

Youth Services Director Monthly Summary November 2021

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Monthly Director's Activities:

- Hired, Jonathan Brown, MSW, as the new Youth Interventionist Supervisor. Jonathan started on November 29, 2021.
- Met with Jan Arnold, Bill Hamilton Kayla Lindgren, and Kelsey Tumpane of the Park District of Oak Park and Gavin Morgan (OP Township Manager) regarding youth issues at the RCRC and how Youth Services could help support the RCRC staff.
- Met with Officer Murphy of the Oak Park Police Department to coordinate on youth issues happening at the RCRC.
- Met with Ginger Bencola, social worker at OPRFHS, regarding a youth client and how Youth Services can support youth struggling with substance abuse issues.
- Took on 2 youth Interventionist clients to help the team until the Youth Interventionist Supervisor starts.
- Facilitated the Youth Services Committee Meeting for the month of November where the committee focused on the RFP for Fiscal Year 2023.
- Attended and participated in the SAY Guidance Team Meeting where we reviewed the SAY mission and vision and goals.
- Attended the CJC meeting where we spoke about current crime trends in Chicago (15th and 25th District) and Oak Park. We also shared new initiatives and program updates.
- Attended and participated in the AITCOY (Association of Illinois Townships Committees on Youth) annual meeting.
- Coordinated with the Youth Services staff to set a schedule for a Master's level social work intern in the Youth Interventionist Program starting in January 2022.
- 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)

75 Middle School Students

5 High School Students (1 Freshmen, 3 Sophomores, 1 Junior)

Brooks Middle School

6th graders: 3

7th graders: 22

8th graders: 15

Julian Middle School

6th graders: 11

7th graders: 17

8th graders: 7

9 Groups conducted at Brooks Middle School

6th Grade

- *Power Thinking*
- *Power Thinking (Presentation)*
- *Gratitude*

7th Grade

- *We Wear the Mask*
- *We Wear the Mask Group Discussion*
- *The Black and Brown Girl Body Image*

8th Grade

- *Do Black Girls Really Matter? (Video and Discussion x2)*
- *Black Girls Advocate (Introducing the importance of advocacy for Black girls)*

8 Groups Conducted at Julian Middle School

6th Grade

- *Pieces of the Puzzle*
- *Power Thinking*
- *Power Thinking (Stage Presentation)*

7th Grade

- *We Wear the Mask (3x)*

8th Grade

- *Do Black Girls Really Matter? (Video and Discussion x2)*

High School (2 groups)

- *Black Lives Matter (visual journaling)*

Contracted Programs-

The RFP for Fiscal Year 2023 was released. The RFP was emailed to all current contracted programs and any program that requested the RFP throughout this current cycle. The RFP can be found on the Oak Park Township website as well. The RFP was released with no priority set as the Youth Services Committee felt that all youth programs should be looked at, due to COVID and to encourage new programs to also apply.

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>October 29 2021 Report</u>	<u>January 21 2022 Report</u>	<u>May 20 2022 Report</u>
River Forest Public Library-Connections	10/26/21		
Concordia-STEM			
River Forest Police-I-SEARCH	10/26/21		
OPRFHS-Operation Snowball/Snowflake	11/15/21		
SMART Program	10/29/21		
Oak Park Jets Foundation Affinity Groups			
FCS-Friday Night Place	10/29/21		
Park District of Oak Park Scholarships	10/26/21		
District 97 Irving SLAM	10/04/2021		
OPPL - Family and Community Discussions	10/29/2021		
OPRFHS Intramurals			
William Hatch Elementary School, OPD 97 Radiant Reading/Mathmagicians	11/03/21		
Abraham Lincoln Elementary Black Girls Matter	10/29/2021		

Blue = Late

Yellow = No Report Submitted

* summer programs and only require 1 annual report.