

Innovative Mental Health Programs for Ohio's Youth & Young Adults in Transition

S.I.T.T.: Program Description

S.I.T.T. was initiated in September 2004 by a small group of service providers who were looking for solutions to the increasing numbers of 18 year olds presenting without housing, employment, life skills, or sufficient supportive services. This small group of providers has grown to include representatives from mental health, children's services, juvenile court, substitute caregivers, education, alcohol and drug, social services, and most importantly, young people who meet monthly at a local coffee shop that caters to young people. Our Vision: Every young man and woman in Stark County will have the skills, opportunities, resources, and support they need to successfully transition into adult life. Our Mission: Our community will recognize and respond to the voice, value, and potential of every young man and woman as we work in partnership toward successful transitions into adult life. Our monthly agenda, which was built on the areas of most concern as voiced by our young people, includes resource sharing and collaboration building in the areas of youth and young adult housing, employment, mentoring, education, advocacy, leadership skill development, and communication vehicles. Our outcomes include: development of the Mentoring Network of Stark County, increased housing and employment opportunities, increased youth voice vehicles through forums, leadership trainings and opportunities, development of a youth/young adult community on line newspaper, and increased awareness of need for resource dedication of this age population.

Operational Resources

Volunteer chairperson and secretary, paper and copier ink for agenda and resource information, 1 ½ hour meeting each month.

Financial Resources

No resources are dedicated to this collaborative other than in kind dedication of staff time which has led to increased resources to participants and the young people they serve in form of successful grant acquisition and collaborative resource opportunities.



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