

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG REDUCED CRIME
FOR STATUS OFFENDERS PROJECT
(GRANT NUMBERS 1J12005 and 1J13004)**

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**FINAL REPORT FOR GRANT YEAR 2015-2016
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 - Consequences for actions
 - Leadership
 - Peer Pressure
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 - Problem Solving
 - Accomplishments Discussion

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It is recommended that the project staff should continue to work toward objectives in Year Three and continue to gather and record complete pre and post data on participants. They should work

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This report covers the second year of this project. 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

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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 Forrester Center, formerly named 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 2016 may be found in Appendix One)

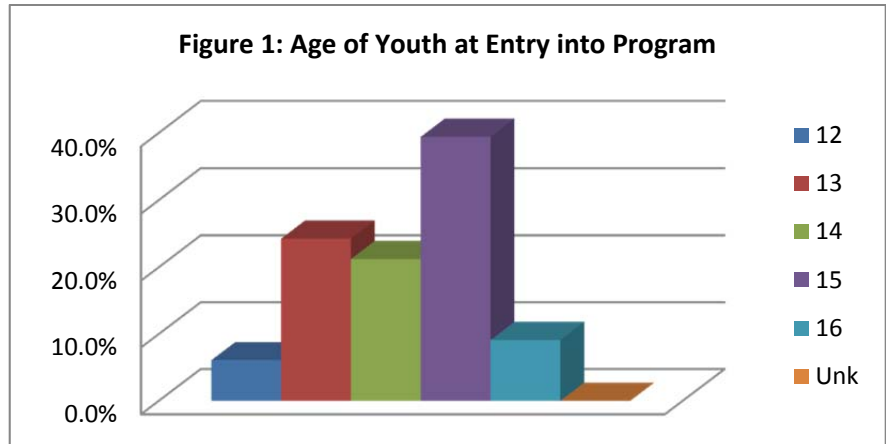
This program operated throughout the 2015-2016 school year, with Project Coordinator MPO Reginald Spurgeon, assisted by DJJ staff, monitoring participants, tracking school and other required activities and providing wrap services to youth and families through YAP.

Because of a delay in getting started during the first year, no comparison could be done for the Year One report. The current Year Two report will use Year One data as a baseline.

DESCRIPTION OF YOUTH SERVED

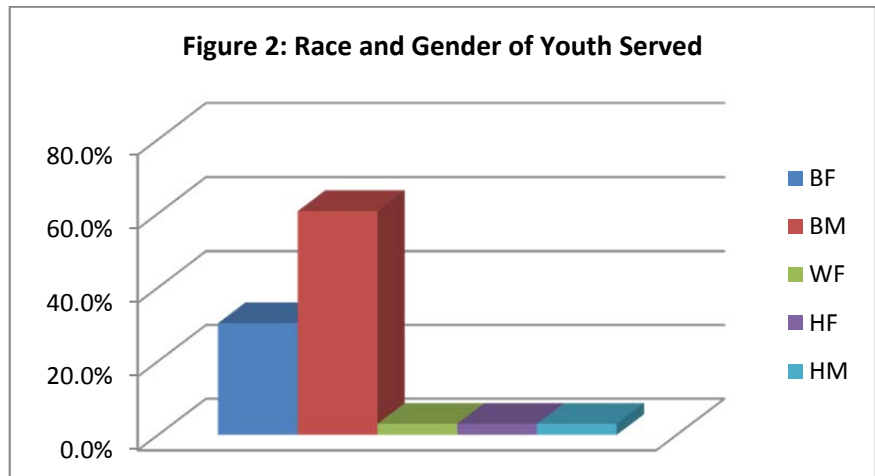
A total of 33 youth were served, 132% of the number planned. Twenty three youth were carried over from the 2014-2015 grant year and 10 youth were new in 2015-2016. The youth ranged in age from 12 through 16, with thirteen (48.5%) age 15 and 16, seven (21.2%) age 14, and ten (30.3%) age 12 and 13 (See Table 1 and Figure 1).

