

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG REDUCED CRIME
FOR STATUS OFFENDERS PROJECT
(GRANT NUMBERS 1J11007 and 1J12003)**

OCTOBER 1, 2014 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

**FINAL REPORT FOR GRANT YEAR 2014-2015 PREPARED BY
SYSTEM WIDE SOLUTIONS, INC**

October 20, 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The mission of the Spartanburg Reduced Crime for Status Offenders Project is to reduce the need for secure detention for status offenders by providing graduated sanctions. The program was designed to serve 25 youth through use of a DJJ behavioral contract, participation in a structured program and intervention services. The program is intended to serve 25 youth between the ages of 12 and 16.

Intervention programs include the following:

1. Wraparound Services for youth and parents.
2. Supervision by both the grant-funded officer and DJJ probation officer.
3. Referral and transportation to other services as needed: Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and Mental Health.
4. Home and school visits, phone follow-up and face-to-face contacts.
5. Community Service opportunities as developed by Spartanburg Public Safety Department Officers.
6. Participation in the Department of Juvenile Justice Parenting Program.
7. Spartanburg Public Safety Department officers may provide additional programs to address the following:
 - Coping
 - Conflict Resolution
 - Consequences for actions
 - Leadership
 - Peer Pressure
 - Team Building
 - Problem Solving
 - Accomplishments Discussion

The Spartanburg Reduced Crime for Status Offenders Project met five of the 16 project objectives (Objectives 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8) and exceeded four (Objectives 4, 9, 15 and 16). Seven of the objectives (Objectives 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) were not met or not able to be measured at this time, due, in part to a delay in project implementation until February 2015 and the project not being in operation during the school year. The data gathered on participating youth will form a baseline for measuring next year's progress toward objectives. Staff expect to enroll the projected number of youth for the next year and to demonstrate progress toward many of the other objectives. The project has made a strong start in mobilizing local resource and in carrying out services for the youth enrolled.

The project staff should continue to work toward objectives in Year Two with emphasis on obtaining post test data on youth who complete the program, as well as school and behavioral data.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.....	i
TABLE OF CONTENTS	ii
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	1
DESCRIPTION OF YOUTH SERVED.....	3
PROGRESS TOWARD PROJECT OBJECTIVES.....	5
CONCLUSIONS	12
RECOMMENDATIONS	12
APPENDIX ONE: CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES	13
APPENDIX TWO: WRAP SERVICES CONTRACT	16
APPENDIX THREE: YOUTH SURVEY	29

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Spartanburg Reduced Crime for Status Offenders Project is to reduce the need for secure detention for status offenders by providing graduated sanctions. The program builds on prior youth intervention programs sponsored by the Spartanburg Department of Public Safety that were also designed to reduce secure detention. This program was designed to serve 25 youth through use of a DJJ behavioral contract, participation in and completion of a structured program and provision of intervention services. The program is intended to serve 25 youth between the ages of 12 and 16, as well as their parents.

The following broad goals have been established for the project:

1. Encourage a juvenile to participate in programs to avoid detention
2. To assist juveniles with learning skills to avoid further crimes
3. To provide intervention programs

Intervention services include the following:

1. Wraparound Services for youth and parents.
2. Supervision by both the grant-funded officer and DJJ probation officer.
3. Referral and transportation to other services as needed: Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug
4. Abuse Commission and Mental Health.
5. Home and school visits, phone follow-up and face-to-face contacts.
6. Community Service opportunities as developed by Spartanburg Public Safety Department Officers.
7. Participation in the Department of Juvenile Justice Parenting Program.
8. Spartanburg Public Safety Department officers may provide additional programs to address the following:
 - Coping
 - Conflict Resolution
 - Consequences for actions
 - Leadership
 - Peer Pressure
 - Team Building
 - Problem Solving
 - Accomplishments
 - Discussion

Wraparound services are provided to participants through a contract with Carolina Youth Advocacy Program (YAP). Additional services are provided to youth at high risk for alcohol and drug problems by the Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Commission. During the summer, the youth participate in the locally-funded Youth Empowerment Summer Program, staffed by Public Safety Officers and community subject-matter experts, which meets once per week for youth to learn coping skills and take part in field trips. (The summer meeting schedule for 2015 may be found in Appendix One)

