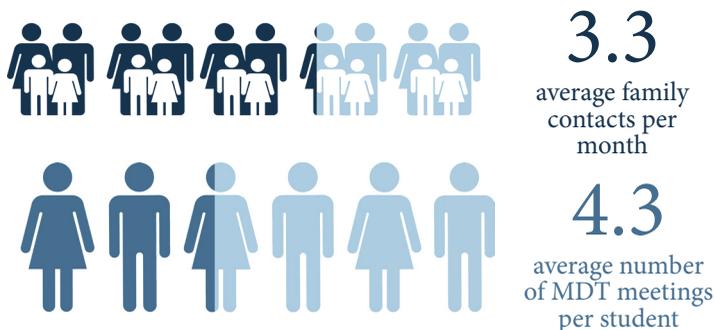
### Education and Vocation



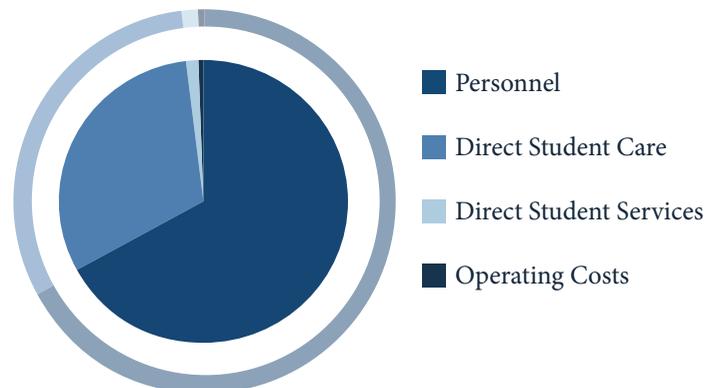
### Evidence-Based and Clinical Services



### Family and Community Engagement

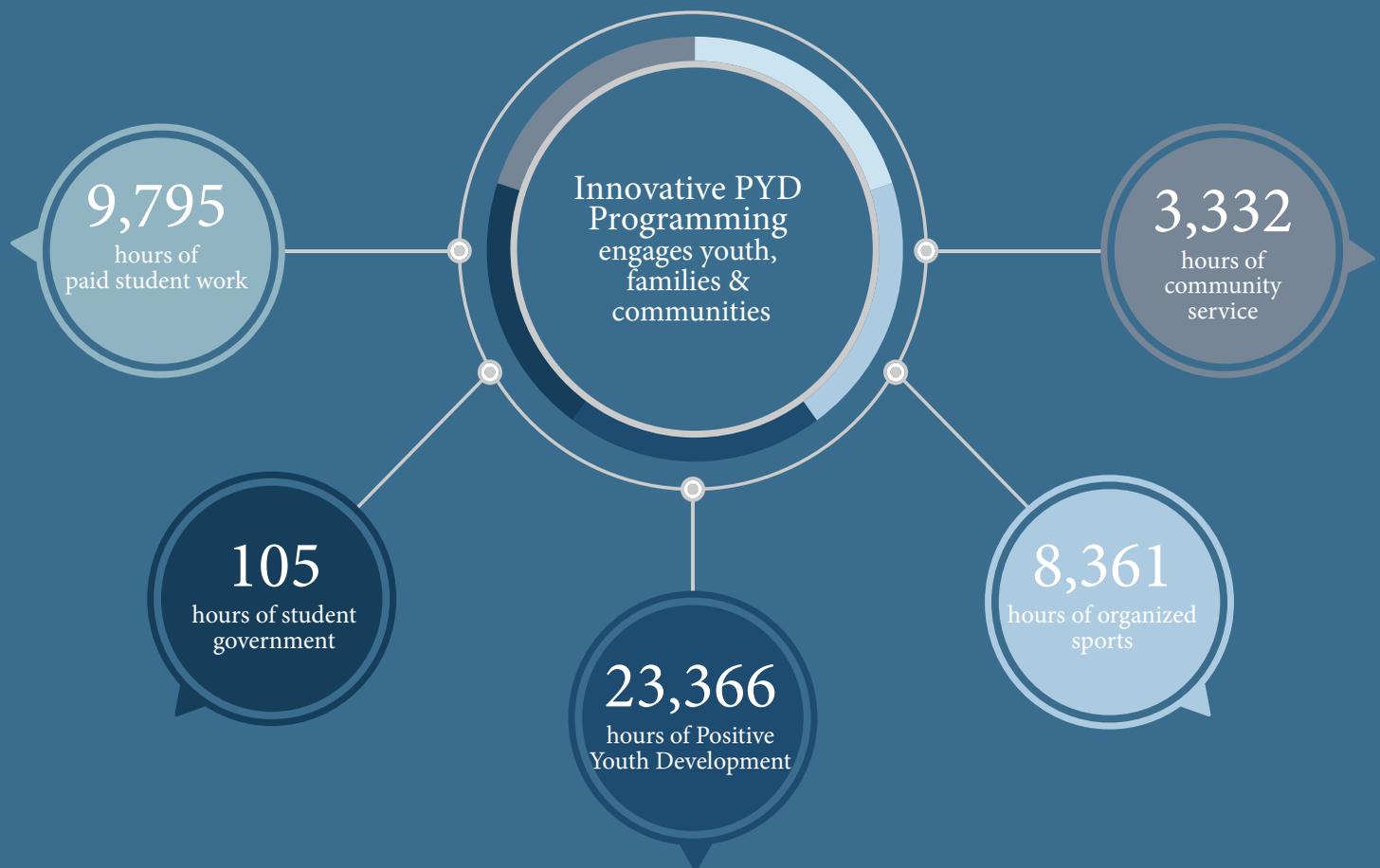


### Financials



# Positive Youth Development

Silver Oak Academy offers youth opportunities to engage with their peers and community through sanctioned high school sports, community service and cultural/recreational activities. Through meaningful interactions with positive, adult role models, youth learn the skills they will need to lead successful lives. Every ROP program includes programming based on the principles of Positive Youth Development.



# Programming designed to promote learning, growth and positive change

## *Safe Spaces*

Our approach is based on the tenets of Positive Youth Development where staff act as mentors and role models. Our well-trained staff form positive, pro-social relationships with our students that fosters a supportive environment that enables students to reach their goals. Rich therapist to student ratios encourage the development of positive thought patterns, habits and skill sets that will help our students lead successful lives.

## *Learning Environments*

Silver Oak Academy offers year-round, accredited education through its on-site charter school. This school embraces the three R's (Rigor, Relevance and Relationships), but adds an additional component, Rituals. This focus enables our students to celebrate themselves—many of them, for the first time. Through rituals, graduations and vocational certificates are honored as milestones; students learn that rituals are meant to be replicated for a lifetime of success.

## *Places for Therapeutic Conversation*

Through a carefully calibrated assessment process, individualized therapeutic services address a youth's risks and needs while taking into account their protective factors. Evidence-based, cognitive-behavioral therapy, trauma-informed care, individual and family therapy change negative thought patterns to begin the process of rehabilitation. Through targeted treatment plans, students learn healthy coping strategies and gain resiliency.

## *Family Connection and Community Engagement*

Family and community involvement promote pro-social skills and responsibility. We welcome family and community inclusion through family therapy, parent-teacher conferences, meaningful philanthropic service projects, spiritual celebrations and graduation ceremonies. Through innovative programming, our youth feel pride and belonging in their home communities and return as stewards of a brighter future.





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