Table 1: Age of Youth at Entry into Program		
	GY 2016	
	#	%
12	2	6.1%
13	8	24.2%
14	7	21.2%
15	13	39.4%
16	3	9.1%
Unk	0	0.0%
Total	33	100.0%



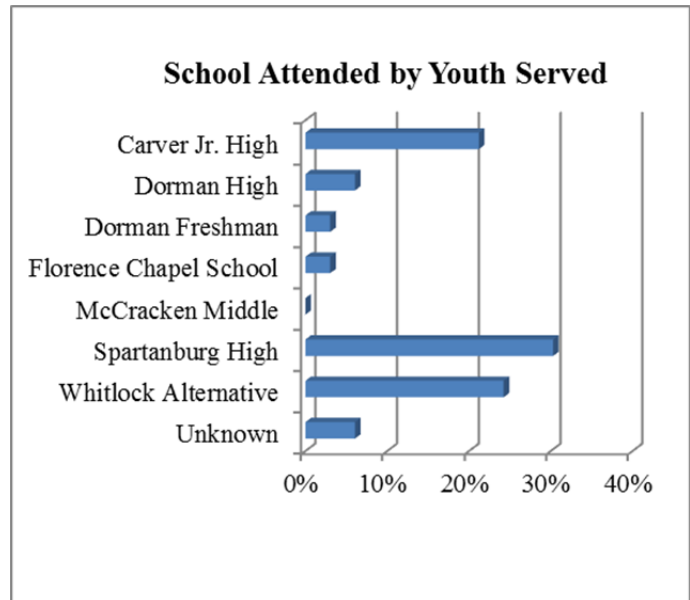
Of the 33 youth, twenty one (63.6%) are male and 12 (36.3%) are female. Thirty (90.9%) are African-American, one (3.0%) is white and two (6.0%) are Hispanic (See Table 2 and Figure 2).

Table 2: Race and Gender of Youth Served		
	GY 2016	
	#	%
Black Female	10	30.3%
Black Male	20	60.6%
White Female	1	3.0%
Hispanic Female	1	3.0%
Hispanic Male	1	3.0%
Total	33	100.0%



The 33 youth attend eight different schools in the Spartanburg community. (See Table 3 and Figure 3).

Table 3: School Attended by Youth		
School	GY2015	
	#	%
E P Todd Middle School	2	6.1%
Carver Jr. High	7	21.2%
Dorman High	2	6.1%
Dorman Freshman	1	3.0%
Florence Chapel School	1	3.0%
McCracken Middle	0	0.0%
Spartanburg High	10	30.3%
Whitlock Alternative	8	24.2%
Unknown	2	6.1%
Total	33	6.1%



PROGRESS TOWARD PROJECT OBJECTIVES

During the project period, October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016, 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, in part, by combining efforts with the Spartanburg Youth Violence Reduction Initiative and other sources. The community and local businesses contributed in-kind and direct funding: BMW provided free plant tour tickets; several restaurants and local attractions provided deep discounts; the City of Spartanburg covered participant lunch and snack costs totaling more than \$700, plus purchasing notebooks and other supplies... DJJ contributes office space for MPO Surgeon, and his salary, phone and other related costs are covered by other funds. DJJ staff assist the Project Director in monitoring the youth and off-duty police officers assist with the summer program by providing transportation, youth mentoring and supervision. All speakers for the summer program were volunteers. 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: Thirty three youth have been served during the 2015-2016 grant year, which is 132% of the numbers planned. Due to the delays in implementation in the first year, 23 youth who entered in the 2014-2015 grant year were carried over to this year. Ten new youth were enrolled in the program during the 2015-2016 grant year. Therefore, the program has met this objective.

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.*

Findings: Thirty three youth have been served during the 2015-2016 grant year, which is 132% of the numbers planned. Due to the delays in implementation in the first year 23 youth who entered in the 2014-2015 grant year were carried over to this year. Seventeen of those youth carried over have completed the program successfully and two did not successfully complete the program. Four carry over youth are still enrolled. Ten new youth were enrolled in the program during the 2015-2016 grant year. Out of the 10 youth that were enrolled during this current grant

year, one completed successfully and two did not successfully complete the program. Seven are still currently participating. There are 11 total youth still active in the program. Of those who were active during the year, 22 youth could have successfully completed the program. Eighteen of those youth completed the program successfully, which is 81.8%. Therefore, the program has met this objective (See Table 4).

