

Refugee Youth Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

December 4th – 1-2pm | 2001 South State Street, South Building, Room S1-120

***Action Steps highlighted

***Attachments highlighted

In Attendance: Nycole Tylka (DWS WIOA), Paul Ross (Granite), Alexx Goeller (DWS RSO), Colette Ankenman (DWS RSO), Theresa Drulard (RIC AAU Neighborhood Center), Peter Frost (RIC AAU Youth and Family), Kamille Sheikh (DWS OCC), Krysti Nellerhoe (IRC Youth), Alessandra Amato (IRC Youth)
Excused: Jessica Kallin (CCS)

Note on attendance: Please remember that this committee is selectively invited and expected to attend at least 80% of the meetings. Please be sure to fill out the poll for the meeting times so that we can accommodate your schedule. If you cannot make the meeting, please let Ellie or Alexx know. The work our committee is doing is important and really starting to make big impact and we need all of you!

Updates on Three Focus Areas

- 1) Early Intervention:
 - a) Early Learning Navigators are moving ahead through DWS RSO and OCC. Alexx will update throughout the process.
- 2) Non Participating Youth:
 - a) Resource Map should be up on <http://slco.org/community-innovation/> within a week. We will send a separate email inviting you to check it out and provide feedback. THANKS TO AMANDA LAU AND OUR GIS CONTACT IZABELA MILLER FOR THIS AMAZING WORK.
 - b) The Survey will be sent out for poarents and youth to share their participation level in out of school programming and any barriers they face in accessing them. We are waiting on a revision from Jeff's translator and will be able to administer the survey as a committee as soon as those final translations adding in the geographical location have been sent to Alexx or Ellie. THANK YOU TO JEFF AND CHRISTAL FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS EFFORT!
 - c) Alexx has been working with the Utah Afterschool Network to offer best practices in working with refugee youth to their network of out of school providers. Alexx will update as this work progresses. THANK YOU TO ALEXX AND UAN!
- 3) Graduation Readiness and Age Out Issue:
 - a) The CMAC letter has not been sent. Zee will send this letter ASAP.
 - b) Alexx and Ellie met with the State Office of Education regarding the age out issue and support for youth in adult education schools. The meeting did not have action steps that will help adult ed schools adjust to the needs of refugee students (see Ellie or Alexx for more details.), however, we were able to connect with Christelle Estrada, Title III coordinator who is supportive of refugee accommodations and is working with Alexx on incentivizing trainings for teachers working with refugees as well as streamlining the enrollment process for refugee youth in Title III schools. Alexx will update as needed!

- c) At the October meeting, we asked **Christa** will reach out to college advising coordinator to check in on district wide efforts with refugee seniors, and will advocate if necessary. SLCSO has granted super senior years to refugee youth. Works with Hartland and Horizonte. **Christa**, please follow up with Ellie and Alexx on your progress with this issue. Thanks!

RSO Updates and Opportunities for Collaboration

Alexx is working with other RSO specialists to focus on youth and community boards and to develop a comprehensive, streamlined year long plan for coordinated youth services, programs, and activities. The strategies below were identified through youth focus groups conducted by RSO...these are what the kids want and need to be successful in college and careers!

- 1) **College Access and Readiness:** will be hosting regular College Access and Readiness outreach events; ie. Refugee Education and Training Center located college application events. (please see attached for the December events.) Events will be sent to Refugee Youth Councils and are seeking volunteers to help kids fill out college applications at the events. Please review the flyers and contact Alexx or Colette if you are able to assist with these important events. This strategy also includes celebrations in May to honor students who have been accepted and will be attending college. Finally, this strategy includes several coordinated FAFSA outreach and assistance events.
- 2) **Job Readiness for 18-24 year olds:** Alexx and Colette will be compiling a list of employment development opportunities for youth (example: WIOA, SLCO Summer Youth Employment Program, Work Success at Meadowbrook, etc.) and having youth leaders do outreach to get kids to these job readiness activities. **Nycole** will collaborate with Alexx to see how WIOA fits in with this strategy.

Alexx is also working on developing relationships and reaching out to provide refugee youth trainings for any school or organization interested in learning more about best practices with students of refugee background and/or status. She is going to Davis district and will be coordinating with UNP/Abdulhaliq to work on SLSD and U of U teacher training. This is huge! Thanks Alexx!

