

2019-2020 Annual Report

Youth Matter in Colonial Heights

OFFICE ON YOUTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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September 8, 2020

Honorable T. Gregory Kochuba
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Colonial Heights
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Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Dear Mayor Kochuba & Members of Council:

The 2019-2020 Annual Report for the Office on Youth & Human Services details the programs and initiatives for youth and families in Colonial Heights. I am proud to present this year's report to the City Council.

The Office on Youth and Human Services serves Colonial Heights' citizens by working to develop and improve community assets which assist families in raising healthy children.

The Office on Youth and Human Services Partners, collaborates, and supports the work of City groups and organizations.

In closing, the Office on Youth, the Youth Services Commission, and the Youth Advisory Council appreciate your continued support and we value your commitment and advocacy for the youth and families in our community.

Sincerely submitted,

Dr. Ann L. Sorensen
Chair Youth Services Commission

OFFICE ON YOUTH

STAFF

Becca Lynch
HS-BCP
Administrator

Dale Waldrop
Youth Specialist



MISSION STATEMENT

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Office on Youth serves as a community partner with other organizations to meet youth and family needs. In this role, the Office on Youth is active in several local, regional and state efforts.

- ⇒ Children's Services Act Program (FAPT & CPMT)
- ⇒ Colonial Heights Public Schools
- ⇒ Community Criminal Justice Board
- ⇒ Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation
- ⇒ Twelfth District Court Service Unit
- ⇒ Families First Program
- ⇒ Colonial Heights Fire Department
- ⇒ Juvenile & Domestic Violence Task Force
- ⇒ Partnership for Youth
- ⇒ CARES (Crisis Assistance Response Emergency Shelter) Board
- ⇒ Colonial Heights Food Pantry
- ⇒ Community Coalitions of Virginia and SAFE
- ⇒ Positive Parenting Coalition
- ⇒ Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act
- ⇒ District 19 Community Services Board
- ⇒ Interagency Prevention Team
- ⇒ Colonial Heights CADRE Coalition
- ⇒ Community Multi-Disciplinary Team
- ⇒ CAAN-DUU Coalition
- ⇒ Smart Beginnings/School Readiness Coalition
- ⇒ Literacy Action Network
- ⇒ Children's Advocacy Center
- ⇒ Southside Trauma Informed Care Network
- ⇒ Social Work Advisory Board for Virginia State University

YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

Doug Harris - Chairman

Margie Strum - Vice Chairman

Bland Campbell - Secretary

Shamiya Taylor-Bland - Rec & Parks

Sgt. Jared Brandeberry - CHPD

Maggie Hasselbach

Joe Green - City Council

Krishan Agrawal - School Board

Dorothy Vincent

To-shera Friend-Kimble

Andrea Davenport - YAC President

Bryanna Neece—YSC Representative

Wilson Johnson - YSC Representative



“YAC is a good group to be part of because we learn about leadership and do projects that help so many people.”

YAC Member

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Andrea Davenport - President

Ashlyn Smith - 1st VP

Anna Moore - 2nd VP

Chase Ackerman - Secretary

Emmanuel Sampson - Historian

Jessica Sprouse -Historian

Bryanna Neece - YSC Rep

Wilson Johnson—YSC Rep

Becca Lynch - Advisor

Chase Ackerman

Kendall Ackerman

Jenna Ackerman

Teagan Best

Sarah Bracewell

Madi Cates

Morgan Erner

Ava Foulkrod

Chandler Hunches

Aubrie Kooiker

Anna Moore

Luca Musso

Gabby Ramos

Ashlyn Smith

Haley Stevens



- From July, 2019 through June, 2020, Youth Advisory Council members provided over 150 hours of volunteer service in and around their Colonial Heights community.
- The estimated value of their volunteer time is \$4,800!

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Information & Referral - The Office on Youth & Human Services provides information on youth related issues and services. Information is available in our Resource Directory on the City's web page.

Planning & Program Development - The Office on Youth & Human Services works with community organizations, groups, and agencies to develop resources and services for youth and families.

Public Information - Staff are available to speak to community groups and civic organizations on a variety of topics related to youth and family functioning.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff accrued over 120 hours of continuing education and professional development on topics including childhood success, suicide prevention, mental/physical health/wellness, CANS, High in Plain Sight, strengthening connections, money management, family engagement/trauma informed care, ADHD without meds, CPR/AED/First Aid, stress management and self care, ACEs Interface, human trafficking, school refusal, child abuse signs, self healing communities, tobacco control/prevention, empathy, Medicaid, motivational interviewing, mindfulness, emotional/social development of children, ethics, supervision and management, self-injury, conflict resolution, FAPT placements, and advocacy essentials.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019-2020

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

- ⇒ YAC members gave over 150 hours of service to our community
- ⇒ Andrea Davenport was awarded the "Coleman Voice of Youth" scholarship
- ⇒ Filled 30 Salvation Army Christmas Stockings
- ⇒ Participated in the CHHS Volunteer-a-thon - made dog toys, cards for the Richmond Children's Hospital, and earned 4733 grains of rice at freerice.com
- ⇒ Made and delivered 12 fleece blankets to CARES
- ⇒ Participated in the City Wide Clean Up and adopted James Avenue
- ⇒ Partnered with CADRE Coalition on the Project Sticker Shock
- ⇒ Donated funds for Colonial Heights Food Pantry
- ⇒ Planted pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention Month with Domestic Violence Task Force
- ⇒ Volunteered for Back-to-School Festival
- ⇒ Sent Valentine, Veteran's Day, and Christmas Cards to McGuire Hospital Veterans and Meals on Wheels recipients



