

**Dayton Youth Services Center
Sherri Chan - Director
December 2014/January 2015**

December/January Contacts (November 11th – January 20th)

Individual Student Contacts: 196

Parents/Family: 37

Group Contacts: 229

December/January Activities

- **Holiday Assistance** – Twenty seven DHS students and their families received holiday assistance of some kind. This included holiday grocery/meal assistance and/or gifts of clothing.
- **College Visits** – On January 29th, all senior students will be touring each of the 3 Gateway locations. They will learn more about each of the programs Gateway has to offer.
- **Vision Trip** - On 12/9/14 the school nurse, FRC, and YSC took several students to Lenscrafters in Cincinnati for a free vision exam and eye glasses. Ten DHS students participating in the trip.

Ongoing Services

- **Home Visits** – YSC continues to do home visits one day a week with the SRO. 40 home visits were conducted by YSC during the last two months. Several of these home visits were to deliver holiday assistance.
- **Power Pack** – 18 power packs are distributed to referred students in need each Friday. These power packs contain enough food to help a student in need make it through the weekend. The YSC is in the process of applying to continue the power pack program.
- **Drug Free Club** –Drug Free Club members have been participating in random drug screens bi-monthly. Students continue to receive small rewards for their participation.
- **Truancy Diversion Program** – YSC assists with the Truancy Diversion Program by meeting with families to remove barriers to attendance.
- **Mentor/Mentee Program** – 8 seniors regularly meet with a 7th or 8th grade student to assist them with goal setting, organization, and tutoring.
- **Counseling** – This year both Kristie Barrow (Lifepoint Solutions therapist) and Lauren Hughes (NorthKey Community Care therapist) will be increasing services at Dayton High School. The student services department identifies students in need of such services and connects them with either counselor. Both therapists currently have waiting lists.
*Lifepoint Solutions has applied for a grant that could provide us with a full time therapist next school year.

Upcoming Events

- **Truth and Consequences** – On February 18th, 8th grade students will attend this substance abuse prevention program.
- **UK College Visit** – Approximately 20 interested juniors and seniors will tour the University of Kentucky.
- **Senior Service Day** – YSC and Dayton Main Street manager are working together to coordinate a senior service day in the spring. Students will select a project, develop a plan, and carry out their service project with our assistance.