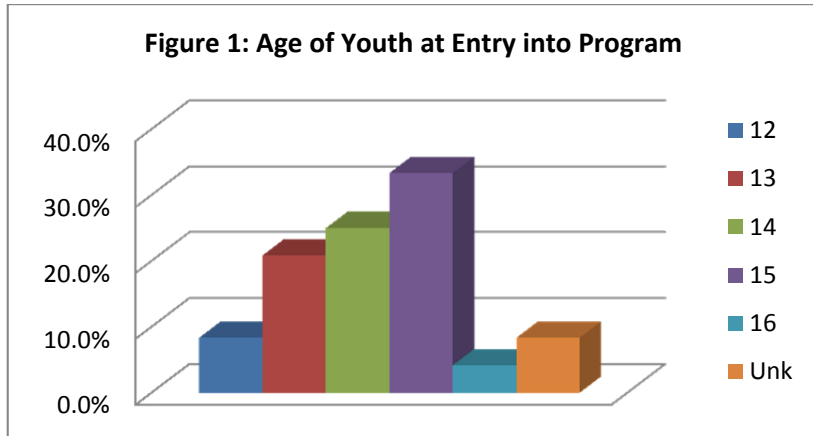
There was a delay in the project getting started due to difficulties in identifying staff. The program began accepting referrals in February of 2015 from both DJJ and Public Safety as well as other agencies and MPO Reginald Spurgeon was moved into the grant position in March 2015. Officer Spurgeon is responsible for coordinating activities and for tracking participant data.

Because of the delay in getting the program started an interim report was not completed in March of 2015 as planned. Therefore, this report is the first and final report for the 2014-2015 grant year. The report describes progress achieved on Objectives over the full twelve months of the grant period. Most of the data reported here will be considered baseline data. Also due to the delay in implementation, the 24 youth who entered have yet to complete all of the program requirements and therefore there are no successful completions at this time.

DESCRIPTION OF YOUTH SERVED

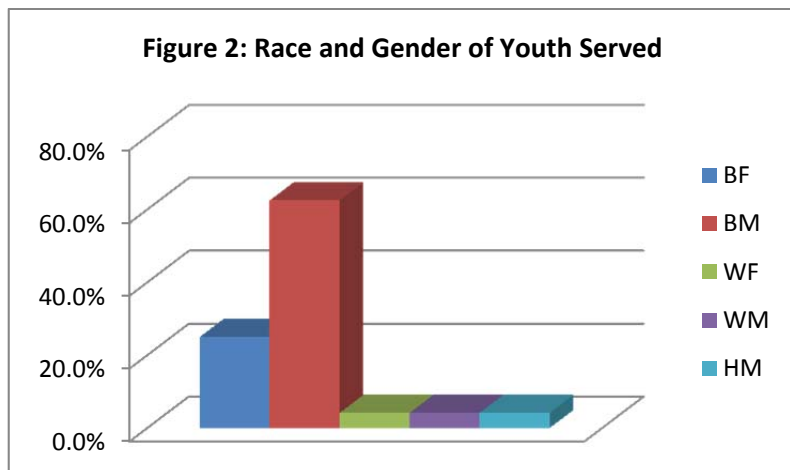
A total of 24 youth were served, 96% of the number planned. The youth ranged in age from 12 through 16, with nine (37.5%) age 15 and 16, six (25%) age 14, seven (29.1%) age 12 and 13, and two (8.3%) unknown. (See Table 1 and Figure 1)

Table 1: Age of Youth at Entry into Program		
	GY 2015	
	#	%
12	2	8.3%
13	5	20.8%
14	6	25.0%
15	8	33.3%
16	1	4.2%
Unk	2	8.3%
Total	24	100.0%



