



JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

November 20, 2024: Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kevin McIver, Abigail Holloway, Angela Nunn, Monica Burnette

Members On-line: John Morris, Sgt. Adam Boudreault, Alex Hurdle, Seth Kandl, Ramya Krishna, Duane Brinson, Alexis Cooper, Jonathan Wilson, LiBria Stephens, Dr. Melissa Watson, Dorothy Hardin

Programs Present: Arkeem Brooks (Project BUILD), Raquel Dominguez (Youth Mediation), Cynia Black (POA)

Programs On-line: Yasmine Boone (PROUD Program), Quille Coath (PROUD Program), Lucretia Alston (Bull City Youth Build), Shepeara Williams (Teen Court & Restitution Program), Tiffany Swoope (GRACED Inc).

Guests Present: Mr. Ed Dudley (Shining Light in Darkness), Raven Walters (RYSE-Diversion Coordinator), Darlene Hampton (DPS)

Guests On-Line: Jennifer McRant (RYSE Program Manager), Dr. Gradesa Lockhart (Director of Stop the Violence-DPS), DeWarren Langley (Charles Hamilton Houston Foundation)

Staff Present: Walter 'Eddie' Crews, Viveca Deans, Janice Williams

Staff Online: Roshanna Parker

Excused Absences: Laylon Williams (Alliance Health), Renee Hill (Citizen), Gwendolyn Johnson (Teen Court & Restitution)

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Kevin McIver called the meeting to order at 4:10pm, welcomed everyone, and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves, starting with in-house attendees followed by those on-line.

A quorum was present.

II. October 2024 Minutes Approval

No corrections were noted. A motion to approve the October 2024 minutes was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

III. Community Program Presentation: given by Mr. Ed Dudley, Shining Light in Darkness Organization

Chair McIver introduced and turned the floor over to Mr. Dudley.

Mr. Dudley introduced himself as Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of the Shining Light in Darkness organization. Mr. Dudley went on to present as follows:

Who we are:

Shining Light in Darkness is a Durham-based, non-profit organization that works with victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. While working with all who are subjected to these circumstances, the organization also places focus on working with subsets of this community. These subsets are men of color, the elderly, veterans, people with disabilities and the Plus community.

Why we exist:

As a survivor of sexual molestation, date rape and domestic violence, Mrs. Florida Dudley (Co-Founder) was moved to starting this organization. Having settled in Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley's outreach work was

recognized by Durham’s Police Department and the Department of Social services. Recently, the organization received their first sponsored funding from the Women’s Council to increase their work here in Durham County.

What do we do:

- Provide 24-hour Crisis support
- Provide Legal accompaniment
- Provide ‘Breakthrough Bags of Essentials’, a supply of two (2) weeks’ worth of clothing and cell phones with 60-days’ worth of service; clients are referred to referral partners once these resources have been depleted
- Assists in obtaining 10 sessions of free three therapy for mothers and children
- In the development stages of providing a 17-bed, emergency housing for domestic violence survivors
- Operation of the **Sonshine Program** – a six-week program where young boys are taught what healthy relationships are, what sexual abuse, assault and ‘consent’ is (means)
- Provide diapers and wipes through a partnership with the Diaper Bank of NC

Mr. Dudley opened the floor up for questions and gave the following responses:

