

BTS - Positive Youth Development Meeting Notes
3/23/2010 – Family Services of Greater Waterbury – 3:00-4:30 PM

Attendees:

Louis Serrano
Jackie Lundie
Mike McLaughlin
Lorraine Jolly
Glenis Vialva
Lisa Cheney
Adrienne Wallace Hayward
Lori Hart (staff)

Team members welcomed youth member Louis Serrano from Waterbury Youth Services to the committee.

Finalization of RBA indicators will be done at 3/27/2010 meeting

Updates:

WAMS Video: The Community Advocacy Committee suggested a 40 Developmental Assets campaign and researched a potential WAMS video as part of that campaign. The teacher in charge of the program is very interested in working with our committee on this, and said that if we provide the students with guidance they will be able to work with us on this project.

PEACE CAMP: Lisa Cheney – she will help youth learn leadership skills and help youth connect with the community. She is not targeting youth who are already leaders, but wants to give all youth the opportunity to learn. She plans to start with High School youth to train them to be mentors to the other grades. She wants to build into the program a requirement to come to additional meetings for follow up training and for community project.

She is planning a 1 Week Camp, then monthly meeting follow up wants to use PAL building.

- Goal is to start this summer, dependent on funding
- She is working with a school psychologist at alternative school
- Goal is to train 50kids/ week
- ❖ Glenis suggested coordinating with PAL's- after school program and coordinating with Caryn Olcik

Youth Map: Lori reviewed the map created by Council of Governments from the listing of Resource Mapping – the map outlined where the resources available to youth exist. Adrienne asked if it was possible to find out where youth live. Lori will check to see if this can be added to the map to provide further detail. It was noted that there are a lot of programs in schools.

A discussion involving the cost of busing children from one area of the city to another took place. It was noted that there is state funding available to transport youth to other school districts, but also noted that one must be classified as special Ed in order to have the state pay transport fees. Adrienne recommended building bus fees into programs and including this when requesting funding.

Glenis noted that it is easier for youth to get downtown, and that it may be helpful to focus on assuring programs are available downtown.

Lack of transportation for youth was identified as a major issue, recommendations include:

- Partner with other agencies to share costs
- Partner with senior programs (consider liability issues)

Discuss plans for Increasing the number of 40 DA Waterbury's youth possess:

Ideas included:

- Check with the Chamber of Commerce and consider why we would work with Waterbury Development vs. Chamber. We would want to make sure we outlined "what's in it for them" in order to recruit their participation. Some advantages to working with the Chamber include:
 - They have a regular newsletter
 - Lorraine's friend works at Commerce she -also knows Lynn Ward and Kathy Foster
- Have merchants assist with training and raising awareness in community
- Provide a free meeting- breakfast mtg. –coordinated with he chamber
- Recruit help from Mayor Jarjura – has he already done a 40 DA proclamation?
- 40 DA Parade - Need food for kids
- Back to school Rally
- Prof-Net – provide training at their meeting
- BNI- Business Network International
- Advertize on side of bus
- Plan a kickoff around the same time as the PPB/BTS October Summit

Next Steps:

- Investigate updating map with youth density
- check on 40 DA Day - check with Terry if not.
- Lisa and Lorraine- Check with Chamber of Commerce
- CEUs for 40 DA
- Update Paul Bisnette about our plans

Next Meeting date:

4/27 – 3:00-4:30 PM