

**Dayton Youth Services Center**  
**Sherri Chan - Director**  
**February – March 2015**

**February/March Contacts (January 21 – March 18)**

Individual Student Contacts: 139

Parents/Family: 16

Group Contacts: 291

**February/March Activities**

- **Happiest Baby on the Block** – In collaboration with Mrs. Brown, YSC presented information on Shaken Baby Syndrome and how to soothe a crying infant to sociology and child development classes in February.
- **Fernside Grief Support** – YSC is coordinating a grief support group for 4 students. A facilitator from Fernside will conduct 6 total meetings through the months of March and April.
- **Opiate Summit** – YSC coordinator and NKU practicum student attended the Regional Opiate Summit on 2/23 and 2/24. YSC will use information gained at the Summit to coordinate a parent evening incorporating substance abuse prevention information.
- **Reality Store** – All 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the Reality Store on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Students gained skills in financial management and increased their understanding of the relationship between academic performance and income.
- **College Visits**
  - o All junior students visited Cincinnati State and Xavier University on March 12. They toured the campus and attended informational sessions about college programs and the admissions process.
  - o All sophomore students visited NKU and the Campbell County Area Technology Center on 2/4.
- **Interviewing Presentation** – Guest speakers from Northern Kentucky Area Development District will present to all juniors on interviewing during their College and Career Readiness Classes on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **College and Career Readiness Week** – The student services department collaborated to put on the following programs during the week of March 23rd –
  - o Career Day
  - o College visit for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - o Senior Panel for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - o College Connection Panel for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - o Alumni Panel for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - o College Signing Day

**Ongoing Services**

- **Home Visits** – YSC continues to do home visits one day a week with the SRO. 20 home visits were conducted by YSC during the last two months to support student attendance.
- **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. As a result of meeting with representatives from the Free Store Food Bank, the YSC may soon open a school food pantry to better meet the needs of middle and high school students in need.
- **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. On March

23<sup>rd</sup>, representatives from the Campbell Co. Drug Free Alliance and NKU will be in to discuss a photo-voice research project available to Drug Free Club members.

- **Mentor/Mentee Program** – 8 seniors regularly meet with a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to assist them with goal setting, organization, and tutoring.
- **Counseling** – Kristie Barrow (Lifepoint Solutions therapist) and Lauren Hughes (NorthKey Community Care therapist) counsel students referred by student services department members.

#### Upcoming Events

- **Truth and Consequences** – This program has been rescheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> due weather conditions on the original date
- **Dollars and Sense** – The Brighton Center will be in to present “Dollars and Sense” to all juniors in April. Students will learn about financial management, loans, banking, etc. during this 6 session program.
- **Healthy Baby Program** – teen parents will hear guest presenter from NorthKey Community Care on healthy pregnancy on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Books and Bibs** – teen parents will hear from guest presenters from an educational organization on the importance of reading to their children on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.
- **NKADD Summer Ignition** – YSC will partner with NKADD to provide students with summer employment within the community. YSC will locate work sites for the students and will coordinate job interviews for interested students and work site supervisors.