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Youth & Community Services Supervisor Report

Youth Commission
(July 27, 2023)

I. Counseling Updates

The Youth and Community Services Division is responsible for the coordination of a comprehensive community-based youth services bureau and the delivery of essential life services for Bristol residents in need. The Bureau strives to enhance the networking and support between family, school, peer and community environments. Direct services include juvenile diversion programming, individual and family counseling, crisis support and positive youth development opportunities

This report is being generated to reflect data for individual and Family Counseling, Intakes and Referrals:

- Number of intakes conducted by staff: 6 (May, June, July)
- Number of clients currently receiving services: 15 (Full-time staff and Contractors)
- Number of families referred by the BOE: 0
- Number of families referred for (FWSN) Families With Service's Needs: 2

Community Services and the Parent and Child Program:

- Intakes (May, June, July) Basic Needs (38), Relocation(7), Evictions (33) and Foreclosures (20)
- 24 intakes for the caring closet (May, June, July)

Juvenile Review Board Statistics: 2022-2023 Report

- We currently have 15 Carry Over Cases



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2022-2023 Year Charges

| Charge | Number of Cases |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Breach of Peace / Interfering | 11 |
| FWSN | 2 |
| Disorderly Conduct / Threatening | 12 |

| Charge | Number of Cases |
|---------|-----------------|
| Assault | 3 |
| Larceny | 4 |

Total Gender

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|--------|----|
| Female | 8 |
| Male | 13 |



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Basketball League at Brackett Park

Basketball league at Brackett Park is held on Thursdays from 11-1 at Brackett Park. The league is run by staff from BPRYCS, the Bristol Police Department school resource officers, and the BBGC. There has been a turnout of 30-35 participants each week, and individuals of all different skill levels are welcome to attend. Players have had the opportunity to further their basketball skills, meet new friends, and build upon teamwork and sportsmanship skills. Along with the basketball league, free basketball skills training sessions are being offered at the Bristol Sports Armory on Tuesdays from 1-2:30. These sessions are being conducted by Isaiah Rascoe. The training sessions have 22-25 participants each week.

Drop in at Rockwell Park

Drop-in at Rockwell is a free bi-weekly drop-in style program that invites all Bristol youth to participate in fun summer activities. This program takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11-1 at Mrs. Rockwell's Pavilion. Activities that have been offered thus far include sand art, tie-dye, and rainbow scratch art, which each activity having 15+ participants in attendance. Activities offered in August will include friendship bracelets, field games, foam art, and more. This program allows participants the chance to try new things, meet new people, be creative, and build upon communication, friendship, and teamwork skills throughout various activities.

Cambridge Park Baseball League

The Cambridge Park baseball league is held on Mondays throughout the summer from 10:30-12 at the Boys and Girls Club located in Cambridge Park. The baseball league is run by staff from BBGC, BPRYCS, and the Bristol Police Department, along with volunteers and other special guests. Coach Bunty Ray has been teaching the participants different baseball skills, allowing individuals to further their knowledge on the game. The league has been successful with a turnout of 20+ youths each week. The baseball league allows the opportunity for youth to develop teamwork skills and good sportsmanship, along with meet new friends and cheer on their teammates.

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Youth Bowling: This program began July 11th and is scheduled to run 6 weeks. Each week the program has had 30-35 participants between the ages of 9-18 years of age. There is also a waitlist of students of another 10-20 participants that get filtered through when spots open. All participants have enjoyed bowling and refreshments each week and parent response is positive.

Summer Camp Social Work: There have been 5 weeks of camp out of 7 completed up to this point. About 40+ kids have been seen in this time. 3 reports of self-injury/suicide have been assessed, 1 DCF report filed, and about 12 major incidents have been supported. Each incident has been discussed with camp staff, directors, and supervisors to keep an even flow of communication between all and a creation of a behavior plan established to support safety and success at camp and prevent risk and repeat behaviors.



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BEST UPDATES (May/June/July)

National Prevention Week (MAY)

- Prevention at Rockwell Park event featuring Bristol-Burlington Health District, Responsible Play the CT Way van, Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance and Operation Opioid.
- Mike made table tents with substance use facts on them to put in the cafeterias of both high schools. BEST has also donated books on substance use and mental health topics to the libraries.
- Collaborated with Wolcott CASA and Southington STEPS on mats to give to retailers that state you must be 21 plus to buy vape cigarettes and other tobacco.
- Sandy received the Coalition Member of the Year Award.
- Tabled at lunches with information on mental health General Materials/Marketing
A new BEST informational brochure was created A billboard went up on Middle St about locking up prescription medications Two billboards aimed at raising awareness about BEST were created and put up in Bristol. One billboard concerns joining the coalition and one concerns getting resources. The tagline is "Prevention is BEST". BEST collaborated with Region 10 in Burlington/Harwinton on LGBTQIA+ Mental Health Posters that were distributed around Bristol. LPC Grant 6 locked mail



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boxes were ordered to put in the high schools/middle schools and will be used as vape drop boxes for students to dispose of their vapes in order to encourage them to stop vaping. Literature was purchased to give out at tabling events SOR Grant The new State Opioid Response grant was written and approved by Amplify. There are 6 deliverables that need to be met. Lawn Signs with opioid facts have been created and placed throughout the parks in the community. Two billboards were created and are scheduled to go up when school starts. They focus on alternative ways to cope with pain after a sports injury and talking with your kids about opioids. Mike has met with Med-Safe to purchase a medication lock box for Bristol Pharmacy. The process is ongoing. Events Attended and tabled at the Juneteenth event at the carousel Museum Helped put together and tabled at Bristol Blues Pride Night Tabled at the Rockwell Summer Concert Series Tabled at the Farmer's Market Attended the Bristol Eastern High School Grad Night Party Did a drop-in at Rockwell park to disseminate literature on vaping Trainings Mike conducted a Narcan Training for summer parks and rec staff Mike will be conducting monthly Narcan trainings on the first Tuesday of every month. Conferences Mike attended the CADCA mid-year conference in Dallas, TX.

Staffing CJ Gibbs has graduated and has been replaced by Renee Singleton as Youth sector rep.