

FUNDING TAX BODIES

- Oak Park Township
- River Forest Township
- Village of Oak Park
- OPRF District 200
- Oak Park School District 97
- River Forest School District 90
- Park District of Oak Park
- River Forest Park District
- Oak Park Public Library
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OTHER PARTNERS

- Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township
- River Forest Mental Health Committee
- Gang and Drug Task Force of Oak Park and River Forest
- Cook County State's Attorney's Office
- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Illinois Violence Prevention Authority
- Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- OPRF Community Foundation
- First United Church of Oak Park
- Midwest Bank
- Youth Network Council

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YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAM



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OUR MISSION

Youth Services supports programs and services that address youth through the implementation of prevention techniques, crisis intervention, restorative justice, therapeutic involvement, case management and coordination of wraparound services with other community partners and agencies.

Youth Services also advocates for programs and services which enhance the social/emotional development of youth and their families. Youth Services is committed to promoting positive opportunities for youth and families and to helping the youth and their families access needed services.

OUR BEGINNINGS

The Youth Intervention Program is a collaboration of ten government agencies representing the Oak Park and River Forest Communities.

These agencies include: one village government, two townships, two park districts, two libraries and three school districts.

TARGETED AREAS

Violence & Gangs

Drugs/Alcohol Use & Abuse

Trauma, Anxiety, Depression

School Refusal

And More...

REFERRAL PROCESS

Once referred to the program, an Interventionist assesses the youth's needs. Referrals are typically received from schools, parents, area agencies and peers. Some youth even refer themselves.

An Interventionist conducts an initial interview to gather information necessary to assist in assessing the client's needs. Based on the needs of the assessment, a determination is made regarding follow-up, referral and opening the case as indicated.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Once a case is opened, a youth becomes an active client and a three-step process is followed:

1

Identification and management of any immediate crisis by linking the youth and family with community agencies necessary to diffuse the crisis.

2

Assessment of the environment in order to understand the factors contributing to the current issues and needs of the youth.

3

Meeting the needs of the youth via maintenance & ongoing case management in the following ways; assessment follow up, crisis management, counseling, court mandated issues and IEP meetings etc.