

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Surry County Youth Services Citizen Board is responsible for acting in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, Town Councils, and the Office on Youth on all matters related to youth.

The Surry County Youth Services Citizen Board invites all interested to attend its monthly meeting held on the second Monday, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Administrator's Conference Room of the Surry County Government Center.

Members 2010-2011

Mr. Anthony Washington	Chair, Claremont
Mrs. Gwendolyn Brown	Co-Chair, Dendron
Mr. Jessie Byrd	Carsley
Mrs. Lucy Butler	Bacons Castle
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Ms. Angela Spratley	At-Large
Mr. Ray Rowland	At-Large
Mr. Phillip Lambert	Surry Co. High School
Miss Jessica Randolph	L. P. J. Middle School

Office on Youth Staff

Mrs. Sopenia H. Pierce	Director
Ms. Benita Veiga	CSA Coordinator/Secretary
Mrs. LaJeune Stone	Program Coordinator
Mrs. Linda Gholston	Youth Counselor
Mr. Spencer Logan	STEP Coordinator

The Office on Youth is available upon request to assist schools, organizations, and agencies with special presentations.

PRESENTATION TOPICS INCLUDE

Youth Advocacy & Advancement
Character Education
Drugs and Alcohol Prevention
Abstinence & Teen Pregnancy Prevention
Work Readiness/Career Guidance/Goal Setting
Parenting Trainings
Male Responsibility
Choose Respect (Healthy Relationships)
Dating Violence and Abuse

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Youth Data & Statistics
Teen Resource Directory
Youth Services Resource Directory
Lending Library Video & Book Collection
Services for Juveniles before Court
Career Development & Job Seeking Information
Young Driver Packets

FORUMS/SESSIONS/EVENTS

Back to School Supply Drives/Activities
Leadership & Character Development Summits
Civic Engagement Opportunities
Youth Recognition Programs
Family/Community Days
Youth Needs Symposia/Forums
Fatherhood Workshops/Father-Child Events
Let's Talk "Communication" Forums
Annual College Tours
Annual Caregiver Support Programs

Collaborative or Supportive Efforts

National Red Ribbon Campaign for Substance Abuse Prevention
Surry Public Library Summer Reading Program
School's Character Education Programs
Statewide Abstinence Education Programs
Statewide Child Abuse Prevention Campaign
State and Local Community Builders Network
Holiday Celebrations & Community Activities
Chamber of Commerce Clean-Up Projects
Community Builders Network
Crater Regional Workforce Investment Act Programs
Local, State & Nationwide Obesity Initiatives



For more information about the programs or services provided, please contact the:

Surry County Office on Youth

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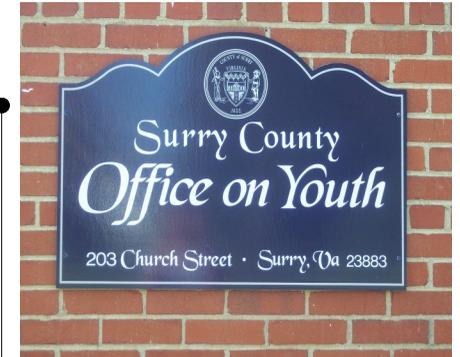
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Our Youth are Our Now...

Teach them Well,

Help them to Lead the Way!



THE SURRY COUNTY OFFICE ON YOUTH PROGRAMS

COUNTY WIDE

VISION STATEMENT

“Surry County strives to improve the quality of life of our youth and families by encouraging economic growth, improving its citizens’ health, and achieving educational excellence.”



YOUTH

SERVICES

CITIZEN BOARD

The Surry County Office on Youth is a department of Surry County Government. Programs are primarily funded by the county of Surry. The Office on Youth is advised and assisted by the Youth Services Citizen Board.

MISSION

The Surry County Office On Youth aims to enhance the quality of life for Surry County youth and families by promoting positive youth development, increasing assets, and reducing risk factors.

The agency addresses youth concerns, assess needs for services, increase community collaboration, assist in the establishment of effective programs for youth, provide information, and referrals to other organizations.

Basket Program

This parenting program provides practical information to individuals with children, four years and younger, in the areas of developmental growth, positive discipline, nutrition, safety, and lots more.