Committee Updates

AAU - has 5 spots available in for Leaders and Counselors in Training (LCIT). Ongoing program through the end of the school year, with an opportunity for summer leadership activities. The group meets Thursdays 6-8 pm at AAU, with transportation available. Contact Peter Frost to refer youth ages 12-18. Also, please see attached AAU youth and family services newsletter.

DWS-OCC: Seeking teens and service providers to sit on an advisory and brainstorming committee to help plan the upcoming Teen Grants. The first meeting is December 18th from 9-11am, January 7th from 12-2pm at 140 E. 300 S. in DWS Admin. The purpose is to help DWS OCC strategize around the priorities for the teen (JR High, Middle School and High School) out of school grants. Please help be a part of the planning and strategizing process! Contact **Kamille Sheikh to join or for more details.**

IRC: will be working with Free Bikes for Kids to give bikes and helmets to IRC clients. Although we discussed the opportunity for other providers to send kids for free bikes, they are at capacity and will not accept more referrals. For more info contact **Krysti Nellermeo.**

Granite District: Dr. Ross has been working on presentations and just presented to students and teachers at a public school in Park City, UT. Great work, Paul, and Alexx offered to help with any training.

Other:

***A discussion was had around identifying and training youth leaders to identify and run workshops for the needs their peers express, as well as being translation resources.

Thanks for the fantastic potluck and happy holidays!

Next Meeting

Starting in January, Ellie's schedule changes, so the meeting time availability gets wonky. We are trying to figure out a solution because we doubt that many of you can meet after 5:30 on weeknights. One other option is to hold them during Ellie's lunch break...so anyway, please be patient and know that it is even more important to fill out the doodle poll now than ever!

<http://doodle.com/poll/uky9wz7vmbsinuz8>



Come get one-on-one help with
your college application!

COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

WHEN: Saturday December 12th and 19th from 2-4pm

WHERE: Refugee Education and Training Center, Room 202 (250 West
3900 South, Salt Lake City)

WHO IS INVITED: Refugee youth applying to college this year. High school
seniors are especially encouraged to attend.

CONTACT: Colette Ankenman at cankenman@utah.gov or (801)694-4876

The Refugee and Immigrant Center Asian Association of Utah

Youth and Family Services

NOVEMBER 2015 ACHIEVEMENTS

Youth Out of School Programming



RIC-AAU has 3 after school programs. One program is located at Evergreen Jr. High which serves High School and Jr. High youth and two programs are located at our Sunnyvale Neighborhood Center which serves Elementary, Jr. High and High School Youth. Within the month of November 80+ youth were served with an average daily attendance of 18 youth for each program. Students who were able to overcome failing grades were awarded with various fun field trips!

