

Program Narrative TPP Program Torrington

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For the fiscal year 2015-2016, we served 31 youth who fully complied with the Wyman model which is in the program for the school year, 25 lessons from the Changing the Scenes Curriculum and completing their 20 hours of community service. We served more youth than the 31 but they could not be counted because they did not meet aforementioned criteria. 42% of the participants were males and 38% percent were females. 2 were Black, 8 Hispanic, 15 Caucasian, 1 Asian and 5 other. The other predominantly had a black parent as part of their bi-racial makeup. These figures apply to our TOP Program. In general, a majority of our participants exceeded 20 hours of community service as well as meeting sessions.

In late June, we were notified due to budget cuts that we were eliminating the Carrera Model and would instead implement the Wyman Model beginning in August. We were able to hold on to some of the participants who were in the Carrera Model. We are implementing TOP Wyman as an afterschool model held at our offices on 168 South Main Street, Torrington. Due to a generous donation from the Litchfield Aid, we were able to keep our bus driver and hire a part time person to assist the Program Facilitator. The part time person was also trained in the Wyman Model. The bus driver is essential to making the program effective we have several high schools in the Torrington area and public transportation in Torrington is awful.

The community service learning activities that they participated in were food drive for Fish, a food pantry in Torrington; Service Day for the Homeless where they assisted the homeless in finding services for them; Feed the Trunk where they collected candy for the needy during Halloween time.

We did have a Christmas party for our youth and each participant received gifts. We also had a Thanksgiving Party which the majority of our families attended. This was held at our campus kitchen and dining hall in Litchfield. The parents did a cultural pot luck supper at our South Main Street site which was well attended.

We have had some staff changes. Danielle Fine our program facilitator is moving on to a different job within the agency because of driving distance. Her new job is closer to her new home. We have replaced her with the part time person who has been with us for over a year. This helps with transitioning for the youth in the program.

We are currently brainstorming some new ways to recruit. We offered to provide in school programming but the Torrington School System has turned down that idea because their

current scheduling would not make it feasible. We will utilize social media to help with our recruitments for the upcoming school year of 2016-2017.