Table 4: Youth Enrollment				
	#Youth	Completed Successfully 15-16	Completed Unsuccessfully 15-16	Still Active in Program
Carried Over From 2014-2015	23	17	2	4
Enrolled in 2015-2016	10	1	2	7
Total	33	18	4	11

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 tracked and entered the re-offenses of all participating youth through the project database. During the grant year, three of the 33 youth served were re-arrested (9.1%), which is less than the target of 30%. Therefore, the project has met 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 776 face to face visits or phone contacts for the 33 youth enrolled. These included eight 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 33 (100%) of the youth who were enrolled had face to face contacts and/or phone contacts with an average of 41.89 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 33 clients were on behavioral contracts. 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 with the Youth Alternative Program (See Appendix Two for a copy of the contract.). Services for the grant year began on June 16, 2016 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 during Year Two. The following data is for group services. During the grant period there were eight face to face group sessions provided which covered a variety of topics. (See Appendix One for calendar.) Sixteen of the 33 youth (48.5%) attended one or more of these sessions for a total of 51 hours and an average of 8.88 youth at each session. In addition, the project provided individual monitoring. Therefore, the project met this objective (See Table 5).

Table 5: Event Session Information				
EventID	Event Title	Date	Hours	# Youth Attended
8	Program Overview and Spar. Stamp and Sign Comp.	6/16/2016	6	8
9	BMW Tour	6/23/2016	6	11
10	Cowpens Battlefield, Fiber Optic Map	6/30/2016	6	7
11	Youth Challenge Team Building	7/14/2016	7	10
12	Halter Community Services and Ed.	7/21/2016	6	7
13	Scavenger Hunt, Birth Matters	7/28/2016	7	10
14	Downtown Airport Tour	8/4/2016	7	10
15	Optimist Acres	8/11/2016	6	8
	Total Hours		51	
	Avg. # of Youth Per Session			8.88

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 33 youth who had a behavioral contract were monitored accordingly. The Project Manager and DJJ staff monitored the participating youth. All 33 of the youth who were enrolled had face to face contacts and/or phone contacts with an average of 41.89 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.*

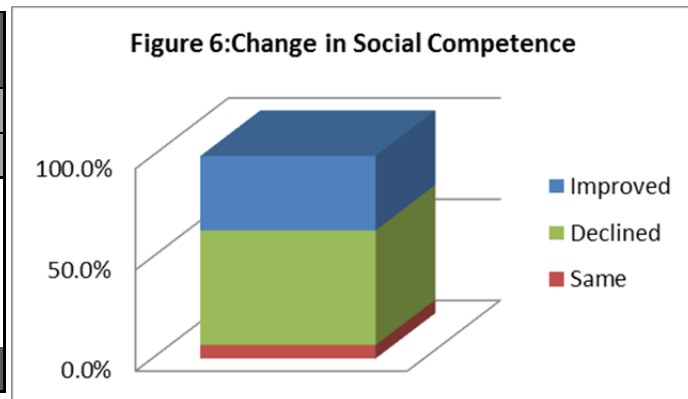
Findings: The number of reported noncompliant events was zero, which is less than the target stated in the objective. Therefore, the project exceeded this objective.

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 or current grant cycle.

Thirty three total youth participated in the program this current grant year. Pre and Post test survey data is available for 30 youth. Of the youth who took the pre and post test 11 (36.7%) improved, 2 (6.7%) stayed the same and 17 (56.7%) declined (See Table 6 and Figure 6). Therefore, this objective was not met.