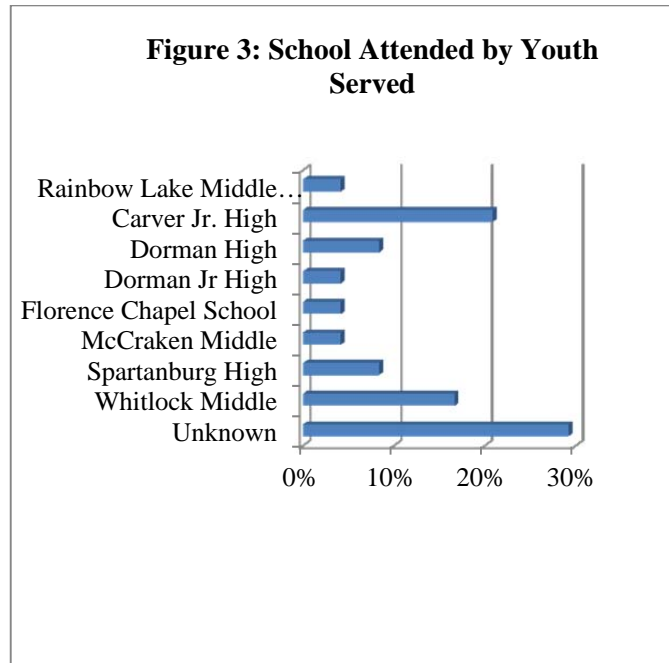
Of the 24 youth, seven (29.2%) are female and 17 (70.8%) are male. Twenty one (87.5%) are African-American, two (8.3%) are white and one (4.2%) is Hispanic. (See Table 2 and Figure 2)

Table 2: Race and Gender of Youth Served		
	GY 2015	
	#	%
Black Female	6	25.0%
Black Male	15	62.5%
White Female	1	4.2%
White Male	1	4.2%
Hispanic Male	1	4.2%
Total	24	100.0%



The 24 youth attend eight different schools in the Spartanburg community. (See Table 3 and Figure 3)

Table 3: School Attended by Youth		
School	GY2015	
	#	%
Boiling Springs Middle	1	4.8%
Broome High	1	4.8%
Cowpens Middle	1	4.8%
Dorman High	5	14.3%
Dorman Jr. High	2	9.5%
E.P.Todd	1	4.8%
Middle/Homeschool	1	4.8%
McCracken Middle	1	4.8%
Spartanburg High	9	33.3%
Whitlock Middle	1	9.5%
Unknown	2	9.5%
Total	24	100.0%



PROGRESS TOWARD PROJECT OBJECTIVES

During the project period, October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015, the Project Director, MPO Reginal Spurgeon, with help from personnel in the Spartanburg Department of Public Safety, continued to work to complete the following grant objectives:

1. *During the grant period, there will be an increased capacity to serve status offenders through the receipt of Grant funds to implement the graduated sanctions program, as well as in-kind and other funding.*

Findings: Local capacity has increased due to combining efforts with the Spartanburg Youth Violence Reduction Initiative and other sources. In-kind and direct funding has been contributed by the local community: DJJ contributes office space and DJJ staff assist the Project Director in monitoring the youth; all speakers for the summer program were volunteers; off-duty police officers assist with the program; Spartanburg Community Foundation contributed \$1,500 toward the expenses of the summer program. The project met this objective.

2. *During the grant period, the number of youth served in the program for status offenders will be at least 25 youth. This is an unduplicated count.*

Findings: Twenty four youth have been served during the seven months of operations, which is 96% of the numbers planned. Due to the delays in implementation, the 24 youth who entered have yet to complete all of the requirements and therefore there are no successful completions to report at this time. All current youth are expected to complete the program in the 2015-2016 grant year. More youth will be enrolled during the next grant period. It is anticipated that the program will serve at least 25 youth during the next grant period. However, the program has not met this objective at this time.

3. *During the grant period, there will be an increased accountability in the program due to the number and percent of youth who complete the program requirements. It is projected that at least 18 of 25 youth, which is 70%, will complete the program requirements.*

During this grant period, none of the cases completed the requirements successfully by the end of the grant year. This is due to the program implementation being delayed. All cases are projected for a successful completion in the 2015-2016 grant year. Therefore, the project did not meet this objective.

4. *During the grant period, the delinquency rate of youth being served in the program will be 30% or less. (The number and percent of program youth who were rearrested or seen at juvenile court or have a new offense will be determined from police and juvenile court records.)*

Findings: The Project Director entered and tracked the re-offenses of all participating youth through the project database. During the grant year, none of the youth served were re-arrested (0%). Therefore, the project exceeded this objective.

