

**Juvenile Crime Prevention
Council**



154 Government Center Drive
Meeting Room A246
Mocksville, NC 27028
November 8, 2024
12:00 PM

MINUTES

Davie County - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

1. Call Meeting to Order

Welcome Members & Guests - Recognize new members: Suzanne Wright, Health Director, Jesse Stroud, Substance Abuse Counselor, Charlie Bonilla, Under 21 member, and Hannah Mattingly, Commissioner Appointee. Have everyone introduce themselves.

The meeting was called to order at 12:13 pm by Julie Parker, Vice Chair.

Members in attendance: Charlie Bonilla, Katie Brewer, Ethan Carter, Cindy Chapman (proxy for Benita Finney), Jackie Copeland, Jennifer Custer, Aubrey Draughn, AllieFruits, Rev. James Grant, Luke Harris, J.D. Hartman, Jordan Hemmings, Hannah Mattingly, Barbara Owens, Julie Parker, Jesse Stroud, Justin Stutts, Jackie White, Suzanne Wright.

Staff to council & guests in attendance: Scott Stoker (area consultant), Karen Gordon (JCPC admin), Dan Wanta (DJJDP), Carolina Steele (DJJDP), Andreana Leverette (DJJDP), Jessica Lemons (Piedmont Mediation), Jovan Miller (Piedmont Mediation), Kelly Lopez-Hernandez (Aspire), Kena Gentry (Children's Center NWNC), Teralyn Cheney (YMCA), Angelina Wilson (Tarheel Challenge Academy).

2. Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2024

Barbara Owens made a motion to approve the minutes. Jackie White seconded and the motion carried.

3. Update From Area Consultant Scott Stoker

Scott went over the Client Tracking Report dated 11/1/2024. Following is that data:

FY

24-25 Client Count/Tracking

Program	Amount estimated to Serve	Youth Served	Youth Admitted FY 24-25	DJJ Referred Youth
Aspire Youth & Families: Kids at Work!	18	18	8	18
Aspire Youth & Families: Restitution/Community Service	20	9	9	9
Davie Sentencing Circles	32	13	5	8

Davie Strengthening Families	5	1	1	1
Davie YMCA-Tutoring	15	8	8	4
TOTAL	90	49	31	40

DPS/JJ provided a Financial/Fiscal program training on November 1, 2024 and all agencies were present.

An additional \$11,000,000 has been requested for next year's budget.

- **Legislative Information:**
- **House Bill 186, S.L. 2023-114** passed August 2023.
- Effective January 1, 2025, this law establishes juvenile court remediation procedures for juveniles who "...when, by reason of mental disorder, intellectual disability, neurological disorder, traumatic or acquired brain injury or developmental immaturity, the juvenile is unable to understand the nature and object of the proceedings against the juvenile, to comprehend the juvenile's own situation in reference to the proceedings, or to assist in the juvenile's own defense in a rational or reasonable manner".

House Bill 834, S.L. 2024-117 passed June 2024.

Effective December 1, 2024, this law provides flexibility to charge juveniles charged with Class A-E felonies as adults. Instead of cases beginning in Juvenile Court Services, juveniles age 16 or 17 with these charges go directly to adult court and these juveniles will continue to be housed within Juvenile Justice facilities. There will be an expunction of charges for all remanded or removed charges. There is added language to the school notification of alleged or found delinquent that allows the principal to make an individualized decision related to the status of the student during the pendency of the matter and not have an automatic suspension policy. The bill also provides increased punishment for individuals who solicit another person to commit a felony.

In addition, this bill made minor technical corrections (wording) to two remediation subsections in House Bill 186, S.L. 2023-114.

4. Reports from Agencies

a. Truancy Court

Aubrey Draughn reported that in the 2023-2024 school year there were 6 parent, and 2 juvenile petitions filed. There were 73 Reviews/Number of parent cases and 5 juvenile cases on the docket this month. They saw a significant decrease in the number of students with more than ten unexcused absences across the district last year. While they did not file as many charges against parents last year, their data shows that the efforts they were making to prevent court involvement are making a difference. The number of elementary students with 10+ unexcused absences decreased by 27.7% compared to the 22-23 school year. The number of middle school students with 10+ unexcused absences decreased by nearly 14% compared to the previous school year. The number of DHS students with 10+ unexcused absences (daily) decreased by 5.4% compared to the 22-23 school year.

So far this year they have not filed any charges, but they are coming. They have reviewed 10 cases in Truancy court.

b. Aspire Youth & Family

Kelly Lopez-Hernandez reported the following for Aspire:

Kids at Work - Count at beginning of month was 7, Number of Admissions was 4, Successful or satisfactory completions was Ending count was 10. They have served 18 YTD. There are 3 open referrals and 1 youth on the waitlist. One of the youth in the Kids at Work program has obtained a job as a sous chef at Waffle House. He was very excited not only about getting this job but also due to the ability he will have in sharpening his skills. He wishes to go into the culinary field as a career. This youth had dropped out of school and through the program realized how important an education is so he is currently studying for his GED.

