

# Sheridan Youth Assistance Program 2018 End of Year Report

### Vision

Building a healthy community for tomorrow, advocating for the youth and families of today.

#### **Mission**

Sheridan Youth Assistance (SYAP) serves as an early intervention advocate for youth ages 3- 17 who are facing challenging life circumstances. We take a holistic approach to coordinate our community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers.

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### 2018 SYAP Referrals

• In the 2018 calendar year 83 youth were referred to SYAP by the Sheridan Community School District, Hamilton County Juvenile Prosecutor, Department of Child Services and other agencies in the community.

In 2008, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook met with neighborhood and faith-based groups to identify a way to reach at-risk youth in the community. Hamilton County Court Judge Steven Nation shared Mayor Cook's vision and Hamilton County court resources joined in the effort. Since then, the Youth Assistance Program has expanded to all communities in Hamilton County and beyond.

In April of 2015, Sheridan Youth Assistance was adopted.



# Development

Development Committee secures financial needs and material items or other resources which may be used in meeting youth and family needs.

- \$5,000 was donated by Reynolds Farm Equipment to provide access to prekindergarten for 6 students.
- \$5,000 was received from the Adams Township Trustee's Office that provided transportation to the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club for 20 youth during summer break. Lunches were provided by Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and community volunteers.
- A \$2,100 grant was received from the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs to support the Epicenter, which offers middle school youth an after-school program on Wednesday and Friday hosted at the Crossroad Student Center.
- \$1,700 was raised by hosting our 3rd Student Career Exploration Fair on November 8 at Sheridan High School.
- \$600 was raised through Shop with Scrip that will support families with Holiday Assistance.
- \$500 was received from CICF to aid high school seniors with college application fees.
- \$1,500 donated from the Sheridan Youth Sports to provide 31 students the opportunity to participate in local athletics.
- \$21,000 raised at the 2nd annual Denim and Lace Fundraiser.
- \$900 profit from the annual Spring Flower Sale in May.
- \$3,700 in donation from various community members, memorial funds, civic organizations and businesses. Donating for specific causes or general needs.
- \$650 from the Sheridan Kiwanis Club
- Kroger Community Reward program started as a way to earn dollars from those who have signed up to support SYAP.

# **Mentor and Tutoring**

The purpose of Mentor and Tutoring is to provide identified community youth with a meaningful experience from a caring adult or older peer. The intent is to build a trusting relationship which will enrich and benefit a child's life.

- Implemented our 100 Men and Pink Ladies mentoring program. Twenty middle school students were matched with an adult and participated in group activities together. The group met once every other month during 2018. The adults were trained by our partners at the Cherish Center.
- Revolution of Hope matched 26 elementary and middle school age youth with 26 high school mentors or tutors. The mentors or tutors meet with their younger peers for 45 minutes a week and take one field trip each year as a group. Our teens were trained by our partners at Noblesville Parks and Rec.
  - Connected 3 other students with adult tutors that met weekly.





# Marketing

The purpose of Public Relations and Marketing is to develop or implement public relations strategies and campaigns within the community to market the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program and increase its visibility.

- Promote SYAP's mission and programs to civic organizations, local businesses and community leaders.
- Hosted 260 community leaders, business leaders, and community members at the 2nd annual Denim and Lace Fundraiser at the Indy Executive Airport.
- Promote Epicenter in school and the community.
- Update 481 Facebook followers, keeping the community informed on programs and resources.
- Host Student Career Exploration Fair inviting businesses to participate and introduce them to SYAP.
- Participated in the Pack the Cruiser at Kroger to collect food for summer lunch programs across the county.





# Camps and Recreation

The purpose of Camps and Recreation is to connect SYAP with existing camps and recreation activities within community.



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- 8 youth attended to Camp Tecumseh, a YMCA camp in Brookston, Indiana.
- 10 at-risk female youth to attend a Camptown trip during the summer to Big South Fork Mountains in Tennessee.
- 31 youth were able to participate on sport teams with Sheridan Youth Sports.
- 4 youth were provided funds for band and choir participation.
- 20 students were provided transportation and lunches to attend the Club Daybreak at the Boys and Girls Club in Noblesville during each day of summer break.
- 12 students with special needs participated in an overnight camping trip to McCormick's Creek State Park after four weeks of planning and instruction.
- 40 Revolution of Hope Big and Little Buddies took a field trip to the Indianapolis Zoo for a year end celebration.
- 11 elementary boys and 8 girls attended a "Confident Girls" and "Confident Guys" class with their parents taught by Mathias Counseling.
- 2 students attended three weeks of drama camp in the summer at Butler University.
- 2 students were able to attend the Blackhawk Care after school program at Sheridan Community Schools.
- 8 youth attend Camp Organic at KidPsych summer camp program.
- 1 student was sponsored by a generous community member to attend art lessons weekly from the local art studio.