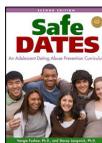
BEST of Hampton Roads

The initiative utilizes a curriculum, Advancing Youth Development, to enhance the capacity within organizations to provide their staff and volunteers with the youth development knowledge and training needed to be successful. Trainings are held annually, but may also be facilitated upon request.

Choose Respect & SafeDATES

Choose Respect is a local and national initiative that helps teens form healthy relationships to prevent dating violence before it starts. The program helps parents, caregivers, older teens, educators, and other caring adults motivate teens to challenge harmful beliefs about dating violence and take steps to form healthy and respectful relationships.

Safe Dates is the only evidence-based curriculum that prevents dating abuse: a factor often linked to alcohol and other drug use. Highly engaging and interactive, *Safe Dates* helps teens recognize the difference between caring, supportive relationships and controlling, manipulative, or abusive dating relationships. Sessions are offered independently or simultaneously with other programs.



Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Program

This mandated program, inclusive of the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) and Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT), is committed to providing child centered, family-focused, community-based services from children in the least restrictive environment. The teams serve and advocate for intensive treatment services through a comprehensive, collaborative system of care. The Office on Youth provides monitoring, oversight, and coordination of the program.

GUIDE Program

(Guiding Underage Individuals in a Diverse Education)

This program’s mission is to foster the development of a caring relationship between a responsible, caring adult and

an at-risk youth in order to strengthen the ability of the youth to overcome adverse circumstances, stay in school, and become a productive citizen. Programs include ~ A Free After school program ~Lunch Buddy ~Precious Jewels~



Guiding Good Choices (GGC)

The goals of this program are to reduce substance abuse and behavioral problems by increasing involvement and interaction between parents and children, reducing family conflict, and increasing the promotion of good behavior through better and more consistent family management. This program is designed for parents and caregivers of 9 to 14 year olds. Sessions are held March to April.



Protecting You Protecting Me (PYPM)

The PYPM curriculum informs children, educators, parents, and family caregivers about the latest brain research and the developmental risks that are associated with the use of alcoholic beverages before age 21. It teaches elementary children “safety skills,” including how to refuse a ride from an unsafe driver and how to reduce the risks associated with riding with a driver who is not alcohol free. Currently, sessions are taught during school hours to the 2nd - 5th graders.

Proud Fathers’ Program (PFP)

The PFP involves fathers with their children, keep them involved and aims to improve the quality of fathering. The program provides activities for the family throughout the year and a volunteer group meets monthly to plan activities.



P. O. W.E.R. Program

(Promoting Outstanding Work Ethics & Responsibilities)

The P.O.W.E.R. Program provides individuals, 14 to 24 years old, with “year around services” which focus on 10 elements that include: job training; paid/unpaid work experiences; tutoring services/study skills/dropout prevention strategies; alternate school offerings; summer employment; occupational skills training; leadership and character development; support services; adult mentoring, comprehensive guidance/counseling and follow-up services; Special eligibility requirements apply. Referrals are accepted..



Surry Teen Evening Program (STEP)

STEP’s purpose is to provide a “well-supervised” place for youth 13 to 19 years of age to go to after school that will promote, positive youth outcomes through services, skills, and opportunities. It is held three days per week, from 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 PM and includes snacks, recreational activities, rap sessions, job and career information, motivational speakers, and more .

Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Programs (JCCCA)

Services aim to deter crime in juveniles and help them to avoid future court involvement. Juveniles must be referred by the Juvenile Courts Judge or Sixth District Court Services. **Alternatives to Violence = Victory** offers group sessions designed for moderate to high risk youth who are in danger of dropping out of school due to low to moderate behavioral problems, truancy, and school failures. The program seeks to prevent youth from getting involved with the courts and/or to divert or intervene from further court involvement.

Youth Council

Members consist of youth in the Middle and High School who are citizens of the county. The purpose of the council is to help build leadership skills, strengthen communication between youth and adults, and to assist in planning and implementing youth related activities in the county. Members are involved with civic engagement and volunteer projects throughout the year. Meetings are held twice per month.



SERVING OUR COUNTY’S YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES!!!!