

## Youth Services Director Monthly Summary for October 2019

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### Directors Notes:

- I was a panelist at the Restorative Justice Conference at the Oak Park Public Library on October 5<sup>th</sup>, which was a day dedicated to Restorative Justice in Schools. I also helped out in the morning registering people for the conference.
- I had meetings with the Park District of Oak Park, the CJC, and the OPRF Community Foundation.
- I attended the Dementia Friendly Oak Park Community Meeting.
- We have started the process for the new Youth Interventionist Database which is through the Kalediacare system. The database is built and now Sara Marx (Interventionist Supervisor) and I will be in a pilot period for 2 weeks, before we train the staff on the system. We are hoping that staff training will all take place before the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Responded to Ridgeland Commons at the request of the Park District due to District 200 youth having multiple fights on Park District property, kiddie corner from District 200 on October 22 and 23. I went the afternoon of October 24 and there were a group of students hanging out on Park District property, we had conversations about “play” fighting and being appropriate, etc.

### **1. Contracts and Program Development**

Below is a table for Contracted Programs for Fiscal Year 2020. The table shows Program Name, Start Date, and if the first report (October 28, 2019) was completed. If a program is highlighted in yellow that means NO report was submitted to the Youth Services Director and Youth Services Committee. Reports are due 3 times a year per the contract reporting guidelines.

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Program Start Date</u>	<u>Report Due: October 28 2019</u>
River Forest Public Library-Connections	August 23, 2019	Completed Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>
Concordia-STEM	August 5-16, 2019	No October report submitted
River Forest Police-I-SEARCH	September 2019	Completed Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>
OPRFHS-Operation Snowball/Snowflake	October 2019	No October report submitted
Oak Park Police- Jr. Citizens Police Academy	August 5-9, 2019	OPPD contracts are still being reviewed by OP Village Legal Department
Oak Park Police-MUREE/FREE	September 2019	OPPD contracts are still being reviewed by OP Village Legal Department

Concordia-SMART Program	Summer 2019	No October report submitted
District 97 Julian MS-Makerspace	October 10, 2019	Completed Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>
FCS-Friday Night Place	September 13, 2019	Completed Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>
District 97 Beye Boost	October 1, 2019	No October report submitted
Park District of Oak Park Scholarships	Ongoing for 2019	Completed Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>
District 97 Irving SLAM	September 2019	No October report submitted
District 97 Lincoln After School Media Center	September 2019	No October report submitted
District 97 Longfellow Rainbows	October 17, 2019	Completed Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>
District 97 Hatch Skill Builders	October 7, 2019 (however program has not started yet)	Completed Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>
District 97 Longfellow Homework Club	November 14, 2019	Completed Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>
District 97 Longfellow Mentoring	September 2, 2019	No October report submitted
District 97 Mann Homework Helper	September 24, 2019	Completed Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>
District 97 Mann Rainbows	September 2019	No October report submitted
District 97 Whittier Homework Helper	October 28, 2019	Completed Oct. 21

## 2. Restorative Justice

### **TIME Program-** Susan Stearns (Teen Initiative for Meeting Expectations)

- Program manager prepared the reports due to the OP Adjudication court for the monthly court session. Reports include information about how close youth is to completion, complimentary information from site supervisors, and/or issues that hinder completion such as age, no transportation, work schedules etc.
- Program manager attended the Oak Park Adjudication Court during the month of October. Manager was asked to come to the court room to address some issues related to a specific youth. Youth was not present due to illness, but was represented by two lawyers, one social worker, and a student from an agency in Chicago. Manager answered questions from the judge and will follow up with the outside personnel.
- TIME manager continues to work with the two interventionists due to our common involvement in clients.
- 2 new youth assigned at OP Adjudication.

### **3. Youth Interventionist Program**

#### **Sara Marx (Interventionist Supervisor)**

Cases: 8

Home Visits: 0

Groups: NA

Face-to-face Meetings: 20

Referrals: 0

Mrs. Marx continues to provide weekly supervision and check-ins to each interventionist while maintaining a full caseload of individual clients. Mrs. Marx focus is on updating the Interventionist Program Manual to include changes related to the new database, Kaleidacare. During the Pilot Period, Mrs. Marx is working to help streamline Kaleidacare with the YS Director and Kaleidacare personnel. Mrs. Marx attended Vicarious Trauma training, Effective Supervisory Practices training, and Domestic Violence Luncheon sponsored by the State's Attorney's Office. Mrs. Marx continues to meet and reinforce relationships with school personnel. Along with other youth service members, Mrs. Marx assists Ridgeland Park in facilitating safe and productive communication with youth.

