

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

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

- I attended the 2-day National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference, which was held in Chicago this year. The Youth Services Youth Engagement Team also attended the conference. Where we attended presentations on restorative justice with youth in the juvenile justice system, in the school system, and also participated in many circle opportunities around relevant youth issues and other needs important to our work in the Youth Services Department.
- Met with Lynda Park Associate Superintendent/Principal at Oak Park and River Forest High School regarding youth issues that we were seeing over the summer, as they start to prepare for their school year.
- Went on a hard hat tour of the new BUILD, Inc. facility on Laramie and Harrison in Chicago, IL. During the tour discussed with BUILD staff ways we can “build bridges” between Oak Park and Chicago youth.
- Attended the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees meeting to present the current data on youth in River Forest in the Youth Engagement Program and to inform the Board of the name change to the Youth Engagement Program.
- Attended the Oak Park Department of Health IPLAN meeting that was hosted at the Oak Park Public Library.
- Continued to plan and organize the Youth Services Annual School Supply Drive and Back To School Social.
- Attended the Community Justice Center's monthly Steering committee meeting. The current crimes in Oak Park, including the murder of the young woman at the BP station on Chicago Avenue were discussed.
- I continue to attend the monthly Social Services Taskforce Meetings.

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

Girls on the Rise has filled the position of full-time Youth Facilitator. Moriah Gale, who is currently the Youth Services Administrative Assistant will now be the full time Girls on the Rise Program Facilitator, she will start her new role on August 22nd. Currently, we are seeking a part-time Youth Facilitator for Girls on the Rise.

### **Contracted Programs-**

Two Contracted Programs are summer only programs, Concordia University STEM and Kids College SMART Student Empowerment Program.

The SMART Program is currently in session and the STEM Program will be in session in August.