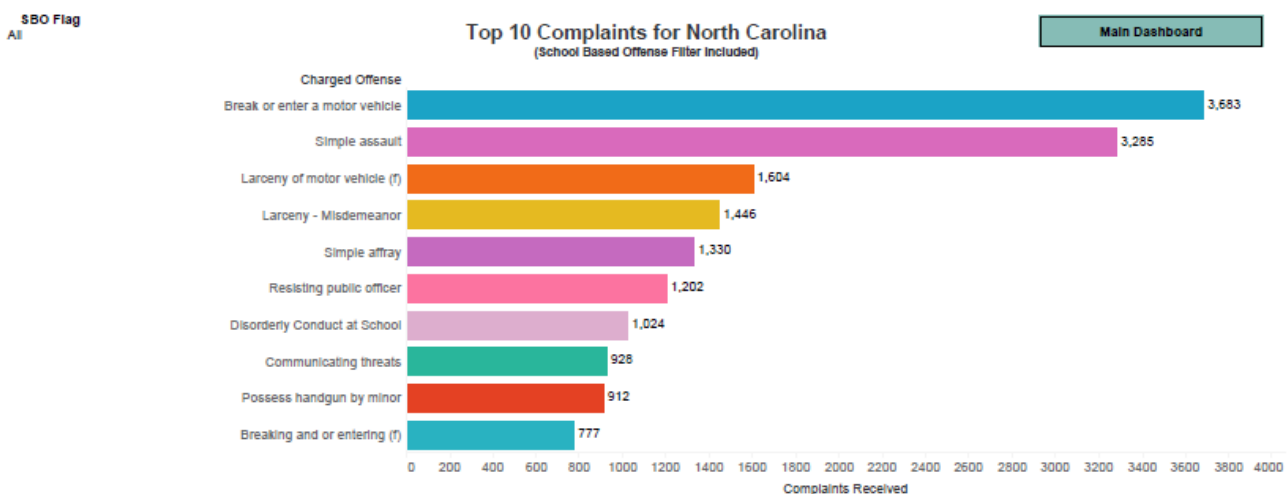
- The minimum age of the youth that are served are middle school-aged students.
- JCPC Programs can refer youths from their respective programs for services. All referrals would need to be screened for tracking purposes.
- Shining Light in Darkness primarily serves Durham but also Orange, Mecklenburg, Wake and Winston-Salem counties as well.
- The Durham Crisis Resource Center provides similar domestic violence services as Shining Light in Darkness does; Durham County can use more agencies due to the increasing population.
- The Domestic Violence Facility that is in the works will house women and children; there will be one area with 8 beds allocated to single women and an area with 9 beds allocated to single mothers and their children; there are no age restrictions for children.
- There were two (2) cases that were handled by Shining Light in Darkness involving the Intellectually Disabled Community
- **Contact website: shininglightindarkness.org**

IV. Consultant Update: Mr. Walter ‘Eddie’ Crews, Central Area Consultant

a) Risk & Needs Assessment Report:

Mr. Crews began by presenting juvenile court data that was examined by the Risk & Needs Assessment Committee.

- Calendar year-to-date complaints from 1/1/2024 – 11/14/24 have decreased from last calendar year.
- The Top 10 Complaints were presented as follows:



- The YASI Full Assessment Data report is utilized to identify large statistical variances in Durham's numbers as compared to that of the state as follows:
 - The numbers for previous weapon offenses, prior detention admission history and referrals for person crimes are almost double the state's numbers
 - There is an increase in the number of youths associated with gangs
 - There are a larger number of youths in Durham with no health insurance compared to the state
 - The displaying and use of a weapon numbers are also double that of the state. **Mr. Crews suggested that one of the goals of the RFP is to target the reduction of possession of a firearm.**
 - There were 153 detention admissions last year which were representative of 99 youth. This is indicative of a high number of repeat offenders

Mr. Crews went on to state that some of these data points will be included in the Request for Proposals since we are at the end of the 2-year cycle. The \$701,101 State funds have been given consistently over the years; the receipt of the \$105,000 county funds is to be determined. The process is as follows: the RFP will be sent out, bids will be solicited, presentations will be made, then the board will make the funding decision whether to go into another 2-year or a 1-year funding cycle.

Mr. Langley requested clarification as to whether the \$105,000 county funding will be an ongoing line item for this fiscal year in the Justice Services Department's budget. Ms. Roshanna Parker responded, stating that the county-matched funding was placed into the Justice Services Department's Budget as a recurring expense, however, the Board of County Commissioners budget discussions will determine whether the county-matched funding will be approved for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Langley strongly encouraged this JCPC board to express and emphasize to the BOCC the importance of these funds to sustainability and continuance of these extremely essential services provided by Durham JCPC Programs. Chair McIver stated that a JCPC presentation to the BOCC detailing the actual work that all the programs are performing in the community would be beneficial in continuing to secure this funding.

b) Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP):

Mr. Crews explained that SPEP is a state-wide effort to improve the quality of all JCPC Programs. Each program is uniquely scored based on the type of program and population served. (these scores will be included in the monitoring reports)

V. Chief Court Counselor October Update: presented by Alexis Cooper

2024- 2025 MONTH	Juveniles on Supervision previous month	Juveniles Received	Complaints Received	Complaints Approved	Complaints Diverted	Detention Admission	Detention Admission within the month	YDC Admission	Violent Offense A-E	Serious Offense F- I&A1	Minor Offense Class 1-3	Status	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian	Other	Male	Female	Age 6 to 10 Years	Age 11 to 15 Years	Age 16 & Over
JULY	154	11	88	80	0	30	7	1	7	42	39	0	7	2	2	0	0	9	2	0	4	7
AUGUST	153	34	52	18	0	17	4	0	11	17	24	0	27	1	5	0	1	28	6	0	16	18
SEPTEMBER	149	29	80	51	1	21	11	0	11	30	39	0	24	5	0	0	0	23	6	0	18	11
OCTOBER	153	24	89	73	2	21	8	0	1	31	57	0	21	3	0	0	0	22	2	0	24	65
NOVEMBER																						
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Year to Date	609	98	309	222	3	89	30	1	30	120	159	0	79	11	7	0	1	82	16	0	62	101

A correction was noted in the report: The number of youths Aged 16 & over for October was reported as '65' - the correct number is '0'.

