

## PROPOSAL

KIDS AT HOPE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM & PREVENTING CRIME IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ORLANDO, FL

MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2017

### Purpose

The National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community is designed to foster collaboration, communication and action among practitioners and youth by sharing innovative ideas, best practices and research relating to criminal justice, causative factors and prevention strategies unique to the Black community. It will profile national initiatives and community strategies that have been successful in reducing violence and other inappropriate behavior. Special attention is directed toward positive approaches to the problems associated with juvenile crime, as well as resources for training, development and enhancement of crime prevention initiatives.

### Why We Need to Attend

The organizations that make up Restoring the Village Coalition of Youth Activities (VCOYA) and the Lincoln Park Advisory Committee (LPAC) feel that this is a way for Youth Organizations to collaborate to address the violence in our community. Many leaders and youth from these organizations have been impacted by violence plaguing their neighborhoods personally through family members or friends who have been affected. This conference will assist us in developing plans and resources to make our community a safer place for everyone.

### Student and Organizations Attending and Requirements for Attendance

Last year, seven organizations agreed to partner and take 35 youth to the conference. Upon their return to the community, the students shared the information they received with community leaders, peers, and residents through a Peace Rally, Youth Panel and Fun Day. They also made appearances on various radio shows and at meetings throughout the community to share what they had learned. This year, VCOYA and LPAC plan to collaborate again with 11 organizations. Our goal is to take 50 youth, and to work with these youths before and after the trip to facilitate positive programming in the community.

**The following organizations will provide Students, Parents, Staff or Chaperones to attend the conference:**

- Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Kids at Hope
- Liberty Truth & Deliverance
- Multicultural Resource Center (MRC)

- PACE Center for Girls
- Performance Based Academy Mentoring Program
- Rehoboth Center
- Restoring the Village Youth Initiative
- Sword Outreach

### **Student Requirements to Attend:**

- Youth are expected to participate in the six-week Kids at Hope Mentorship Program & Planning Committee Meetings.
- Youth are expected to participate in at least one community service project designated by the PCBC group prior to attending the conference.
- Youth will perform 20 hours of community service work or chores around their home.
- Youth will be required to complete an essay on one of the following topics:
  - **What motivates you to be better for yourself and the community?**
  - **How can you contribute to reducing crime in your community?**
- Youth are expected to attend and participate in any fundraisers for the event.
- Youth are expected to attend meetings about the implementation plan.
- Youth are expected to commit to participating in post-conference activities to implement lessons learned at conference.
- Youth must be ages 14-19, with parental consent and waiver of liability forms signed.
- Youth must sign a Code of Conduct form to attend the conference, and parents must agree that they will come pick up their child if he or she violates the Code of Conduct during the PCBC trip.

### **Organization Requirements to Participate in the Collaboration:**

- Organizations will attend mandatory meetings about the conference.
- Each organization will provide 3-5 students who will attend the conference.
- Each organization will designate one chaperone to attend with their students (3-5 students per organization). The name of the chaperone must be identified to the collaborative group by February 8, 2017. The designated chaperone must participate with their students in the KAH Mentoring initiative and related events. Funds raised through this collaborative will go directly towards the costs of the program for youth and specified adult chaperones. No chaperone substitutions will be allowed except in extreme circumstances and as agreed to by the collaborative.
- Each organization will pay the adult registration cost of \$265 for their chaperone. Other costs for adult chaperones, including hotel (2 adults per room), food, shirts and bus transport will be covered by money raised through the collaborative **to the extent**

**funds are available after covering all youth costs.** If sufficient funds are not raised, adult chaperones may have to pay additional costs. Chaperones will be expected to have a roommate at the hotel (2 queen beds/ 2 adults per room). Any chaperone wanting to have his or her own room is expected to pay their own hotel bill in its entirety.

- Each organization agrees that it will open any fundraisers for PCBC trip to all organizations in the collaboration to participate. Each organization also agrees that all monies raised for the PCBC trip will be turned over to the Roundtable, as fiscal agent, for use for all youth and specified chaperones in the collaborative.
- Each organization agrees that it will not approach funders, government (City, County, Police Department or Sheriff's Office), or community organizations to raise funds for the PCBC trip or related events (KAH mentoring or youth leadership) outside of the collaboration.
- Please note that any violation of these requirements may render your organization's teens ineligible to attend PCBC trip and participate in related events with this collaboration.

