



Sheridan Youth Assistance Program 2020 Year Report

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2020 SYAP Referrals

- ❖ In 2020, 69 new youth were referred to SYAP by the Sheridan Community School District, Hamilton County Juvenile Prosecutor, Department of Child Services, other agencies or self-referred.
- ❖ Serving 22% of current student enrollment.
- ❖ 78% of currently served students are on Free and Reduced Lunch.

Financial Needs Met

- ❖ **COVID-19 Response:**
 - **\$2,500 from Hamilton County Community Foundation and \$4,400 from First Farmers Bank and Trust for hotspots that were immediately needed for students to complete eLearning in spring. These hotspots were then utilized into the fall.**
 - **\$10,800 from United Way of Central Indiana for summer lunches for students attending Boys and Girls Club since we were not able to host the annual Pack the Cruiser.**
 - **\$13,000 from the Department of Rural Affairs to include toiletry items in back to school event for each household, purchase items for the school food pantry, provide diapers for several, and many toiletry items for families.**
 - **Raised an additional \$4,300 for other COVID related needs.**
- ❖ **This year SYAP partnered with MAMA's Cupboard and Sheridan United Methodist Church to collaborate efforts for Holiday Assistance. Together, we served 133 households and 430 individuals and SYAP raised \$10,500 towards food only Meijer gift cards and holiday purchases.**
- ❖ **\$5,000 was donated by Reynolds Farm Equipment to provide access to pre-kindergarten learning for four students.**
- ❖ **Because of the generous \$5,000 support from the Adams Township Trustee's office, we are able to continue to provide transportation for 20 students to the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville during the summer break.**
- ❖ **Raised \$1,300 to help a family that lost their home to a fire.**
- ❖ **In 2020, SYAP partnered with the local churches and local food pantries, to collaborate community efforts, to provide back to school supplies for 228 students in the Sheridan school district. \$3,100 was raised by DWA Healthcare Communications Group.**



Mentor and Tutoring Connections

- ❖ Received \$12,000 from Hamilton County Community Foundation and the Northern Hamilton County Fund to provide paid tutoring and transportation home for students struggling academically. Tutors are school staff and community members.
- ❖ I am very excited to announce Sheridan Community Schools, at the request of SYAP, applied for a yearly, renewable grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and received funding for \$100,000. The grant was written to hire a Mentor Coordinator, an assistant and provide programming. The coordinator will be responsible for training and screening adult and youth (peer) volunteers; matching volunteers one-to-one or small group with at risk youth; interviewing and screening youth; providing follow-up support once each mentor-mentee match is made; planning life skills workshops; planning and implementing a community-based activities program; coordinating the implementation of targeted services and programs in coordination with community support services; planning special activities for youth on the waiting list; and celebrating the valuable support of volunteers.

Fundraising

- ❖ Even though we were unable to host our annual Denim and Lace fundraiser at Beck's Hybrid Hanger in Zionsville, our friends and corporate sponsors continued their support during this difficult year by raising \$30,000.
- ❖ SYAP was honored to be the recipient of a \$29,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment to support mental health needs, tutoring, elementary after school care and middle school after school programs, and high school therapeutic programs.



Youth Engagement Highlights

- ❖ **This year looked different in opportunities for youth, but we were still able to provide life impacting experiences:**
 - **Providing Blackhawk Care for working families for seven elementary students.**
 - **20 students transported to Boys and Girls Club for the month of July.**
 - **Eight students participated in a hiking and camping adventure in the mountains of Tennessee with our partners at Camptown. SYAP funded all expenses.**
 - **Sent ten special ed students on an overnight camping trip to McCormick's Creek after four planning meetings with Camptown.**
 - **Started a Wilderness Club for 20 middle school students. The group meets weekly, plans outdoor activities, and takes quarterly trips to Indiana State Parks.**
 - **Provided students martial arts, art, and swim lessons.**
 - **Purchased instrument equipment for a student to participate in band class.**
 - **Participating in community-based and school offered athletics can be expensive for families. SYAP financially supported 48 students so they could participate in middle school, high school, and local recreation programs. Note: There is a decline in the number of participants from 2019 to 2020 due to spring and summer programs being canceled due to COVID restrictions.**



Future Workforce

- ❖ For the second year, SYAP applied for and received a grant for \$20,000 from the Crosser Foundation for the Summer Employment program. It may not have looked as originally planned due to the pandemic, but we were able to implement a successful program as follows:
 - Phase 1: Employed ten high school students and a supervisor. Students performed tasks at non-profit organizations and visited a few businesses to learn about careers and financial responsibility.
 - Phase 2: Students who completed Phase 1 in the previous year were placed in paid internships at local businesses in the county. The business could choose to hire these students as an employee after completing the internship. Students were employed at places such as, Gaylor Electric, AJ's Cafe, and Godby Home Furnishings.
 - Students participated in team building activities provided by Camptown.
- ❖ We were unable to host our annual Student Career Exploration Fair due to COVID-19.
- ❖ Hosted our 3rd annual adult hiring fair at Ivy Tech in Noblesville in March with 360 job seekers attending and 65 businesses.
 - Raising \$1,900 to continue to support future careers.

What does SYAP mean to you?

"I wanted to spend time to make sure you know how much I appreciate everything you have done for my family and me. I have never had someone go out of their way to help me expecting nothing in return. Even when you were caring for your husband you continued to be there for my family. This year has been extremely hard. If it wasn't for you, we would be in a very hard spot we would struggle to get out of." Kirlin family



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