- 10 students were able to participate on Sheridan Middle or High School athletic teams.
- 5 students were able to attend the annual 5th grade class weekend trip with their classmates.



# **Special Events**

The purpose of the Special Events Committee is to share with the community members and supporters what SYAP has provided for the youth and families of Sheridan.

#### Denim and Lace Fundraiser

- Planned and coordinated the 2nd annual Denim and Lace fundraiser hosted on June 15, 2018 at Indy Executive Airport.
- Congresswoman Susan Brooks was our special guest, Indiana State Police
   Officer John Perrine was our emcee and we hosted 260 guests.
- Prep ared silent auction packages and raffle items.
- Invited two Sheridan High School students to perform as guests arrived to the event.
- Coordinated with a professional videographer to share stories of how SYAP has impacted the lives of a family and a group of special education students.
- Entertainment was provided by The Bishops.
- Friedreichs Ataxia Photography donated their time and photos.







#### Student Career Exploration Fair

- Hosted the 3rd annual Student Career Exploration Fair. 500 students in grades 8-12 from Hamilton Heights, Clinton Central, Tipton, Clinton Prairie and Sheridan visited booths of 45 businesses and training centers from the local and central Indiana area.
- Introduced students to successful careers in skilled trades.
- Businesses shared career opportunities that do not require a four year degree.
- A speaker presented to each school to prepare students for the fair.
- Each student received a "Build Your Future Indiana" t-shirt.
- Some of our vendors included Allison Transmission, Subaru of Indiana, Gaylor Electric, Republic Airways, Riverview Hospital, Bam Outdoors, Ivy Tech,

Vincennes University, Martin Marietta and many other small and large businesses.



## County Career Hiring Fair

• Coordinated the 1st annual Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program Hiring Event at Ivy Tech in Noblesville.

- Partnered with Ivy Tech-Noblesville, Build Your Future, and Good Samaritan Network.
- 60 businesses or training centers participated.
- 270 job seekers attended, with job offers made to some that day.
- Work One provided application and resume assistance on site.

• All employers were seeking full time permanent positions with a minimum annual salary of \$27,000.



- Ivy Tech Community College Noblesville 3rd student career exploration fair and 1st county wide hiring fair
- Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank items for our summer lunch program and supplement items for the Sheridan Community Schools food pantry.
- Crossroad Student Center space and volunteers for Epicenter twice a week.
- Merciful Help household items and food for fire and recent homeless victims
- Mustard Seed household items for recent immigrant family
- Work One of Hamilton County 3rd student career exploration fair and 1st county wide hiring fair
- Kiwanis Club of Sheridan donation of tickets for students to attend local circus
- Kid's Coats of Hamilton County 100+ coats to youth and adults in Sheridan
- Coordinated Holiday Assistance for 20 families, 85 youth and parents, through partners such as Secret Families of Hamilton County, MAMA's Cupboard, AgReliant and other businesses and individuals
- Noblesville Boys and Girls Club providing summer long opportunities for our youth
- Volunteers to prepare lunches for Boys and Girls Club attendees
- Good Samaritan Network energy assistance program and many other needs
- Gleaners Food Bank weekly backsacks to 18 elementary students and pantry items. On average, we serve 40 families each month
- St. Vincent RUAH social service application assistance
- Safe Families housing for needed youth
- Waitt Grain Elevator truck and employee to help family move recent purchased used appliance
- Godby Home Furnishings bedding for family in need
- R & T Auto car repair for single parent
- MAMA's cupboard coordinating holiday food and gift assistance
- Bethel Lutheran Church 3 cribs for families in need
- St. Vincent Heart Center provides fresh fruit each week for our backsack program
- Prevail provided continued counseling for a family after domestic violence
- Noblesville Parks and Rec mentor training for high school students





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