

## Youth and Family Services Director Monthly Summary November 2022

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### Monthly Director's Activities

- Participated in two Alternative Call Response Taskforce meetings. These meetings are being held at the request of Village Manager Kevin Jackson, who invited myself and Gavin Morgan to represent the Township.
- Presented all of Youth and Family Services Programs to District 97 Brooks Middle School teacher teams.
- Attended the District 90 school social worker's meeting where I presented all of Youth and Family Services Programs.
- Participated in a focus group with the Collaboration for Early Childhood.
- Facilitated the Youth and Family Services Committee meeting. The Youth and Family Services Committee finalized the RFP to be released on November 18, 2023.
- Attended the Community Justice Center West Steering Committee meeting, discussed job training programs, gun violence, and car jackings in Oak Park and the 15<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Districts of Chicago.

### Girls on the Rise- Dominique Hickman (Girls on the Rise Manager)

Middle School Students **(103)**

High School Students – **5**

#### Brooks Middle School

#### Julian Middle School

#### Roosevelt Middle

##### School

6<sup>th</sup> graders: **12**

6<sup>th</sup> graders: **12**

5<sup>th</sup> grade: **2**

7<sup>th</sup> graders: **16**

7<sup>th</sup> graders: **15**

6<sup>th</sup> grade: **7**

8<sup>th</sup> graders: **15**

8<sup>th</sup> graders: **17**

7<sup>th</sup> grade: **5**

8<sup>th</sup> grade: **2**

### 6 Groups Conducted at Gwendolyn Brooks and Percy Julian Middle School

“If My Could Talk, What Would It Say” (Body Image/Self Esteem) -**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

“Welcome to Middle School -Jeopardy Style”- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

“If My Could Talk, What Would It Say” (Body Image/Self Esteem) - **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

“Brown Girl Dreaming” (Vision Board)- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

“Black Women in America Today/ Complex World-Part 2” (Video and Group Discussion)- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

“Stereotyping Black Woman in Media” (Video and Group Discussion)- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### 2 Group conducted at Roosevelt Middle School

“Welcome to Middle School -Jeopardy Style”

“Brown Girl Dreaming” (Vision Board)

### 1 Group for Oak Park Main Library (High School Group)

Culture Tags Game- (Engaging with students)

**Prevention Program-** Kelly O'Connor (Prevention Manager)

Outreach/Events:

- Parent University was November 10th- PS Manager coordinated presentation on Vaping and Marijuana and attended the D200 Wellness Committee follow up meeting. **50** families attended the Parent University sessions.
- Coordinated winter coat drive with coalition partners
- Coordinated permanent Prescription Drop Box @ 105 location with Cook County Sheriff's Office (installation soon) and is coordinating with the sheriff's office on other RX Drop box locations.

Community Collaboration/Committee (meetings attended, organized, and/or facilitated).

- Met with VOP Health Department to plan December Tobacco Grant Meeting
- Facilitated and organized November Illinois Prevention Network Meeting of state coalitions and the Opioid Task Force Meeting and organized break out committee to work on First Responder Overdose package
- Attended PAARI virtual summit conference and attended November Youth Network Council Meeting, and PS Manager & DFC Project Coordinator met with Unity Church

Webinar/Trainings:

- CADCA Practical Theorist Webinar
- ALICE Training-Active Shooter Training @Park District of Oak Park

National Leadership Academy for the Public Health (NLAPH)

- Together with fellows from CMHB, Park District, and VOP Health Department attended program launch for the 2023 Cohort.

**Community Justice Programs-** Eric Viguera (Community Justice Manager)

- **8** youth on the Community Engagement Caseload
- **5** youth referred in November:
  - **3** youth from Oak Park Adjudication
  - **2** youth from River Forest Adjudication
- **19.5** Engagement Hours completed over the month
- Hours were completed at Beyond Hunger, Brooks Middle School, and intakes at Oak Park Township offices.
- Community Justice Manager completed a Restorative Justice Practices training through the Oak Park Public Library.
- Prevention Services Manager provided an update to OP Adjudication FACE IT completion

**Contracted Programs-** The Fiscal Year 2024 Youth and Family Services RFP was released on November 18 2023. The RFP will be due on January 13<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm.