

Youth Services Director Monthly Summary December 2021

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Monthly Director's Activities:

- Hired a new Youth Interventionist, Sofia Fernandez, who will start on January 10th. Sofia was formerly an intern in the Youth Interventionist Program during the 2020-2021 school year. Sofia is fluent in Spanish, and for the past few months has been working as a contracted therapist for Chicago Public Schools and as an intake worker at Lutheran Social Services.
- Youth Interventionist Supervisor, Jonathan Brown and I, conducted a training for Park District of Oak Park staff at the RCRC.
- Youth Interventionist Supervisor Jonathan Brown and I, met with Stephen Jackson at the Oak Park Public Library to introduce Jonathan and to learn more about Stephen's new role as the Director of Equity and Anti Racism and how Youth Services at the Township can continue to partner with him.
- Oak Park and River Forest Township joint departments: Youth, Seniors, General Assistance, and Prevention were the spotlight display at the River Forest Public Library for the month of December!
- Attended and participated in the SAY Guidance Team Meeting where we continued to review 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.
- 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

- *Self-Esteem Check Up/ Questionnaire*
- *Affirmations and Negative Self-Talk*
- *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall (Building Self Esteem)*

7th Grade

- *Body Image in the Black and Brown Community*
- *Body Parts Open Discussion*
- *Dear Body... (Building Body Confident and Self Esteem in a Letter to Self)*

8th Grade

- Black Girls Self Advocacy (3x)

7 Groups conducted at Julian Middle School

6th Grade

- *Self-Esteem Check Up/ Questionnaire*
- *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall (Building Self Esteem)*
- *Dear Body... (Building Body Confident and Self Esteem in a Letter to Self)*

7th Grade

- *Body Parts Open Discussion*
- *Dear Body... (Building Body Confident and Self Esteem in a Letter to Self)*

8th Grade

- *Peer Pressure Group Discussion*
- *Dear Body... (Building Body Confident and Self Esteem in a Letter to Self)*

High School (2 groups)

- Black Mental Health
- *Black Lives Matter (visual journaling)*

Contracted Programs-

Fiscal Year 2023 RFP was released at the end of November. Programs have until 5pm on January 14th to submit the RFP to be considered for funding.

<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.