

Youth Plus Agenda May 6, 2008

- Agency Asset Building
- Search Institute Survey & AmeriCorp Grant – Shirley Kessel
- YEAH Update
- SAFE Collation Update
 - Social Host Ordinance
- Complementary Education Grant
- Salvation Army Camp
 - June 16-19, ages 8-12
 - Health Screenings
 - Head Lice Checks
- Family Table – May 13, 20, 27/
- Camp Opportunities
 - Multicultural Camp – June 12th and 13th, completion of grades 1st-3rd
 - Overnight Adventure – June 16, 6 p.m. – June 17th, 4 p.m., completion of grades 5th-6th
 - Overnight Adventure – June 17th, 1p.m – June 18th, 10 a.m., completion of grades 3rd-4th
 - Clover Kids Camp – June 5th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., completion of grades K-3rd

Community Needs

What are the needs of young people in Union County according to survey data?

- To be kept safe (from all abuse)
- More things for kids to do or places to go.
- Adequate supervision for kids on snow days and early-outs
- Non competitive activities for kid – availability and low cost
- Young adults – Coffee shop with internet access (SWCC students)
- See CPPC Assessment and Iowa Youth Survey

Where is a place you would like to see a change?

- Bowling alleys – too much smoke, but families like to go there
- Downtown – uneven sidewalks, stores that appeal to young people, family parks
- Families – parent being parents – not necessarily a kids best friend
- Expand neighborhood parties – put together a kid so people have help planning
- Youth opportunities center – anchor “store”, café, youth opportunity offices, creative, games, activities, classes, mentoring
- Cinema Plex
- Encourage more involvement in local governance
- More family activities – for all ages of kids
- More community wide activities (Balloon Days, 4th of July) – focus on kid activities
- More kid friendly environment and atmosphere in businesses

What ways can we provide support and opportunities to youth

- Youth opportunity center
- More opportunities for kids to socialize (hang out)
- More community collaboration between agencies

Where do you tend to see young people during the day?

- Summer – pool, ball fields, Wal-Mart, home, friends house, downtown, parks, DQ, Stake Park, parking lots, church events, library
- Winter – bowling alley, YMCA, school, Wal-Mart, church events, library
- Fall – sporting events, mall (Des Moines), Wal-Mart, school, church events, library
- Spring – outside, ball parks, school skate parks, church events, library

If those places were asset-rich for people of all ages, what would it look like?

- Smiles
- Friendly faces
- All types of ages and people
- Atmosphere appropriate for the purpose – Bowling alley
- Inner-generational interaction – youth teaching older adults, older adults teaching youth
- Plenty of volunteers – meaningful opportunities to volunteer

What is already working/in place that we can build on?

- Youth in action (youth taking responsibility for their own entertainment)
- Literacy team events – more collaboration to expand audience
- Giving youth a voice
- Masonsonic Lodge
- Rotary
- School involvement
- Church youth Groups