VI. DPS Update: Darlene Hampton, District Family Specialist

Dr. Melissa Watson introduced Darlene Hampton to address the Board.

Ms. Hampton stated that her job duties in Durham Public Schools involve dealing with at-risk parents and students, being a liaison between the DJJ and Durham Public Schools, collaborating with principals and handling all related assignments that encompass dealing with at-risk children.

Ms. Hampton stated that she has been working with Raquel Dominguez for quite some time and has had great success in decreasing the number of truant students.

Dr. Watson reiterated that emphasis is placed on continued collaboration with Durham Public Schools and the JCPC Programs to continue to reduce the number of justice-involved juveniles.

Dr. Watson also stated that she would provide data point trends regarding truancy and drop-out rates once she receives a written request from this board in order to address this concern accordingly.

Dr. Watson reported that there has been a significant impact on DPS' attendance data due to an ongoing situation regarding transportation.

VII. Program Updates:

Proud Program: presented by Yasmine Boone

October 2024 Update:

Current number of enrolled youths: No youth in the life skills program currently, but we do have youth enrolled in our DEAC and Bullying programs.

Number of new referrals: 16

Number of successful completions: 1

Programmatic changes: Our interns have gone through our facilitation training and will begin group facilitating next week.

Programmatic issues: None

Programmatic achievements: We just exited our young man in our Young Men's Intervention Program. We are also excited about our interns starting their facilitation rotations. We did receive our Pep score, scoring an 85 which is the highest we can get. We are excited to start our curriculum to address vaping and violence prevention, since the majority of the referrals we received this month are youth who were engaged in fighting, school threats, and drug possession.

November 2024 Update:

Current number of enrolled youths: 15

Number of new referrals: 19; 4 waiting to start

Number of successful completions: 11 successful completions to date

Programmatic changes: Our interns have been facilitating groups and are preparing for the end of the semester. They are excited and agreed to stay with their current group until after the upcoming holiday season, as we prepare for new interns.

Programmatic issues: None

Programmatic achievements: We completed our first bullying referral for the school year! Staff and interns have been participating in weekly training provided by Prevention Resource Center and other organizations. 3 of our interns were able to showcase our organization in their Psychology Site Presentation this month. We are still providing DEAC for DPS and are eagerly anticipating those students whose parents are interested in rolling them over to participate in our life skills program

Mr. Quille Coath reported that while youths are obtaining guns from their homes, most guns are obtained from youths breaking into cars. Mr. Coath emphasized the securing of guns by parents and removing them from their cars.

Project BUILD: presented by Arkeem Brooks

October 2024 Update:

Current number of enrolled students: 92

Number of new referrals: 9

Number of successful completions: 2

Programmatic changes: None

Programmatic issues: None

Programmatic achievements: One participant successfully completed Job Corp, and Project BUILD has started their contracts with B. Jordyn Nail Salon and Tune Music Studio for our participants to have a pro-social activity available during the week.

November 2024 Update:

Current number of enrolled students: 92

Number of new referrals: 5

Number of successful completions: 3

Programmatic changes: One of the Outreach Worker has been promoted to the Data Analysis for the Community Intervention Support Services Department that housed Project BUILD. One vacant position at the moment.

Programmatic issues: None

Programmatic achievements: Three participants are at Eckerd and doing fairly well. One Project BUILD youth got connected back to Durham Public School after missing the entire school year last year. Three youth gained employment at Backyard BBQ and Jersey Mike's subs.

Youth Build: presented by Lucretia Williams

October 2024 Update:

Current number of enrolled students: 11

Number of new referrals: 0

Number of successful completions: None at this time

Programmatic changes:

- New hire began this month. He is instructing students on soft skills and workforce development as well as assisting with GED instruction as needed.

Programmatic issues:

- Getting students to show up remains a struggle. The organization that we thought that we were going to be able to partner with fell through. Comfortable, safe and reliable transportation remains an issue.
- We are still working diligently to assist students with obtaining required GED identification.