5. *During the grant period, 100% of juveniles served will have an increased number of supervision meetings in the form of face-to-face visits and phone contacts.*

Findings: During the grant period, there were a total of 344 face to face visits or phone contacts for the 24 youth enrolled. These included seven event sessions that were conducted by volunteers, off duty law enforcement officers, community resources and consultants who provided particular curricula. A more detailed copy of these events may be found in Appendix One. All 24 (100%) of the youth who were enrolled had face to face contacts and/or phone contacts with an average of 43.02 hours per youth. Therefore, the project met this objective.

6. *During the grant period, 100% of youth served will have a behavioral contract or a contract from the court.*

Findings: During the grant period, all 24 clients were on behavioral contracts. None of these juveniles were required to go before a judge during the grant period. Therefore, the project met this objective.

7. *During the grant period, participating youth will be exposed to at least 4 different programs/initiatives*

Findings: A Wrap Services contract was signed on May 21, 2015. (See Appendix Two for a copy of the contract.) These services began on June 18, 2015 and include a range of behavioral and supportive interventions. No information was made available about the exact number or types of supportive wrap services provided to participants. The following data is for group services. During the grant period there were seven face to face group sessions provided which covered a variety of topics. (See Appendix One for calendar.) Twelve of the 24 youth (50%) attended one or more of these sessions for a total of 49 hours and an average of 9.43 youth at each session. In addition, the project provided individual monitoring. Therefore, the project met this objective.

Table 4: Event Session Information				
EventID	Event Title	Date	Hours	# Youth Attended
1	Program Overview and Expectations, Bullying Video	6/18/2015	7	11
2	Food Hub Garden and Scavenger Hunt	6/25/2015	7	11
3	Cowpens Battlefield and Strawberry Hill tour	7/9/2015	7	9
4	Dellfrio Tour, Sullivan 7 th Circuit	7/16/2015	7	9
5	Youth Challenge Team Building	7/23/2015	7	9
6	Birth Matters and Spart. Airport Tour	7/30/2015	7	8
7	Optimist Acres, Fishing, Birth Matters	8/6/2015	7	9
Total Hours			49	
Avg. # of Youth Per Session				9.43

8. *During the grant period, 100% of youth served will be monitored according to the terms of their behavioral contract.*

Findings: During the grant period, 100% of the 24 youth who had a behavioral contract were monitored accordingly. The Project Manager and DJJ staff monitored the participating youth. All 24 of the youth who were enrolled had face to face contacts and/or phone contacts with an average of 43.02 hours per youth. Therefore, the project met this objective

9. *During the grant period, the percentage of non-complaint events as compared to total number youth are required to complete will be 25% or less.*

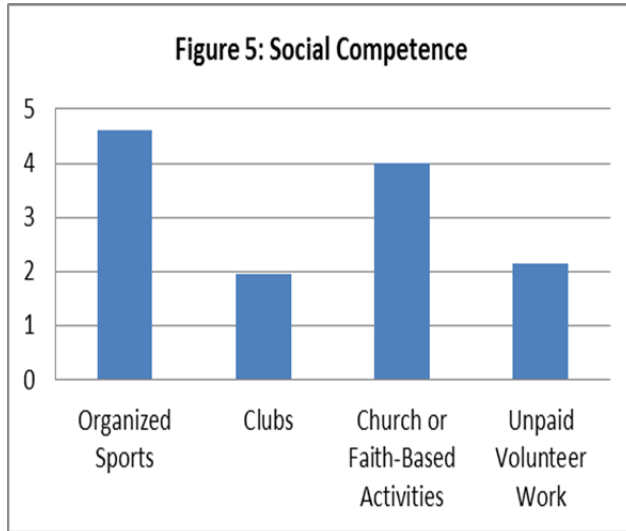
Findings: The number of reported noncompliant events was zero, which is less than the target stated in the objective. Therefore, the project exceeded this objective.

