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Youth & Community Services Supervisor Report

Youth Commission
October 25, 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 & Family Counseling, Intakes and Referrals:



- Number of intakes conducted by staff: 15
- Number of clients currently receiving services: 10
- Number of families referred by the BOE:5
- Number of families referred for (FWSN) Families With Service's Needs: 1

Community Services and the Parent and Child Program:

- Intakes (August-October) Basic Needs (84), Relocation (6) and Evictions/Foreclosure (42)
- 33 intakes for the Caring Closet/Diaper Connections (August-October)



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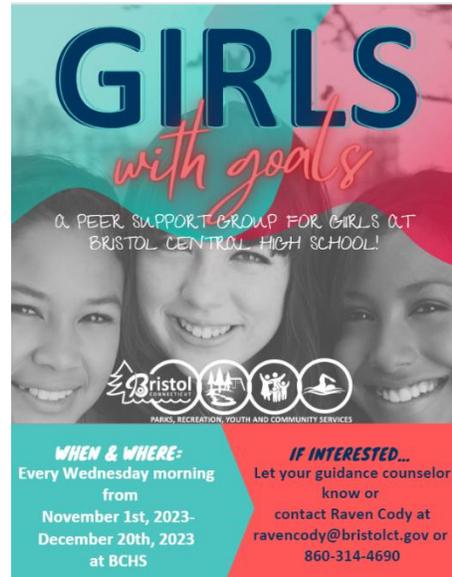


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II. Project Aware Program Updates:

Girls with Goals (BEHS & BCHS)

Bristol Youth Services is implementing a condensed version of the Young Women’s Issues Group at both Bristol Eastern High School and Bristol Central High School this school year. These groups are projected to run from the weeks starting with October 30th to December 18th, for a total of eight sessions. Ashante Malone, along with BYS intern Jenny Gravelle, will be facilitating the program at BEHS. Raven Cody, with BYS intern Jenny Gravelle, will be facilitating at BCHS. Both Raven and Ashante have met with school administration to discuss the plan for this group as well as identify students. BYS staff have also conducted “meet and greets” to begin to get to know the group participants. Raven and Ashante have also developed a tentative curriculum and schedule that includes guest speakers from Bristol Eliminating Substance Use, to discuss substance use and mental health, and Prudence Crandall, to discuss healthy relationships and dating violence.



Young Women’s Issues Group (BPA)

Bristol Youth Services is continuing to implement a 22-week young women’s issues group at Bristol Preparatory Academy with Raven Cody and Ashante Malone facilitating the group. This group is projected to run from November 3rd, 2023 to May 3rd, 2024. Required paperwork and a flyer have been created and provided to the school to hand out to identify students who would benefit from the group. Ashante and Raven have also conducted “meet and greets” to begin to get to know participants and what they hope to discuss while in the confidential group setting. A tentative curriculum and schedule has also been developed, however, can change based on the need of group participants.



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Young Men's Issues Group (BPA, BEHS, BCHS)

Bristol Youth Services is continuing to implement a 22 week young men's issues group at Bristol Preparatory Academy with Qur-and Webb facilitating the group. This group is projected to run from November 3rd, 2023 to May 3rd, 2024. Required paperwork and a flyer have been created and provided to the school to hand out to identify students who would benefit from the group. Bristol Youth Services is also offering an 8 week version of the young men's issues group at both Bristol Central High School and Bristol Eastern High School in order to meet the needs identified and discussed with school administration.



Tomorrow's Leaders Today

Bristol Youth and Community Services has partnered with Bristol Board of Education for Tomorrow's Leaders Today, an afterschool program for middle school students through the 21st Century Grant. This program runs at both Northeast Middle School and Chippens Hill Middle School and is from 3-5pm on Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays. BYCS staff are in charge of facilitating the 4-5pm portion by implementing different teamwork and leadership activities. BYCS staff started with the program on October 16th, with Michael Tingley rotating between NEMS and CHMS, Raven Cody and Ashante Malone at NEMS, and Aubrey Minkler, Tywana Hamilton, and Mara Malone (BYCS interns), at CHMS.



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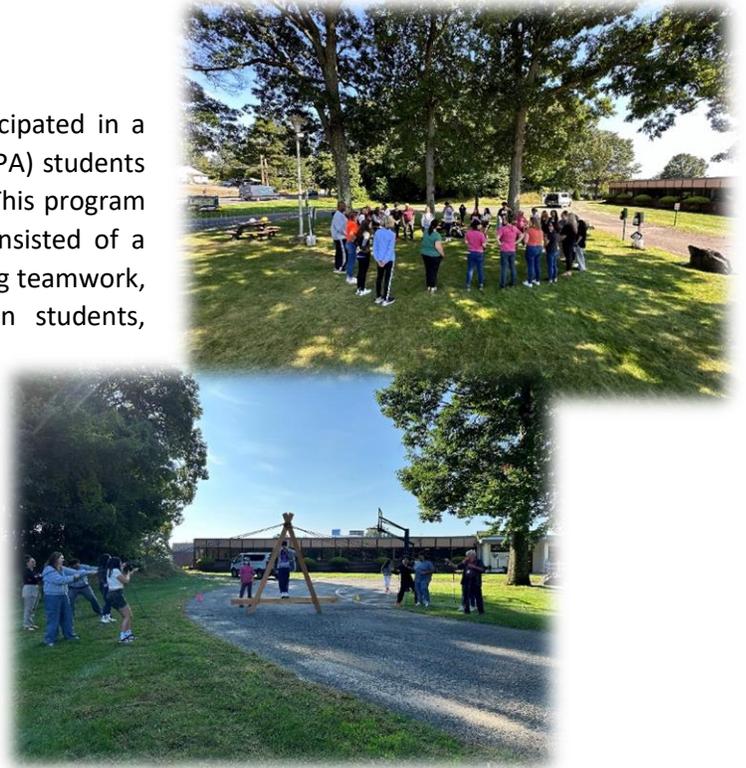
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Teambuilding at BPA

Bristol Youth & Community Services Staff participated in a team-building day with Bristol Prep Academy (BPA) students and faculty members on Monday, October 2nd. This program was facilitated by Outside Perspectives and consisted of a variety of activities that aimed towards improving teamwork, communication, and leadership skills between students, teachers, and administration. Participating in this program allowed BPRYCS staff members to begin building relationships with BPA students in order to ultimately support them throughout the school year.