Youth Mentoring



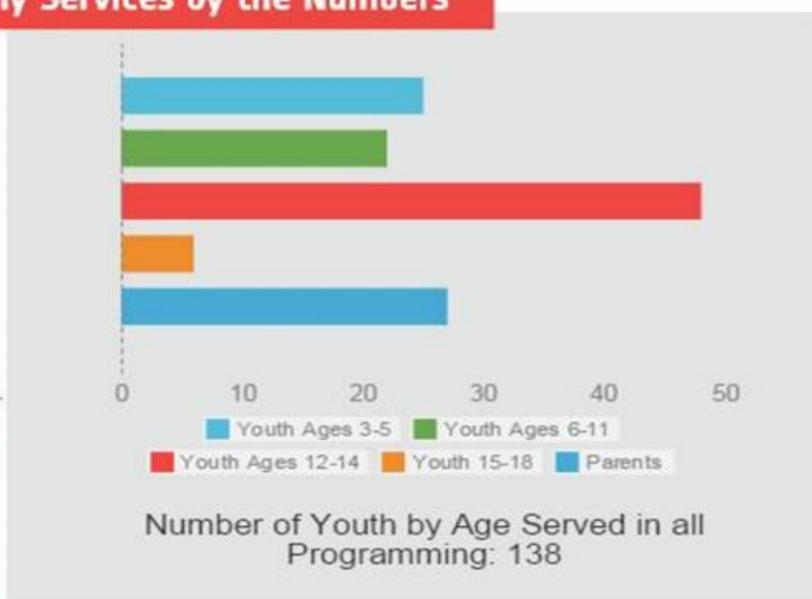
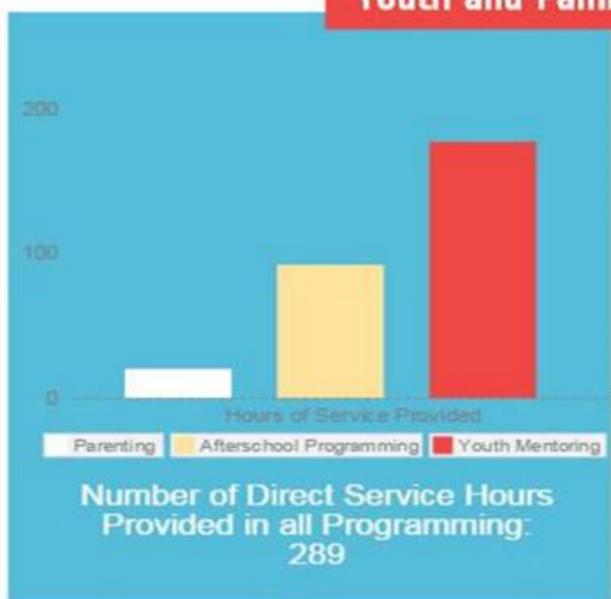
In November 2015 the RIC-AAU mentoring program, the Adolescent Capacity and Empowerment Program (ACE) was able to assist over 40 youth in various capacities. Many of the youth were introduced to recreational centers as places to participate in prosocial activities!

Parenting Programming



Starting in September 2015, parents and their children ages 3-6 from Sudan and South Sudan engaged in the DARE to Be You Parenting Program. They have been taking part of the program every Saturday at our Sunnyvale Neighborhood Center. They will graduate from the program in mid-December!

Youth and Family Services by the Numbers



UPCOMING in DECEMBER 2015

We would like to welcome our new Sunnyvale Teen Partnership: Youthline! Youthline will provide us teen programming with topics in healthy living and financial literacy. Our teens will have the opportunity to work with peers from Youthline in this invaluable partnership. Please visit www.youthline.org for more info!

In December the youth in our ACE program will have the opportunity to go and do a prosocial activity they may have never had a chance to do before: ICE SKATING! Each youth in the ACE program gets connected to prosocial activities because research shows that involvement in prosocial activities acts as protective factors in the future potential use of drugs and alcohol or other anti-social behavior.

As noted below, December will be a big recruiting month for upcoming parenting programs in January. If you or anyone you know wants to gain more education on researched parenting skills and education please sign up for one of our classes. Incentives are offered for attendance in each class!

Refer and Get Youth Involved

Evergreen Jr. High Program:
3401 S 2000 E; M-Th from 2:45 pm - 5:00 pm - Transport Provided. Ages 12-18.

Sunnyvale Elementary/Teen Program: 585 W 3900 S; M-F 3:30 - 7:30 pm. Ages 6-18.



Contact Peter Frost to get enrolled in programming!
peter.frost@aau-slc.org; 801-412-0578

Adolescent Capacity and Empowerment (ACE) Program: Youth will be paired with a trained RIC-AAU Mentor who will assist them with identified needs. Ages 12-18.

Leaders and Counselors in Training (LCIT): Gain invaluable leadership skills. Thursdays from 6-8 pm at RIC-AAU Main Office: 155 S 300 @ - Transport Provided. Ages 12-18.

Want to Volunteer with one of programs? Interested in mentoring one of the youth in our program?

Contact Anthony Roberts:
801-801-990-9476;
anthony.roberts@aau-slc.org



REFER AND GET PARENTS INVOLVED!



DARE to Be You: The DTBY program is designed for parents to attend with their children ages 3-6. We are currently recruiting to start a DTBY class taught in Burmese. Families that attend can earn a \$200 incentive. Projected start date is 1/30/16. Start referring now before it fills up!

Parenting Wisely: The PW program is designed for parents with children 8-18. Currently we are recruiting for 2 classes to start in January 2016 being taught in Nepali and Sudanese Arabic. Anyone who speaks English is welcome to attend too.

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For More Information
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