### Implementation Plan

Prior to attending the conference, youth will be required to commit to participate in some or all the following events. If they fail to keep this commitment, they will not be eligible for sponsorship for future conferences:

- **Youth Leadership St. Lucie:** The Roundtable's Youth Leadership St. Lucie Program, an initiative to mobilize young leaders to create positive change in St. Lucie County. This program will empower teens to become good community problem solvers, communicators and advocates. Participants will address community challenges through projects focused on reducing violence, bullying, and unhealthy lifestyles. Youth will have an opportunity to design effective teen campaigns against violence and unhealthy lifestyles; creatively express youth needs and inspire critical consciousness in leaders, residents and other youth around important community issues; advocate for youth interests before local, and state legislatures; and become a Peer Mentors to help other teens develop their own leadership potential.
- **Youth Leadership Council:** A group of students who attend the conference will be eligible to apply to the City of Ft. Pierce and the City of Port St. Lucie Youth Leadership Councils. If selected to sit on the council, the youth will advise city and community leaders on issues affecting youth. The council will also work collaboratively with other students who attended the conference to facilitate community events and activities.
- **Kids at Hope Mentorship Program:** The Roundtable's Kids at Hope Youth Mentorship Program will prepare community youth to meet the challenges of adolescence and

adulthood and achieve their full potential through a six-week curriculum, activities and experiences that help develop social, ethical, emotional, physical and cognitive competencies; will also work with leaders to talk about violence and community service projects for youth. The mentorship provided will help youth develop (a) the ability to analyze his or her own strengths and weaknesses, set personal and vocational goals, and have the self-esteem, confidence, motivation and abilities to carry them out and (b) the ability to guide and influence the positive behavior of peers and serve as a role model.

- **Juneteenth Week of Unity Activities:**

- ✚ **KAH Unity Kickball Tournament:** community organizations (City of Ft. Pierce, FPPD, PSLPD, City of Port St. Lucie, County Commissioners, Children Services Council and more) will participate in this tournament with youth in the community. This will be a single elimination tournament which will promote positive relationships between our youth and their leaders.
- ✚ **Talent Extravaganza:** This will be a night for youth to showcase their talents.
- ✚ **Youth Summit:** This panel will provide adults the opportunity for community leaders to ask youth hard-hitting questions about teen views and perspectives on community issues. Questions will cover a variety of topics, including but not limited to youth responsibility to improve the community, social media, how to address peer pressure, how youth and adults can collaborate, etc.
- ✚ **Peace Rally & Walk :** This walk will bring together Law Enforcement, Youth, Community Members and Leaders to promote peace and unity in our community
- ✚ **Fun Day;** this is a fun filled event for kids in the community. We will have the finalist from the talent extravaganza perform and announce the winners, bounce houses, reading circles, arts crafts and many more fun activities for everyone. All summer camps, daycares and the entire event.
- ✚ **United Choir:** Youth from different organizations, churches will bring a joyful noise to promote unity in the community. The choir will be under the direction of Tri County Florida Youth and Praise Choir.

## **Results**

Youth who attend the conference will be empowered with ideas and information to take part in planning community-wide solutions to the issue of youth violence. Our county will be represented at the conference, not as separate organizations competing against one another for limited resources, but as a united front of youth service providers working together with each other and with their teens to find solutions. Plans and ideas from the conference will be used by youth and teens to organize events to promote peace and hope for the future of St. Lucie County.

## Budget

This is an estimated budget for the cost of taking 50 Youth and 11 Adult Chaperones to the conference. This budget also includes a request for funding to implement youth events upon return from the conference.

Name	#	Cost per person / activity	Actual
Youth Registration	50	\$150.00	\$7,500.00
Adult Registration	11	\$265.00	\$2,915.00
Rooms (20)	61	\$ 159.00	\$9,699.00
Shuttle Bus, Parking and Additional Fees	61	\$ 20.90	\$1,275.00
Meals: Breakfast (3), Lunch (1), Dinner (3)	61	\$90.00	\$5,490.00
Post Activities and additional fees (Implementation Plan ideas and youth activities at conference or fees)	5	n/a	\$6,000.00
Shirts for Youth (50) & Chaperones (11) 3 shirts (Collared button down, polo shirt and t-shirt)	61	\$30.00	\$1830.00
Total			\$34,709.00

Requesting \$12,000.00 from the City of Ft. Pierce. The funding will be used for the following line items

Name	Actual	City funding
Rooms( 3 nights, 20 rooms, 2-4 people per room)	\$9,699.00	\$9,699.00
Shuttle Bus	\$1,275.00	\$1275.00
Post Activities / Misc.	6,000.00	\$1,026.00
Total	\$18,645.00	\$12,000.00