Leaders in Learning

Leaders in Learning is an 8-week leadership group open to 4th grade students at an identified elementary school in the Bristol Public School system. The first group of the 2023-2024 school year will be conducted at South Side Elementary School. Raven Cody and Ashante Malone have met with Tanya Bulls, Elementary Dean of Students, to discuss details regarding the program. All required forms for participation have been created and provided to South Side. Raven and Ashante will be going to South Side on October 26th to meet students who have been identified to participate in the program. The program is expected to run from November 2nd through January 4th, and a tentative curriculum has been created to implement each week throughout the 8-week program

LEADERS IN LEARNING

For 4th Grade Students at South Side Elementary School
Time: Thursdays 12:30-1:00
Date: November 2nd, 2023-January 4th, 2024

This 8-session group will focus on building leadership, communication, and teamwork skills, as well as empowering youth to become leaders in their school and community!

For more information:
Contact Bristol Youth Services at
860-314-4690

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Truancy Prevention and Planning Program

Bristol Youth Services has created and implemented a Truancy prevention and Planning Program. This program is for Bristol Public Schools students who are beginning to develop truant behaviors. Bristol Youth Services staff will then work with the students, family, school, and any other involved community agencies to engage the family, address any barriers preventing the student from attending school, and provide personalized outreach. This program will include family assessments, goal creation, weekly attendance and behavior monitoring, and referrals to community resources when appropriate.

This year, the Paul Vivian Internship Program is being incorporated into the Truancy Prevention and Planning program, in order to act as an incentive for participants to attend school and earn a paid internship placement for the spring.



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Current Juvenile Review Board Statistics:

We currently have 17 open cases

Open Cases: Please note we have more charges than cases due to some cases have multiple charges.

Charge	Number of Cases
Breach of Peace 2nd	9
Criminal Mischief	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
Larceny 6th	1
Assault	1
Burglary 3rd	1
Assault, threat, interfering	1,1,1
Disorderly Cond. / Tres	1

Pending Cases:

Charge	Number of Cases
FWSN	1
Larceny 6th	1

Total Gender for open cases

Female	9
Male	8

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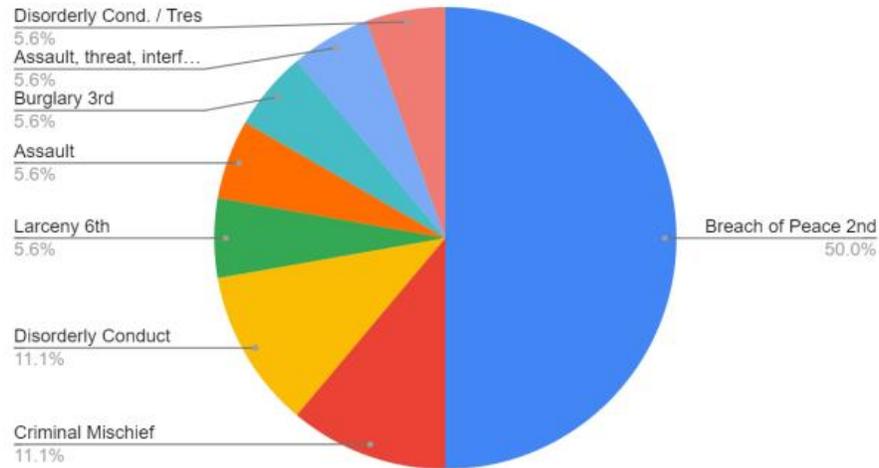
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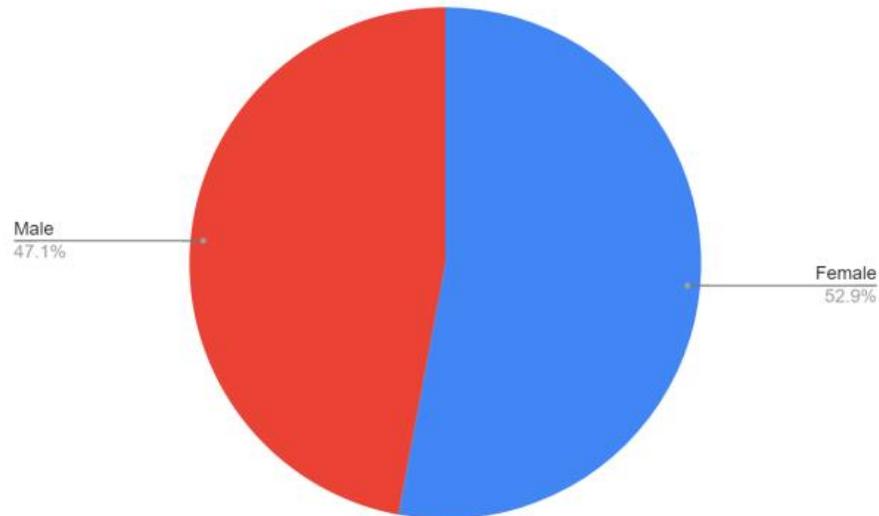


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CHARGES



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