Programmatic achievements:

- We are currently waiting on school transcripts in order for students to begin with Eckerd Connects for job training.
- Students were able to have another financial literacy seminar from our partners at PNC.
- We are in the works of partnering with UCAN ministries and students will be working on the farm to gain work experience.

November 2024 Update:

Current number of enrolled students: 5

Number of new referrals: 4

Number of successful completions: None at this time

Programmatic changes:

- Relocating next week.
- Referrals are picking back up.

Programmatic issues:

- We are still working diligently to assist students with obtaining required GED identification.
- Retention of student attendance.

Programmatic achievements:

- We took a trip to the new location and students seem excited to moving into a new safer location.
- Coastal Credit union was able to come by to do another financial literacy seminar with students.

The new address is 400 Crutchfield Street, Durham, NC 27704.

Parenting of Adolescents: presented by Cynia Black**October 2024 Update:**

Current number of enrolled students: 15 Students (Staff currently attempting to open 5 MDFT cases, 3 TFCBT case)

Number of new referrals: 2 in the month of October

Number of successful completions: 0

Programmatic changes: N/AProgrammatic issues: N/AProgrammatic achievements: N/A**November 2024 Update:**

Current number of enrolled students: 9 Students (6 MDFT cases, 3 TFCBT case)

Number of new referrals: 0 thus far in the month of November

Number of successful completions: 0

Programmatic changes: N/A

Programmatic issues: Low referral numbers. The team is currently working on a referral recruitment plan.

Programmatic achievements: POA Team has completed second phase of PSB (Problematic Sexual Behavior) training and are currently accepting referrals for service.

Cynia stated that the capacity of the program is to serve 25 youths and while there is no online referral access currently, information is accessible through POA's website www.exchangefamilycenter.org regarding the referral process.

GRACED, Inc.: presented by Tiffany Swoope**October 2024 Update:**

Current number of enrolled students: 16

Number of new referrals: 1

Number of successful completions: 1

Programmatic changes: None

Programmatic issues: Our 3rd party transportation rates have increased by 60%. Also, we are looking to establish a second location to expand our program.

Programmatic achievements:

- a) One of our youths secured their first job.
- b) We have been invited by the Thomas Mentoring Leadership Academy to join a local mentoring delegation representing Durham at the 14th annual national Rumble Young Man Rumble conference held in Louisville, KY, from December 4-6 at the Muhammad Ali Center. Two of our youth will have the honor of attending this prestigious event.
- c) We participated in the 2024 Carolinas Youth Mentoring Symposium at the Durham Convention Center with 13 youth and 6 mentors in attendance. This was an amazing exposure which has piqued more interest from teens wanting to go to school for tech-based careers.
- d) Facilitated a group therapy session under the guidance of a licensed therapist to explore the significance of effective communication, skill development, and goal assessment to support creating more success in our mentor-mentee relationships.
- e) We are concluding the entrepreneurship and financial literacy program facilitated by FUBU Radio and One Community, One Voice, One Vision, where three of our youth will be among the recipients of a certificate of completion.
- f) Participated in National Night Out in the Cornwallis Community on October 1st.
- g) Preparing for upcoming annual holiday events

November 2024 Update:

Current number of enrolled students: 17

Number of new referrals: 1

Number of successful completions: 0

Programmatic changes: None

Programmatic issues: Our 3rd party transportation rates have increased by 60%. Also, we are looking to establish a second location to expand our program.

Programmatic achievements:

- a) One very ambitious youth will be monitored by the COO of FUBU Radio to learn how to become a successful entrepreneur.
- b) In response to parent surveys, we held our first offsite mentoring retreat for our youth and mentors with therapists addressing issues that boys and girls are facing, specifically.
- c) Three of our tech-minded youth will be working with mentors from a local tech giant and receiving support on tech certification tracks. We are working to secure a mentor for one more.
- d) One youth who graduates in June went to visit an Air Force recruiter and took the entrance exam.
- e) In collaboration with Durham Parks and Recreation, we are hosting our 3rd annual Thanksgiving Dinner tomorrow for our youth, mentors, partners and volunteers.

Ms. Swoope also reported that three (3) of the program's neediest families (1 family consisting of 15 members) were referred to community resources in order to receive Thanksgiving boxes.

Teen Court: representative not present - reports submitted

October 2024 Update:

Restitution Program:

Terminated: 1
Successful Termination: 1
Unsuccessful Termination: 0
Admissions: 2

Teen Court:

Number of new referrals: 5
Number of admissions: 4
Terminations: 1
Successful 1st day of annual training; good turnout of youth volunteers, law students, and attorneys.