Leadership
Volunteerism
Activities
Education
Community Outreach

YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

- ⇒ Supported and assisted Youth Advisory Council with projects and activities
- ⇒ Advocated for youth and families in Colonial Heights
- ⇒ Participated in Project Sticker Shock

JUVENILE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

- ⇒ Supported efforts to prevent domestic violence, and to promote and provide trainings for advocates and professionals to better serve victims of domestic abuse
- ⇒ Supported local proclamations in October for “Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month” and in April for “Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month”
- ⇒ Planted 250 pinwheels throughout the city with the help of Youth Advisory Council to recognize April as “Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month”

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL SHOE FUND

- ⇒ Received referrals for twenty-six shoe vouchers for the purchase of a new pair of shoes for school aged children
- ⇒ Partnered with JC Penney and local civic organizations (American Legion, Optimists Club, and Swift Creek Woman’s Club) who provided funds for children’s shoes

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT

- ⇒ Served 24 youth and their families with a variety of services including community-based services, therapeutic foster care, respite services, day school programs, and residential treatment
- ⇒ Of those 24; 7 (29%) were from the Department of Social Services, 17 (71%) were from Colonial Heights Public Schools, 0 (0%) was from the Juvenile Court Services, and 0 (0%) was from the Community Services Board
- ⇒ CSA expenditures for FY2019 were \$1.12 million.

INTERAGENCY PREVENTION TEAM

- ⇒ Multi-disciplinary, community based team served 2 students and their families for issues regarding school attendance, behavioral concerns and legal matters
- ⇒ Distributed brochures explaining the purpose and process of the Interagency Prevention Team
- ⇒ Made recommendations for at-risk youth to enhance opportunities for success at home, in school, and in the community



“You all are kind and caring, and help me without judging me or giving up on me. Thank you!”

Colonial Heights Resident





“The Shoplifting Diversion Program was presented in a very respectful and informative way. It was a perfect opportunity for my child to learn from his mistake.”
Diversion Parent



VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT

Community-based programs funded by state and local government to divert youth from the courts, and provide sanctions, education, and services to prevent repeat offending.

SHOPLIFTING DIVERSION PROGRAM

- ⇒ Educational program to inform teens and parents of the consequences of shoplifting
- ⇒ Program served 85 youth and their families

SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

- ⇒ Served 30 youth to complete community service hours
- ⇒ Completed 476 hours of community service

SUPERVISION PLAN SERVICES

- ⇒ Received 3 referrals to provide a substance abuse assessment and treatment recommendations
- ⇒ Program serves teens who do not have MEDICAID and are not eligible for CSA funding.

TEEN LIFE SKILLS

- ⇒ One youth completed “Tackling the Tough Skills for Teens”
- ⇒ Program covered attitude, problem solving, communication, respect and job skills

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS DAY PROGRAM

- ⇒ Office on Youth partnered with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Chesterfield Adolescent Reporting Program to staff the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Day Program at Pocahontas State Park.
- ⇒ The mission is “to engage young people in a structured program of conservation and park projects while providing learning that fosters teamwork, self-esteem, social responsibility and respect for the environment.”
- ⇒ Due to COVID-19 the program was cancelled for 2019-20.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

- ⇒ Provided 476 hours of supervised community service for 30 teens
- ⇒ Shared resources with 41 parents and teens at 6th Grade “Dream Team” meeting

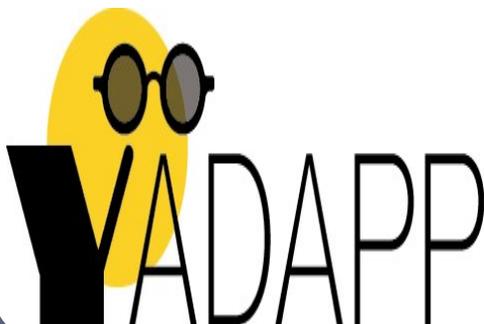
KIDS’ AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

- ⇒ Kids’ Achieving Progress Afterschool Program is a referral program for youth in Fourth through Eighth Grades based on need for academic support, enhancement of social skills, promotion of positive behavior, and increase in physical activity
- ⇒ Served 47 youth from Tussing, North, and Lakeview Elementary Schools, and Colonial Heights Middle School
- ⇒ Provided 1780 hours of mentoring and tutoring by 50 volunteers from Colonial Heights High School, John Tyler Community College, Virginia State University, and Matoaca High School
- ⇒ Program Coordinator provided 30 hours of Volunteer Training, and 36 hours of Staff Training on Active Attacker, Child Abuse Signs, Ethics in the Workplace, Money Mindset, Effective Communication, Managing Challenging Behaviors, Trauma and Resilience
- ⇒ Service project included Veteran’s Day cards for McGuire Veterans’ Hospital
- ⇒ Enjoyed in-house programs from Bricks4kidz and Science Tellers



CADRE COALITION

- ⇒ Adult coalition supported CHHS CADRE in Project Sticker Shock
- ⇒ Encouraged participation in the YADAPP (Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project) leadership conference at Longwood



“My family really appreciated KAP so much. My son made great friends and learned so much.”

KAP Parent



PHOTO GALLERY



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