10. *During the grant period, youth will exhibit an improvement in social competence/or ability to achieve personal goals in social interaction while maintaining positive relationships with others over time and across situations.*

Findings: Evaluators developed a custom pre and post-test survey for the project. (See Appendix Three for copy of survey.) The survey uses items from the SAMSHA question pool to assess risk factors such as social competence. The pre-test survey was administered at the beginning of services. The post test is to be administered to participants at the completion of the program. Since implementation of the program was delayed, none of the participants have completed post-test at this time. Below are the results of the pre-test only, which will form a baseline measure. In addition, the Case Manager monitored student behavior in school and in the community. None of the 24 youth re-offended during the grant period

Twenty-four total youth participated in the program. Pre- test survey data is available for 21 youth. Of the youth who took the pre-test the average score for Social Competence was a 3.18, which is between *Once in a While* and *At Least Once a Month*. (See Table 5 and Figure 5) Because only pre-test data was available, this objective could not be measured at this time and was not met.

Table 5: Social Competence Pre-Test		
In the past 6 months, how often did you participate in the following activities?		
	# of Participants Completed	Average Response
Organized Sports	21	4.62
Clubs	21	1.95
Church or Faith-Based Activities	21	4
Unpaid Volunteer Work	21	2.14
Average	21	3.18



11. *During the grant period, there will be an increase in the number of youth who exhibit an improvement in school attendance.*

Findings: Current year school attendance data was only available for a small number of the youth served by the project, and with no past school year data to do a comparison, conclusions regarding this objective cannot be made.

12. *During the grant period, there will be an increase in the number of youth who exhibit an increase in GPA during the report period.*

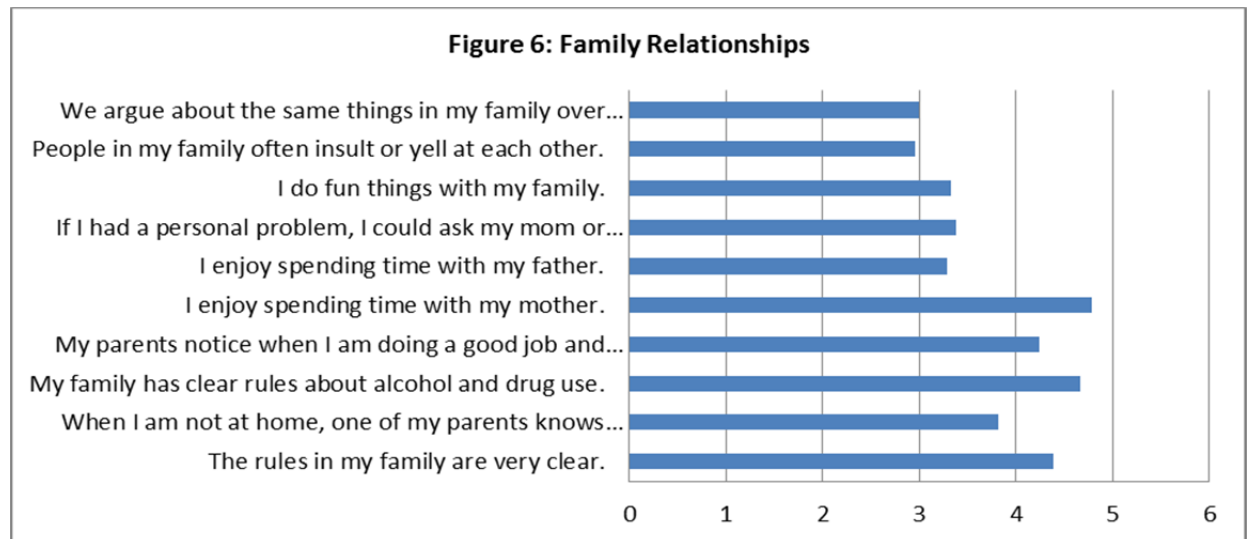
Findings: Current year GPA data was only available for a small number of the youth served by the project, and with no past GPA data to do a comparison, conclusions regarding this objective cannot be made.

13. *During the grant period, there will be an increase in the number and percent of youth who exhibit an improvement in family relationships during the reporting period.*

Findings: Evaluators developed a custom pre and post-test survey for the project. (See Appendix Three for copy of survey.) The survey uses items from the SAMSHA question pool to assess risk factors such as family relationships. The pre-test survey was administered at the beginning of services. The post test is to be administered to participants at the completion of the program. Since implementation of the program was delayed none of the participants have completed the post-test at this time. Below are the results of the pre-test only.

