

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING

JUVENILE JUSTICE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
SEMI-ANNUAL OUTCOME REPORT
(January – March and July - September)

Project Period: February 14, 2008 – May 15, 2008

Report Period Ending Date: March 31, 2008

This form is to be completed and submitted after the end of the 2nd and 4th quarter.
Due Dates: April 30 and October 30.

PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

Please provide for EACH subcontractor the following outcome information.

1. Discuss the impact the project has had on solving the problems you identified in your submitted plan.

The intent of this project was to reduce the recidivism of youthful offenders in Marion, Madison and Warren counties. It was also seen as a means to help at-risk youth, primarily adjudicated, to enhance self-concept, self-determination, and self-motivation through a leadership development process. The process focused on goal identification and goal attainment in the following areas:

- Mental
- Physical
- Social
- Career/Financial
- Home/Family
- Ethics/Beliefs

Other intended consequences as a result of participating in the Rising Stars program included:

- Improved school attendance
- Improved deportment at school and in the community
- Improved decision-making skills
- Improved social skills
- Improved attitude as measured on the Attitude In Me (A.I.M.) pre/post assessment instrument

2. Program Results Table.

Program/Service	# Served	Minority	Female	Outcome Measures
<p>Madison County Rising Stars – September 24, 2007 through December 10, 2007 24 Contact Hours</p>	4	0	4	<p>Students were expected to write one S.M.A.R.T. goal for the areas identified above, plus identify five educational goals, two affirmations and a personal dream they would like to accomplish. Along with these, they also needed to identify their three top personal values, three of their talents, and two contributions that they made during the timeframe of the class.</p> <p>Data from the Madison County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful Completion – 100.0% • Improved School Attendance – 50.0% • Course Attendance – 87.5% • Course Punctuality – 97.9% • Positive Growth for A.I.M. Assessment – 100.0% • Recidivism – 00.0% (All four participants have avoided further involvement with juvenile court authorities to date.)
<p>Marion County Rising Stars – September 18, 2007 through December 04, 2007 24 Contact Hours</p>	10	2	3	<p>Students were expected to write one S.M.A.R.T. goal for the areas identified above, plus identify five educational goals, two affirmations and a personal dream they would like to accomplish. Along with these, they also needed to identify their three top personal values, three of their talents, and two contributions that they made during the timeframe of the class.</p> <p>Data from the Marion County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful Completion – 60%

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved School Attendance – 100% for those who successfully completed Rising Stars • Course Attendance – 83.1% • Course Punctuality – 97.5% • Positive Growth for A.I.M. Assessment – 83.3% for those who successfully completed Rising Stars • Recidivism – 33.3% (Four of the six (66.6%) participants have avoided further involvement with juvenile court authorities to date.)
Warren County Rising Stars – September 20, 2007 through December 17, 2007 24 Contact Hours	10	1	5	<p>Students were expected to write one S.M.A.R.T. goal for the areas identified above, plus identify five educational goals, two affirmations and a personal dream they would like to accomplish. Along with these, they also needed to identify their three top personal values, three of their talents, and two contributions that they made during the timeframe of the class.</p> <p>Data from the Warren County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful Completion – 100.0% • Improved School Attendance – 75.0% • Course Attendance – 91.7% • Course Punctuality – 91.2% • Positive Growth for A.I.M. Assessment – 80.0% • Recidivism – 00.0% (All ten participants have avoided further involvement with juvenile court authorities to date.)

Warren County Rising Stars – February 14, 2008 through May 15, 2008 24 Contact Hours	10	0	3	Program assessment will be completed at the May 15, 2008, session. All students will complete two final projects which will include data identified in Section One. They will also complete the Attitude In Me (A.I.M.) post-survey, a post-survey for the Rising Stars course and an anonymous assessment of the materials and instructors.
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Attach narrative responses and table to this cover sheet (as needed).

In summary, the Rising Stars program met or exceeded the 50.0% improvement standard in all categories identified on the original grant application. All categories have significance to assessing program success. However, one of the most significant is the recidivism data.

A review of recidivism data shows that of the 20 participants who successfully completed the program in the fall of 2007, 18 (90%) have avoided further involvement with juvenile authorities to date. The original grant stipulated a review at the end of a six month period. However, in reviewing data over a 12 month period, 30 participants successfully completed the program. Of those 30 participants, 26 (86.7%) have avoided further official contact with juvenile court authorities.

A review of data for categories other than recidivism from the past three years of Rising Stars programs reflects positive improvement in student school attendance, deportment and the acquisition of specific content skill. These conclusion are drawn from the DECAT reports that have been submitted quarterly since the inception of the Rising Stars program in 2005. They are also supported by the anonymous surveys completed by the students at the end of each Rising Stars class.

Numerical data does support the success of the program, but anecdotal data from former participants, educators and juvenile court officers solidifies its value to individuals, communities and society.