

## **Youth Services Director Monthly Summary April 2022**

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### **Monthly Director's Activities:**

- Met with April Capuder, Principal at Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School to discuss youth issues and our collaboration with the youth at Brooks Middle School and in the community.
- Met with Sgt. Monty and Sgt. Freelain of the Oak Park Police Department on youth issues the Youth Services team is seeing in the community and ways we could work together to address these issues.
- Attended and participated in the SAY Guidance Team Meeting where the vision was finalized.
- Presented end of the year Youth Interventionist Program statistics and update on name change to the Youth Engagement Program to the Council of Governments for Oak Park.
- Attended the District 90 Board Meeting to present statistics on the Youth Interventionist Program and introduce the new name, Youth Engagement Program for the Intergovernmental Agreement that is up June 30, 2022.
- Attended the River Forest Public Library Board Meeting to present statistics on the Youth Interventionist Program and introduce the new name, Youth Engagement Program for the Intergovernmental Agreement that is up June 30, 2022.
- Attended the Oak Park Public Library Board Meeting to present statistics on the Youth Interventionist Program and introduce the new name, Youth Engagement Program for the Intergovernmental Agreement that is up June 30, 2022.
- Attended the Homeless Coalition's Community Touchpoints meeting where we discussed families who are homeless and their needs.
- Attended the Homevisiting Taskforce meeting which had presentations by Housing Forward and Collaboration for Early Childhood.
- Attended the AITCOY (Association of Illinois Townships Committees on Youth) Executive Committee meeting where we discussed Undergraduate scholarships and professional development for staff.
- Planned and facilitated the Youth Services Committee meeting. Discussion for next cycle was started.
- I continue to attend and participate in all Culture and Climate meetings at the Township, including all staff trainings and Leadership meetings.
- I continue to attend the monthly Social Services Taskforce Meetings.

### **Girls on the Rise Program-** Dominique Hickman (Girls on the Rise Supervisor)

76 Middle School Students

4 High School Students (3 Sophomores, 1 Junior)

#### **Brooks Middle School**

6<sup>th</sup> graders: 5

7<sup>th</sup> graders: 20

#### **Julian Middle School**

6<sup>th</sup> graders: 11

7<sup>th</sup> graders: 17

8<sup>th</sup> graders: 16

8<sup>th</sup> graders: 7

**6 Groups conducted at Brooks Middle School**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- **Parents Just Don't Understand**
- **Hair Love**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- **Natural Hair Struggles-** Empowering workshop for young girls of color struggling with their natural hair (Film discussion)
- **I'm a Masterpiece-** Natural Hair Painting Workshop (Part 1)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- **Relationships**
- **I Got Limits-** identifying and applying boundaries

**5 Groups conducted at Julian Middle School**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- **Parents Just Don't Understand**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- **Bullying Refresher- Jeopardy**
- **I'm a Masterpiece-** Natural Hair Painting Workshop (Part 1)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- **Relationships**
- **I Got Limits-** identifying and applying boundaries

**High School**

- **Summer and College Plans (*Group Discussion*)**

**Contracted Programs-**

Contract Award Letters were sent to 10 programs in Oak Park and River Forest.

1. River Forest Police Department I-SEARCH program
2. River Forest Public Library Connections Program
3. Concordia University STEM-4NE1 - Robotics Camp
4. Oak Park Public Library Family and Community Discussions
5. Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200 Intramurals
6. Fellowship Community Services/Covenant Youth Collision SMART Program
7. Oak Park District 97 Irving Elementary School SLAM Program
8. Fellowship Community Services Friday Night Place
9. Park District of Oak Park Scholarship Program
10. Oak Park District 97 Hatch Elementary School Hatch Radiant Reading/ Hatch Mathmagicians