Table 6: Pre- and Post-Test Scores in Social Competence		
	GY 2016	
	#	%
Improved	11	36.7%
Same	2	6.7%
Declined	17	56.7%
Total	30	100%



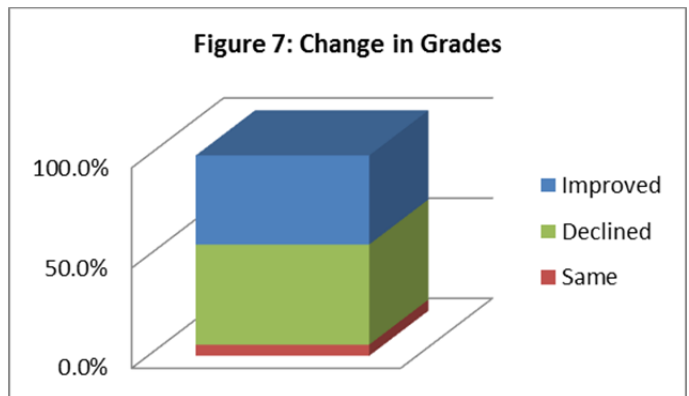
11. *During the grant period, there will be an increase in the number of youth who exhibit an improvement in school attendance.*

Findings: Though school attendance data was provided for some of the youth, the data provided was not reliable due to the fact that attendance data is not kept and recorded in a uniform way throughout the district. Therefore, showing a change in attendance was not possible at this time. 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: Youth school grades were obtained at entry and exit of the program. Entry and exit data were available for 18 of the 33 youth enrolled. Of those youth 8 (44.4%) improved, 1 (5.6%) stayed the same and 9 (50%) declined (See Table 7 and Figure 7). Therefore, this objective was not met.

Table 7: Pre- and Post-Test Scores in GPA/Grades		
	GY 2016	
	#	%
Improved	8	44.4%
Same	1	5.6%
Declined	9	50.0%
Total	18	100%

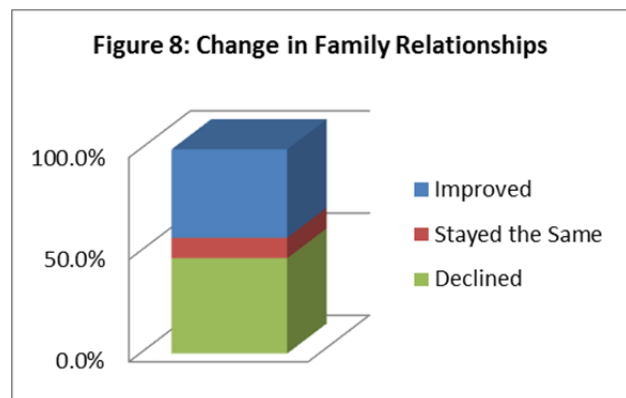


13. *During the grant period, there will be an increase in the number and percent of youth who exhibit an improvement in family relationships during the reporting period.*

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 or end of current grant cycle.

Thirty three total youth participated in the program this current grant year. Pre and Post test survey data is available for 30 youth. Of the youth who took the pre and post test 13 (43.3%) improved, 3 (10%) stayed the same and 14 (46.7%) declined (See Table 8 and Figure 8). Therefore, this objective was not met

Table: 8 Pre- and Post-Test Scores in Family Relationships		
	#	%
Improved	13	43.3%
Stayed the Same	3	10.0%
Declined	14	46.7%
Total	30	100%

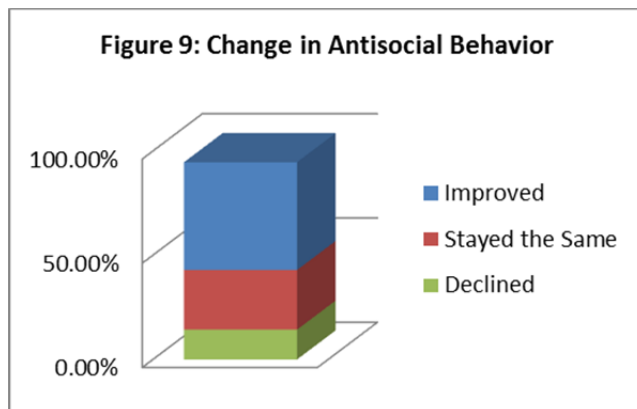


14. *During the grant period, there will be a decrease in the number and percent of youth who exhibit antisocial behavior.*

Findings: The Project Manager and DJJ staff have closely monitored current enrollees during the grant year. All information regarding school disciplinary records and subsequent legal offenses was entered into the project database. Though some disciplinary data was provided for the youth, the data provided was not reliable due to the fact that discipline data is not kept and recorded in a uniform way throughout the district. Therefore, showing a change in discipline through school records was not possible at this time. 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.

