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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE Y

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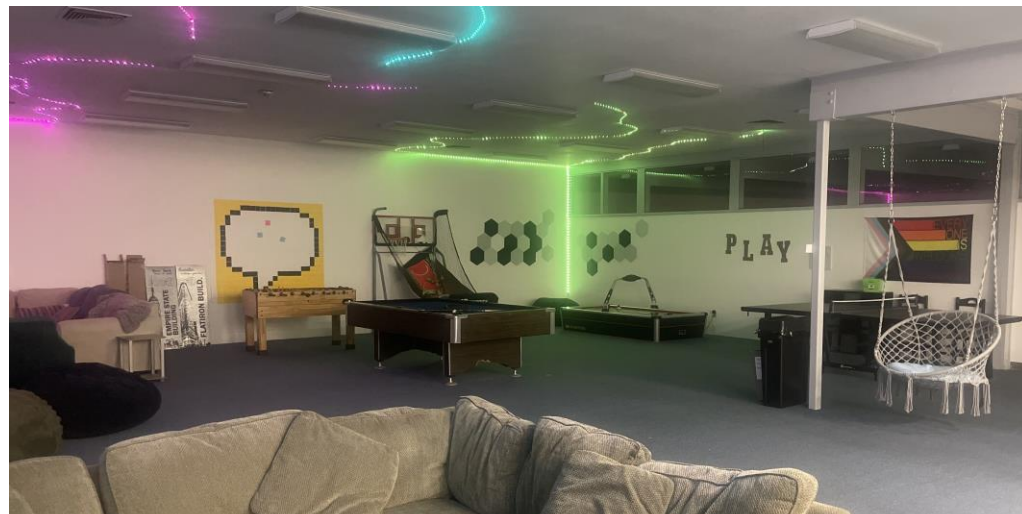
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FROM SUMMER TO NOW:

- **SUMMER 2022 PILOT PROGRAM**
- **PILOT PROGRAM TAKEAWAYS**
- **NEW PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**
- **WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?**
- **WHAT'S NEXT?**

WHY A TEEN DROP-IN CENTER?



SUMMER 2022 PILOT PROGRAM

By August 19...

- 65 participants with **89 youth registered** in total over 8 weeks.
- Cooking lessons, several movie nights, and daily recreation and activities provided (including game competitions, art lessons, walks to the library, and more!
- All participants left with school supplies and interest specific items and activities to use throughout the school year.
- Stop, Drop, & Run Program had 37 participants. Registration was free. The YMCA provided a free run kit that included running shoes, socks, glide stick, shirt, shorts and sports bras as needed.

WHAT WAS LEARNED?

Safe, supportive youth spaces are needed.



Continuation of the program began December 19th.

Young people trusted staff and enjoyed the program enough to recruit their friends.



Word of mouth amongst youth works, and we have continued asking for their feedback.

Staff must be trained to an additional degree in order to best support youth



Youth advocates have been hired rather than temporary camp counselor roles, mirroring our staff at Oasis Teen Shelter.

RE-OPENING / DECEMBER 19TH – TODAY

- **180+ individual youth.**
- **1400+ hours spent in space by youth.**
- **350+ meals served.**
- 20 youth participants in our first community meeting.
- 15 youth participants involved with an interior design project/room transformation.
- Food Pantry and Clothing bank being developed – youth are taking what they need.
- Activity! Sewing, Writing Workshops, Art Workshops, Gaga Ball, Group Games & more!
- Partnership with State Street High School to use the space for Group Therapy sessions and rainy day PE.
- Partnership with the Library to expand their clubs/meeting spaces.

Expectations

WALKING except while in activity space

INSIDE VOICES

EAT AT a table

Be HONEST and ACCOUNTABLE for actions

Be RESPECTFUL of ALL people

Keep HANDS to SELF

Be SAFE at all times to YOURSELF + OTHERS

LET US KNOW how YOU'RE FEELS

Community Contract

- Be positive
- Accept one another in whatever ways we show up.
- Be supportive of one another
- Know your strengths + share it with others
- Respecting each others pronouns
- No put downs
- Respecting each others Bodies
- Choices
- Check in if someone is looking down.
- Clean up after yourselves / ourselves

WHAT ARE YOUTH SAYING THEY NEED?

Support Services

#1: Mental Health Support

#2: Tutoring/Homework Help

#3: LGBTQ+ Support

Activity Interests

#1: Cooking

#2: Arts & Crafts

#3: Music Production

OUR VISION MOVING FORWARD

- **FINDING A CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PLACE TO COOK.**
- **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**
- **SPACE/BUILDING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.**
- **UNIVERSE ROOM**
- **ROBUST FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING BANK.**
- **OPENING ON SATURDAYS - APRIL**

THANK YOU!

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