New Jersey Youth ChalleNGe Academy

What & Where?

- The NJ Youth Challenge Academy serves as a second chance for At Risk Youth in receiving their New Jersey High School Diploma. Located on the Joint Base, Fort Dix, in Lakehurst, this Academy provides a structured environment where students focus on academics, leadership development, physical training, and personal growth.

Youth ChalleNGe Academy

- The NJ Youth Challenge Academy is a resource opportunity for students who are at risk or have difficulty performing in the high school setting.
- The Academy is conducted in three phases:
  1. Acclimation phase—students adjust to the physical, social, and discipline aspects of the program.
  2. Cadets—academic routine where students prepare to take the GED and earn their NJ H.S Diploma.
  3. Post-Residential Phase—cadets select a path prior to graduation in either higher education, the workforce, military, or volunteer work.
- Upon completion, cadets enter a mentoring program to assist them in reaching their set and planned goals.

The Details

- This 5 ½ month program is regulated using the foundations of the Military by providing cadets with principles, values, structure, and discipline.
- The NJ Youth Challenge Academy is TUITION FREE to all NJ residents who are 16-18 years of age, are a US Citizen, and have health insurance.
- There are two enrollments throughout the year. A fall session in October and a Spring session in April.

Now Accepting Applications for the April 17th 2018 class!

- Students dedicate 40 hours to community and social services, take various field trips, learn coping skills, and prepare for life after the academy.

For more information, contact:

Cindy Carlucci- Recruiting Specialist
Telephone:(609) 556-6088
Email: cynthia.carlucci@dmava.nj.us
Website: www.nj.gov/military/challenge
Facebook: www.facebook.com/NJChallenge