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Program Name: Fairfield Co Connections Youth Center

Resources

Adults mentor youth as they renovate space at Mall creating Connections Youth Center
Church volunteers & HS students staff Center as informal/formal mentors
UW-FC staffs center and coordinates programs
Partners offer prevention & intervention programs/ counseling at Center
Schools, churches, mall and partners refer members & promote Center programs
Youth Center provides drop in and member only programs for Gr 5-9
BBBS mentoring model used for program monitoring
College & Career Aspiration Excursions for Gr 5-12 (awareness, exploration & planning)
Physical fitness & wellness program from Lancaster Family Y
Youth Planning Team and Partners create non profit to sustain center

Program Activities

Goal Setting Gr 5-9
Members set & achieve goals; incentive program
Character Gr 5-9
informal space for drop in at mall fun, healthy activities for all youth. Caring Adults/HS students Informal youth mentors. Games, Wii, fitness, bumper pool
Achievement Gr 5-9
tutoring, homework help, arts and fitness programs, clubs and hobbies; tech access for online learning
Resiliency Gr 5-9
formal mentors for at risk youth; youth serving groups offer programs at center to increase access; counseling/ diversion for at risk; prevention & healthy relationship programs; mental health 1st aid training for mentors/ staff
Positive Future Gr 5-12
Quarterly college visits & career based field trips; FAFSA, tax prep, ACT/ SAT prep, scholarship support, college access supports; internships; job shadowing; Fab Lab visits

Outputs

All Fairfield Co Youth (Gr 5-9) have safe, supported & supervised space to laugh, learn, grow & thrive..
Caring adults and HS youth will be informal and formal mentors at Youth Center
Youth Center Members will create and achieve goals aligned to Student Success and Career Advising Plans.
At risk youth (Gr 5-9) will have formal mentors
Youth service agencies will increase ability to support at risk youth (Gr 5-9)
Youth Center members (Gr 5-9) will increase social acceptance and decrease risk taking behaviors.
Fewer youth will lose Mall privileges as result of behavior/misconduct
Youth Center Members will report increased post-secondary aspirations
Youth Center College & Career Excursions help districts meet Career Advising/Student Success Policy Goals.
All Fairfield Co Youth (Gr 5-12) will have access to College & Career Aspiration Excursions
Youth Center sustained as independent nonprofit

Outcomes

What are the short or intermediate term results that will be achieved?

1. Setting goals to be prepared for 21st century careers
2. Building character
3. Developing pathways to achievement
4. Building resiliency
5. Believing in a positive future

Goal

What are the long term results that will be achieved?

Strengthen communities, encourage mentoring opportunities, and create new pathways for civic engagement that will result in higher educational achievement, higher levels of well-being, and health and workforce readiness for our state.