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Table 9: Pre- and Post-Test Scores in Antisocial Behavior		
	GY 2016	
	#	%
Improved	14	51.70%
Stayed the Same	4	28.60%
Declined	7	14.30%
Total	30	100%



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 one, which is 3.0%. 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 33 youth who participated in this project, zero were reported to be victimized during the grant period. Therefore, the project exceeded this objective.

CONCLUSIONS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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**APPENDIX ONE:
CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

2016 Youth Empowerment Program Schedule

This is an eight week program. At this time some activities are still tentative as we continue to contact people. Hours are 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Each day you will be provided with a light snack of granola bar, crackers, or chips in the morning and lunch. Most meetings will be at the Spartanburg Community College in Room 323.

June 16, 2016 – This is the opening session. We will discuss expectations of the program.

8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Snacks and get t-shirts

8:30 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. Expectations, review schedule, rules, and discussion. (Major Art Littlejohn, Lieutenant Tim Suber, Doris Boozer and Reginald Spurgeon.

9:15 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Judge Erica McJimpsey (confirmed by Joyce Lipscomb).

10:00 a.m. -10:15 a.m. – Break

10:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. Valerie Sullivan, Shoplifting (Confirmed by Doris Boozer)

11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Lunch Subway (Lee will check)

1:00 p.m. Spartan Stamp and Sign Company (Confirmed by Randy Hardy. Contact is Marion Tisdale, Jr. Phone 583-4578)

June 23, 2016 –

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Arrive and snacks

8:30 a.m. (question would you want Mullinax to do traffic program)

9:30 a.m. Leave for BMW.

10:30 a.m Arrive at BMW

10:45 a.m. Tour

12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. Eat at Chick Fil A

1:30 p.m. Dellfrio – Contact is David Piccuto. Chris Banks confirmed.

June 30, 2016 –

8:00 a.m. –Morning Snack and complete Journals from the previous dates.

8:45 a.m. – Leave for the Cowpens Battlefield (Confirmed by Joyce Lipscomb. Margo is the contact at 461-2828)

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

10:00 a.m. Film

10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Walk the Trails

12:00 Noon Strawberry Hill Reservation to eat by calling 461-4000

1:00 p.m. Strawberry Hill Tour – Bethanie at 461-3000 (Confirmed by Joyce)

July 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Snacks and Journals

8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Youth Challenge Team Building

Duncan Park by Darryl Goodwin, Parks and Recreation Employee
Lunch at Cici Pizza. Randy and Chris have confirmed. Contact at Cici is Clay Taylor

July 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. Snacks and Journals

8:30 a.m. Leave for Halter

8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Halter – Community Service and Education
(Doris Boozer confirmed)

11:30 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. – Wild Wings (Will ask Lee to check on this)

1:00 p.m. Chapman Cultural Center – Need to check on pottery class

July 28, 2016

8:00 a.m. Snacks and Journals

8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Scavenger Hunt, Lieutenant Tim Suber

Lieutenant Suber confirmed Mr. Gattis

11:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Mr. Gattis

12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Birth Matters

August 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Arrive, Journals, and Discuss

8:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon Birth Matters

Lunch 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fuddruckers Randy and Chris will check

1:30 p.m. until 2:30 Downtown Airport Tour (Chris has confirmed with Josh Shackley at 804.7939.

August 11, 2016

Optimist Acres (Randy confirmed from Mike McNelis, 680-6567 or 582-2726. I will send a copy to Fire. Deputy Chief will help with food.

**APPENDIX TWO:
WRAP SERVICES CONTRACT**

**APPENDIX THREE:
YOUTH SURVEY**