

YDAC Task 3: Youth Focused Community Event
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 @ 5:15
MINUTES

I. Introductions

In Attendance: Samantha Scott (Chair), David Harner, Lynn Sande, Kate Bleile, Amber Green, Teresa Thaxton, Daijia Williams, Pam Patey

Kate spoke about JA Career Success – ½ day workshop with topics such as “your brand, writing a resume, interview skills, and conflict management.” This is scheduled for March 12th in the morning followed by JA Inspire, a job fair with local business members. Last year, JA had 100 high school students participate. The students were recommended through their Family & Consumer Science Class. While the Job fair portion of the day is funded, JA Career Success is not.

The team discussed the option of partnering with JA rather than creating a separate workshop. Our goal will be to help JA expand its reach to include more students, ideally 180. We discussed using guidance counselors and athletic coaches to help refer teens as well as reaching out to the 75 evening high school students. We encouraged Kate from JA to ask guidance counselors to seek out students on Free and Reduced Meal plans and with low math test scores as these teens may be likely to benefit from the event.

The team also discussed how many of these teens want to work but lack items necessary to do so; for example, a State ID or license, appropriate work clothing, and even a home address to which a W2 could be sent. It was agreed that we will host a Resource Room during JA Career Success Day that includes community resources to help students identify how to push past these barriers. At our next meeting in December, we plan to discuss all the barriers that teens may face to develop the Resource Room and who to invite. Ideas include: The Health Department (Social security cards/birth certificates), MVA (IDs and licenses), Pohanka (scholarships), Worwic (free drivers Ed), Social Services (childcare), Public Library (literacy programs), and Cathedral Church. Our goal is to set up the Resource Room with “vendor” like tables as well as create a tangible check list that teens can take with them outlining what they need before they can work.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018. 2nd Floor, GSB