

FACT SHEET

What GoodGuides™ is:

Goodwill GoodGuides™ is a national program targeting At Risk & Adjudicated Youth that will be kicking off in January in 38 states. National plans are to serve about 6,000 youth over the next two years in 56 communities.

Mission is: to empower youth to make positive choices that enable them to maximize their current and future potential.

Vision is: a nation in which youth experience nurturing, positive relationships and community support that enables them to develop to their full potential with capability of making informed, responsible decisions as involved members of their communities.

What does that mean in REAL LIFE and what does that have to do with us here in Pittsburgh?

Goodwill of SWPA is part of the national program. We are looking for about 100 local at risk or adjudicated kids to connect with about 30 adult mentors (over 2 years).

FRAMEWORK – What’s it going to look like?

Youth will meet 1X/week; spend 6 – 8 hours a month together

- A) 1X month they will have Career based activities
- B) 1X month they will do Community based
- C) 2X month Youth & Mentors meet for discussions, tutoring, goal setting, etc.

A- Career based activities will include Career Exploration and Career Development

Examples: Informal discussion of likes and dislikes, take a more formal career assessments, mini-workshops on soft skills, employer expectations, speakers from various work arenas.

Both Career Development Days & Mentoring days will incorporate Social Skills:

Topics would include: Team building, time management, self-advocacy, motivation & conflict resolution and more.

B- Community based activities - include fun stuff

Attend a game (sports) baseball game, college football game, etc.

Attend community festival ie: 3 Rivers Arts, College for a Day

Visit local attractions – one of the museum, etc.

Volunteer for a Service Learning Activity such as “Adopt a Highway”, “Redd up Pittsburgh”, etc. and work together

C- Youth & Mentors meet in:

- a. Small Groups
- b. One-on-one Individual Mentoring
- c. Supervised Peer Mentoring*

GoodGuides™ Youth Mentoring Curriculum is designed to develop a sense of purpose and a positive view of personal futures.

Curriculum includes:

- Financial literacy
- Career exploration
- Job Shadowing
- Social skills
- Academic tutoring

GoodGuides™ Program Goals & Objectives

- 80% must receive 6 hours of service per month
- 50% of families receive other services
- 50% of youth participate in at least one service activity
- 65% of youth will achieve one or more of their desired goals
 - (improved attendance, grades and school behavior)
- 80% will not offend or re-offend

The families will be able to receive other services from Goodwill and be referred to other agencies for additional help as appropriate. (Services: utilities assistance, adult education, job training, job search, etc.)

Youth Advisory Council - Youth advisory council members will be involved in decision making regarding discussion topics, social and service learning activities as well providing suggestions for youth/mentor incentives.

Length of Program - The program runs January, 2010 through October 31, 2011 (22 months).. Beginning mid-January, youth and mentors will be enrolled, tutors trained and activity will begin.

Volunteer Mentors - Mentors will work with youth minimum 4 hours per month

- will pass extensive background check (FBI fingerprint)
- will make a one year commitment
- will be recruited from underrepresented populations and people familiar with targeted youth, as well as people who are familiar with career exploration.

Mentor Recruitment - We will be working to recruit volunteer from local communities and organizations such as:

- Sports Programs
- Churches
- Community organizations
- Rotary, etc.
- Business

Volunteer Opportunities - Guest speakers from local business and community will talk to kids about opportunities within Pgh for jobs and careers. Goal setting will be a regular part of meetings with mentors.

Over the next 12 months we will be recruiting 50 volunteer mentors to work with the youth.
We are offering this opportunity to 100 youth to participate in this program.

We are committed to helping youth develop critical thinking skills and exposing them to career opportunities and goal setting experiences, we need YOUR help to make this a success!

We ask that you make appropriate referrals to this program.

Thank you!

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