Vocational Directions - Count at beginning of month was 2, Number of Admissions was 5, Successful or satisfactory completions was 1, Ending count was 6. They have served 9 YTD and have 1 on the waitlist. During this month, they were able to take one youth to inquire about volunteering at the YMCA basketball program for kids. This youth is interested in Basketball and states that he takes pride in it and wants to teach youth how to play as having an outlet like that would have helped him. Staff also put youth in touch with a men's basketball team so that he could practice and keep his motivation level up. This youth has learned much about team work and how to work respectfully with others.

c. Childrens Center of Surry

Kena Gentry reported that they have completed lessons 3-6 with the 1 male youth they are working with currently. They have one open referral.

d. Piedmont Mediation

Jovan Miller reported that they have 4 active circles, 0 pending and have terminated 10 this fiscal year. They are staying in contact with the schools regularly and are working closely with Aspire and DJJ in one case that they have in common.

e. YMCA of Davie

Teralyn Cheney reported the following for the YMCA of Davie:

Program Activities - October 1st - SEL: Setting mental limits - weight challenge; Tutoring & Snacks; 5th - Activity: Setting mental intentions - making bracelets; Tutoring & Snacks; 8th - Activity: Math problem solving game, Social Situations game; Tutoring & snacks; 10th - Activity: Brain foods to help with focus and making peanut butter protein balls; Tutoring & Snacks; 15th SEL: "I AM" statements & poster; Tutoring & Snacks; 17th SEL: Social Situations; Tutoring & Snacks; 22nd Activity: Japanese WaterColor; Tutoring & Snacks; 24th Activity: Rockwall; Tutoring & Snacks; 29th Activity: Halloween Party and new Teen Room

Juveniles served - Referrals received: 20, Active/Current Population: 8, Referral space available: 7 - currently accepting referrals with 4 open referrals pending orientation - 3 referrals post orientation with 100% of current que. Closed Referrals: 7 *either declined participation or never responded to

orientation invitations/contacts. Terminated Referrals: 1 *failed to attend any activities post orientation. Had a schedule conflict with work.

There were in changes in employees working for the program.

Plans and Projections for upcoming month:

1. Teen night at the YMCA during holiday breaks
2. Completion family dinner - referrals who have completed 24 weeks and all milestones - will continue to be invited for activities and tutoring but will open space for new referrals
3. Discuss options on school and site transportation

5. Old Business

a. Conflict of Interest Forms for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year from New Members

Karen Gordon passed out forms to the new members. All Conflict of Interest Forms have been signed for each member as of today.

b. Additional Appointments to Committees for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Julie Parker invited members to join the Monitoring and Funding Committees and mentioned how it is an opportunity to learn more about the JCPC and the programs that we fund.

- i) Monitoring Committee - Current members are Rob Taylor, Julie Parker, Barbara Owens, Tony Renegar, Cindy Ellis
- ii) Funding Committee - Current members are Cindy Chapman, Benita Finney, Rob Taylor, Julie Parker, Ethan Carter, Barbara Owens, JD Hartman

6. New Business

a. Report from Risk & Needs Committee

Scott Stoker reported for the Risk & Needs Committee. The following people were in attendance at the Risk & Needs meeting: Julie Parker, Jackie White, Luke Harris, JD Hartman, and Andreana Leverette represented the juvenile court counselors. Scott Stoker and Karen Gordon were there as support staff. Rob Taylor and Jackie Copeland were unable to attend the meeting.

After looking at the YASI data and the data shared by the Sheriff, the Committee makes the recommendation for the following services to be advertised:

Psychological/Clinical Assessment, Substance Abuse Assessment/Treatment, Problem Sexual Behavior Evaluation, Sexual Behavior Treatment, Home Base Family Counseling, Individual, Group, & Family Counseling, Mediation/Conflict Resolution, Restitution/Community Service Programs, Teen Court, Parent/Family Skill Building, Interpersonal Skill Building, Life Skills Programs, Tutoring/Academic Enhancement Program, Vocational Development, and Mentoring.

- b. Vote on Recommendation from Risk & Needs Committee for Services to Advertise in 2025-2026 RFP

Barbara Owens made a motion that the services recommended by the Risk & Needs be advertised in the RFP for the 2025-2026 funding year. Jackie Copeland seconded it and the motion carried.

- c. Monitoring Committee - Meeting planned for Jan. 10, 2025 at 10:00 am - prior to JCPC Meeting.

- d. Presentation from Angelina Wilson with Tarheel Challenge Academy

Angelina explained what Tarheel Challenge Academy is and passed out a brochure to everyone in attendance

7. Announcements

- a. Meeting Dates for 2024-2025: January 10, 2025, March 14, April 11, May 9

b. Jennifer Custer talked about the partnership between the Davie Co. Schools and the Davie Co. Health Department. Summer Scardino is the substance use education & resource navigator for DHHS & the schools. She is on site at the schools four days per week. She leads groups with kids who are caught with substances at school and who are struggling with addiction. She is also educating the staff and helping them to understand some of the new substances that are currently being abused.

c. Jackie Copeland told the group about the Davie Community Conversation About Suicide event that is being held at the Davie Co. Library on Saturday, November 9th. He invited everyone to attend and emailed the flyer to Karen Gordon for her to forward to the group.

8. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:11 pm