



★ NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD ★  
**COUNTER DRUG**  
— DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION OUTREACH —

The West New York Youth Academy is a 2-week academy run by active police officers and soldiers with the New Jersey National Guard Counter Drug Task Force.

Officers are not only advisers that help run the program, but they are also mentors for the children participating in the program. They volunteer to raise funds, organize events, academy classes, trips, educational classes, as well as bi-weekly Explorer meetings.



The New Jersey National Guard soldiers help with instructing the cadets in the Youth Academy. The soldiers conduct physical training each morning after they salute the flag and teach cadets drill and ceremonies.

Youth Academy cadets experience a highly disciplined and structured environment that challenges them mentally and physically.

The concepts of loyalty, respect, and determination are instilled in an effort to make the cadets strive for excellence.



The drill and ceremonies the cadets learn are then used to march through the streets of West New York and showcase their skills to the Mayor at City Hall and later at graduation for the parents to see what their children have learned and gained through the academy.