Twenty-four total youth participated in the program. Pre- test survey data is available for 21 youth. Of the youth who took the pre-test the average score for Family Relationships was 3.75, which is between *Can't Decide* and *Agree*. (See Table 6 and Figure 6) Because only pre-test data was available this objective could not be measured at this time.

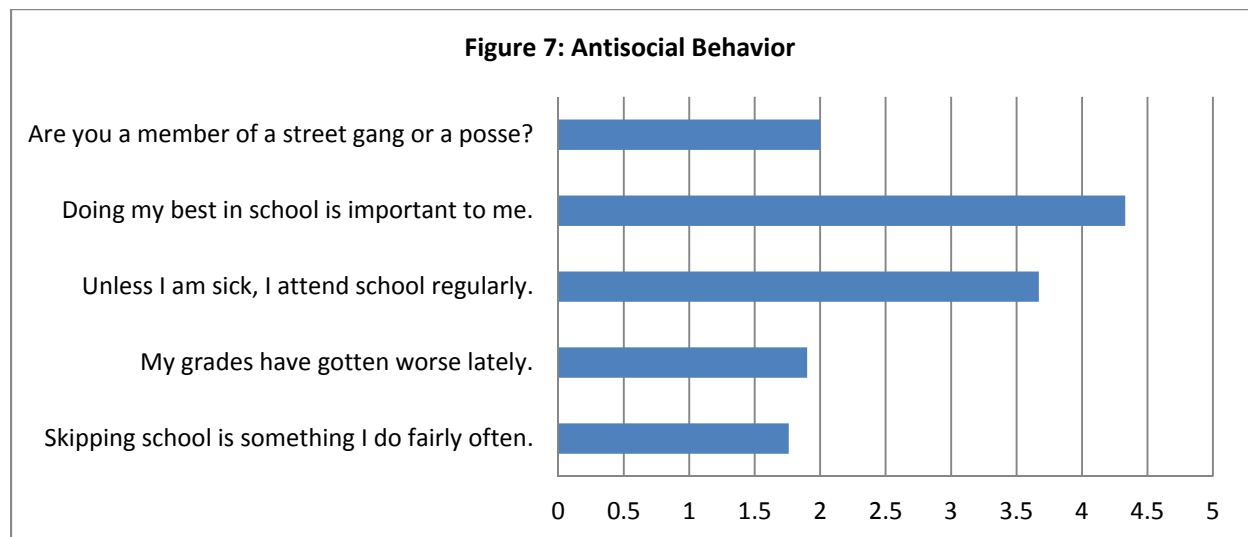
Table 6: Family Relationships Pre-Test		
How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?		
	# of Participants Completed	Average Response
The rules in my family are very clear.	21	4.38
When I am not at home, one of my parents knows where I am and who I am with.	21	3.81
My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.	21	4.66
My parents notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.	21	4.24
I enjoy spending time with my mother.	21	4.78
I enjoy spending time with my father.	21	3.29
If I had a personal problem, I could ask my mom or dad for help.	21	3.38
I do fun things with my family.	21	3.33
People in my family often insult or yell at each other.	21	2.95
We argue about the same things in my family over and over.	21	3
Average	21	3.75



14. During the grant period, there will be a decrease in the number and percent of youth who exhibit antisocial behavior.

Findings: The Project Manager and DJJ staff have closely monitored current enrollees during the summer months and will continue to do so during the coming school year. All information regarding school disciplinary records and subsequent legal offenses will be entered into the project database. In addition to monitoring school discipline and law enforcement data, the custom youth pre-post survey includes questions about gang involvement as a surrogate for antisocial behavior. Additional items on the survey ask about school attendance and attitudes. Only pre test data can be reported at this time. (See Table 7 and Figure 7 below) This will form a baseline for measuring change during the next project year. The project has not met this objective.

Table 7: Antisocial Behavior Pre-Test		
How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?		
	# of Participants Completed	Average Response
Skipping school is something I do fairly often.	21	1.76
My grades have gotten worse lately.	21	1.9
Unless I am sick, I attend school regularly.	21	3.67
Doing my best in school is important to me.	21	4.33
Are you a member of a street gang or a posse?	20	2



15. During the grant, the number of youth who are sanctioned for not participating in activities will be less than 20%.

Findings: The number of youth reported to be sanctioned for not participating in activities was zero, which is 0%. This is less than the projected percentage. Therefore, the project exceeded this objective.