November 2024 Update:

Restitution Program:

There are no updates for the Restitution Program for November

Teen Court:

Number of completions: 2 (1 successful; 1 unsuccessful)
Number of admissions: 4

- Teen Court has new youth and adult volunteers from the training
- NCCU law school has re-engaged and has been participating in Teen Court
- The Teen Court has been receiving referrals from DPS for workshops.

Epic: representative not present – report submitted

October 2024		
Agency: StandUp SpeakOut NC-EPIC		
Report	#	Notes
Youth in Services:	8	8 Youth are in services (many will be closing out or have completed the program)
Open Referrals:	7	7 open referrals (new clients waiting to be scheduled for intake or waiting for paperwork)
Active JCPC Clients:	3	
JCPC Referrals this month:	1	1 youth referred this month (October)
Terminations	4	3 terminated
Closed Referrals:	0	
Waitlisted Clients:	5	5 currently on the waitlist due to scheduling coordination or missed intakes sessions
Groups	0	Groups will resume in January after the holidays
Outreach Group	1	We are hosting Creating Youth Voices with Project Build
In October, 7 new referrals was received and are currently being processed. 4 of these referrals come from Project Build. 1 referral this month directly from JCPC.		

October 2024 Update:

Current number of enrolled students: 16 (14– Truancy Mediation and 2 for Youth Mediation)

Number of new referrals: 8

Number of successful completions: 0

Programmatic changes: None

Programmatic issues: None

Programmatic achievements:

- Contacting students and families from our Truancy Program with resources: 1 student and family referred to housing resources; 3 students referred to mental health; 2 students referred to Note on Pocket program.
- To enhance our Youth Mediation, we have an offer to Juvenile Court Counselors to provide mediation to youth in Juvenile Detention Center (Pilot).
- We are continuing meetings with DPS personnel and community agencies to promote our youth program:
 - 1) Attended the National Night Out on October 1, 2024
 - 2) Juvenile Court Counselors monthly staff meeting on October 9, 2024
 - 3) School Social Workers monthly staff meeting on October 11, 2024
 - 4) Red Ribbon Week at Northern High School – October 23, 2024
 - 5) We are organizing a community event on November 16, 2024, at Holton Career Center. Name of event: **Peace Talks: Resolving Conflict and Strengthening Community. (Canceled – date TBD)**

November 2024 Update:

Current number of enrolled students: 23

Number of new referrals: 10

Number of successful completions: We have not completed any cases yet.

Programmatic changes: N/A

Programmatic issues: N/A

Programmatic achievements:

- This month, we received 10 new cases, bringing the total for this school year to 23 cases. As of November 20, 2024, we have conducted 20 sessions, including follow-up sessions. We have already scheduled 9 sessions to take place before the Christmas break and have begun scheduling follow-up sessions for January 2025.
- We continue to raise awareness about our programs in the community through presentations and participation in community events. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our community event to March 15, 2025.
- On November 11, we met with a charter school that inquired about our Truancy Mediation Program.
- One of our program's achievements is successfully engaging parents to participate in mediation. Students and parents who have participated have been referred to various resources, such as mental health services, special education assessments, Notes on the Pocket, housing support, transportation assistance, and computer equipment from the Kamden Institute.
- Here are some stories highlighting student progress:
 - 1) A student who had not been attending school has started coming two days a week. Both the parents and the students are involved in the mediation process, and a communication plan between the parents and the school has been established.
 - 2) A student who was failing her classes last year had attendance issues, and needed social skills, is now attending school every day. While she still needs to improve her grades in two classes, she has

joined two clubs at school, which has helped enhance her social skills. We continue to meet with her parents to monitor attendance and behavior.

- 3) We are partnering with DPS and Project Build to support another student. We have met three times with the school team, the student, and their legal guardian. After an emergency meeting, the student began attending school regularly. In our last meeting, it was reported that he has undergone a remarkable 360-degree transformation at home and at school.

VIII. Chair Update:

- a. **Monitoring Reports:** Informal meetings are suggested to be completed by the middle of December so that the formal meeting can be completed by mid-January and have the reports ready for January's meeting on the 22nd.
- b. **Board Vacant seats:**
 - i. Representative from the United Way or other non-profit agency
 - ii. Substance Abuse Professional

IX. Other Business/Announcements:

- There are five (5) laptops (from Parenting of Adolescents) available to any JCPC program who is need of one.
- Chair McIver suggested that the board be mindful of people in need during the holiday season and to continue reaching out especially at this time of year.

X. Adjournment:

Chair McIver adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm