

# G.U.P.P.Y



Green County United Prevention Professionals for Youth

## GUPPY (Green County United Prevention Professionals for Youth)

**Mission:** To provide awareness and support youth in our community

**Vision:** A community coming together to empower youth through promotion of healthy relationships and positive behaviors

### Meeting Information

Monday, March 5th 2024, 2:30-4:00pm

### Minutes

1. Update on SAMHSA Partnership for Success Grant – Kathy & Jess
  - Grant was submitted and they should hear back by the last week in August.
2. Budget: Spent \$39.50 on more snacks and tableware. New balance is \$778.74
3. Presentation on Youth Justice – Jamie Pusel, Green County CYF Case Worker
  - If a youth gets referred to youth justice the worker will meet with the family and review what happened during an intake process. During this time, they will also do a screening tool called the Yasi which determines the strengths and risk factors of a youth. Depending on this meeting the worker will either:
    1. Counsel and close the case
    2. Do a Deferred Prosecution Agreement which is generally 6months to a year and works with the court system
    3. Have a consent decree in severe cases. This is where sanctions can happen
  - The youth justice system is no longer punitive but instead is rehabilitative. The worker has 40 days to decide, and they can collaborate with other people at times such as schools and therapists. Other points: When a youth is 17 they are charged as an adult. Last year there were about 100 referrals and so far, this year there are around 30. Most of the crime's seen are disorderly conduct, vapes, and possession of THC. However, there are other offenses as well.
  - A question was asked about the needs of the community that Human Services sees and the responses were: Respite providers are needed, more foster parents, mentoring (specifically for teens), mental health services and groups for teens.
4. Subcommittee Conversations & Reporting Out – All
  - It was discussed that subcommittees will be most beneficial/make the most sense with outside meetings for anyone willing to join. A point person will be established to schedule those meetings and report out during GUPPY meetings.
    - Mentoring-Jen will be the point person going forward. Jamie Pusel and Jessica Marass were on this team. Katie reached out to Big Brothers Big Sisters and they do serve youth up to 15. They need Bigs as they have a waitlist of 20 kids. They are also willing to help with premade matches if needed
    - LAUNCH-Bridget just got done leading a team. They worked on youth mental health issues around screen time and social media. The LAUNCH team will be

presenting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Bridget will report out to GUPPY after on how it went. Mary will be the point person for the next group

- Website: No one was identified to take this group at this meeting as two of the representatives were not in attendance. Will follow up at the next meeting to see if there is interest or if we will put it on hold

#### 5. Intentional Networking – All

- Green County Healthy Coalition will be doing a community needs assessment and working with a contractor. They will have stakeholder interviews, a kick off event, and more. Please participate when you see more information!
- Better Brodhead's Open House went well. They have 60ish people and a great speaker. They have a suicide prevention training called ASSIST coming up in April for anyone who wants to sign up!
- Public Health has an open house on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11-2. Please attend!

Schedule 2024 Meeting Days: First Monday of every Month 2:30-4pm  
(No Meetings June, July or August)

April 1st

May 6th

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> (Second Monday due to Labor Day)

Oct. 7th

Nov. 4th

Dec. 2nd