16. During the grant period, the number of children who are victimized during the grant period will be less than 20%.

Findings: Of the 24 youth who participated in this project, zero were reported to be victimized during the grant period. Therefore, the project exceeded this objective.

CONCLUSIONS

The Spartanburg Reduced Crime for Status Offenders Project met five of the 16 project objectives (Objectives 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8) and exceeded four (Objectives 4, 9, 15 and 16). Seven of the objectives (Objectives 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) were not met or not able to be measured at this time, due, in part to the delay in project implementation and the project not in operation during the school year. The data gathered on participating youth will form a baseline for measuring next year's progress toward objectives. Staff expect to enroll the projected number of youth for the next year and to demonstrate progress toward many of the other objectives.

The project has made a strong start in mobilizing local resource and in carrying out services for the youth enrolled.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The project staff should continue to work toward objectives in Year Two with emphasis on obtaining post test data on youth who complete the program, as well as school and behavioral data.

**APPENDIX ONE:
CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

2015 Youth Empowerment Summer Program Schedule

This is a seven week program. At this time some activities still tentative as we continue to contact people. Hours are 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Each day, youth will be provided a light snack of a breakfast bar, crackers, chips, and lunch. All meetings at the Community College will be in Room 321.

June 18, 2015- This is the opening session. We will discuss expectations of the program.

8:00 a.m. – Discussion of rules, expectations, and the journal.

Randy Hardy will do the explanation for the journal.

Doris Boozer will do the expectation for the youth she serves.

Terry Hall for Reggie Spurgeon on expectations.

8:45 a.m. – Chief Alonzo Thompson speaks to youth - confirmed

9:30 a.m. –Bullying Video and Discussion

10:30 a.m. – Captain Art Littlejohn – Stretching, exercise, and discussion on living healthy-confirmed

11:15 a.m. – Judge Erica McJimpsey

12:00 – Lunch – Subway – Sgt Raines confirmed. We will call with the number to feed that morning. 585-0133 – Matt (pick up boxes)

1:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. Chapman Cultural Center Tour – Janice 583-2776

June 25, 2015

8:00 a.m. Arrive

8:30 a.m. Food Hub Garden

9:45 a.m. Scavenger Hunt – Lt. Tim Suber

11:45 a.m. Mr Gatti's

1:15 p.m. Judy Seig, Spartanburg Community College -confirmed

2:15 p.m. Mitch Kennedy - Confirmed

July 9, 2015

8:00 a.m. – Morning snack. Complete journal from the previous day.

8:45 a.m. – Leave for the Cowpens Battlefield. (461-2828)

9:30 a.m. – Cowpens Battlefield. Fiber Optic Map

10:00 a.m. – Film

10: 30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Walk (Officer requested)

12:00 – Strawberry Hill – You have reservations to eat lunch. Restaurant is 461-4000.

1:00 p.m. Strawberry Hill Tour – Bethanie is the contact. Phone is 461-3000 (Confirmed).

July 16, 2015

8:00 a.m. Arrive

8:30 a.m. –Leave for Dellfrio Tour.

10:00 a.m. – Churchbuilders – Eat lunch there

12:00 - Monarch Café for discussion

1:30 p.m. –Valerie Sullivan, Seventh Circuit –2:15 p.m.

– Major Littlejohn – stretching before going home.

July 23, 2015

8:00 a.m. – Instructions of the day and snack.

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Darryl Goodwin – Youth Challenge Team Building

Mary H. Wright Greenway Park

In case of rain, the gym at the Spartanburg Community College is reserved.

Lunch: Lee Raines is helping.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Birth Matters – Marissa will teach

July 30, 2015

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Birth Matters – Marissa will teach.

11:00 a.m. - Lunch – Fuddrucker..

12:15 p.m. Soup Kitchen

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Spartanburg Downtown Airport Tour

August 6, 2015

8:00 a.m. Arrive

Leave immediately for Optimist Acres.

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Clean-up of the property.

9:30 until lunch is fishing

11:30 -12:30 Lunch

12:30 -2:30 is Birth Matters This is the time we are trying to change.

**APPENDIX TWO:
WRAP SERVICES CONTRACT**

**APPENDIX THREE:
YOUTH SURVEY**