#### **Dominique Hickman (Interventionist)**

Cases: 9

Home Visits: 4

Group: 45 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls at Brooks and Julian Middle Schools

Face-to-Face Meetings: 23

Referrals: 0

Ms. Hickman continues to meet with students where they are at in the community, including the schools and homes. Ms. Hickman has accompanied two parents for their children's' parent's/teachers conferences and IEP meetings within district 97 and 200. Now that the first grading period has ended, Ms. Hickman is working closely with her senior year client on post-high school transition plans.

**Girls on the Rise:** In October, Girls on the Rise had Natural Hair Stylish Ymani Blake of Blooming Crown Co. come and speak about the importance of taking ownership of their hair texture and embracing it with pride. Participants worked together and made rose water for their hair and face and learned proper techniques for combing and braiding their hair using mannequins. Students left the classroom, aware that their Afro-aesthetic is beautiful, and it does not need altering into something else. Nubia Henderson of Kids Jamm works with the 6th-grade girls, at both Middle Schools, teaching them about the six basic human emotions. The girls focus on identifying things that make them angry and what makes them happy. They learn ways to control triggers and emotions through their breathing techniques. The girls shared some personal events where emotions took over. Participants were encouraged to channel their feelings with journals.

**Ana Cintron (Interventionist)**

Cases: 9

Home Visits: 0

Group: NA

Face-to-face Meetings: 13

Referrals: 2

Ms. Cintron attended the Vicarious Trauma presentation by Hephzibah. Ms. Cintron and Ms. Devitt collaborated with Officer Love of the Oak Park Police Department to present a Bullying Prevention Presentation to St. Catherine of Sienna-St. Lucy School. Ms. Cintron helped park staff by making trips to Stevenson Park to help assist with the youth issues. Ms. Cintron continues to build rapport with parents and guardians while enrolling referred clients into the program. Ms. Cintron continues to conduct assessments and provided interventions to her caseload while staying in contact with school social workers and guardians to ensure wrap around services.

**Laura Devitt (Part-Time Interventionist)**

Cases: 8

Home Visits: 6

Groups: NA

Face-to-Face Meetings: 13

Referrals: 3

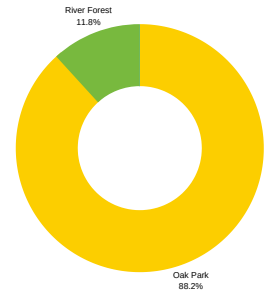
This was the first full month with the Youth Services Department for Ms. Devitt and she has thoroughly enjoyed it. She has spent her time working on building a therapeutic rapport with her clients and their families. Ms. Devitt has also been working alongside the River Forest library each week to get to know the youth population in efforts to form a possible group in the future. Ms. Devitt and Ms. Citron, paired up with Officer Love of the Oak Park Police Department to provide a Bullying Prevention Presentation to the fifth through eighth grade students of St. Catherine of Sienna-St. Lucy School. Ms. Devitt also attended the Vicarious Trauma training put on by Hephzibah. She is looking forward to continuing to build her relationship with the residents of Oak Park and River Forest as well as the partnering agencies!

# INTERVENTIONIST REPORT OCTOBER 2019

**OP  
VS.  
RF**

## RESIDENCY

Oak Park: 30  
River Forest: 4



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## SCHOOLS

District 90: 3  
District 97: 17  
District 200: 14



**34**

## CASELOADS



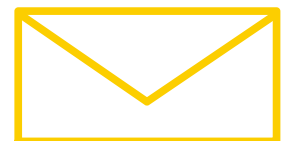
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## HOME VISITS



**4**

## REFERRALS RECEIVED



# REFERRAL REASONS

4

## REFERRALS

Anxiety/Depression: 1

Crisis/Trauma: 2

School Refusal/Attendance  
Issues: 1



# GIRLS ON THE RISE



## 45 PARTICIPANTS

6th Grade Girls Brooks Middle School:  
18 students (8/10 sessions completed)

7th Grade Girls Brooks Middle School:  
10 students (7/10 sessions completed)

6th Grade Girls Julian Middle School:  
11 students (7/10 sessions completed)

7th Grade Girls Julian Middle School:  
6 students (7/10 sessions completed)