



MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

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RECLAIMING FUTURES



Communities helping teens overcome drugs, alcohol and crime.

An Update

Montgomery County Commission Meeting

April 15, 2008

Our Beginnings



- 1 of 10 Sites (Out of 280 Applicants) Chosen for Reclaiming Futures Initiative
- Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- \$1.25 Million over 5 years (2007)
- Develop Community-Based Solutions to Juvenile Substance Use and Delinquency
- Combine Systems Reforms, Treatment Improvement and Community Engagement



Our Leaders

Judicial Fellows

Judges Nick Kuntz and Anthony Capizzi

Justice Fellow

Eric Shafer, Court Probation Services

Treatment Fellows

Beverly Jones-Arthur, ADAMHS Board
John Goris, Samaritan Behavioral Health, Inc.

Community Fellow

Roma Stephens, City of Dayton

Project Director Fellow

Charlotte McGuire



Our Partners



Yaromir Steiner (second from right), CEO/Founder of The Greene, poses with Judge Nick Kuntz, RF Project Director Charlotte McGuire and Judge Anthony Capizzi during a luncheon to announce the 2007 Change For Charity recipients.

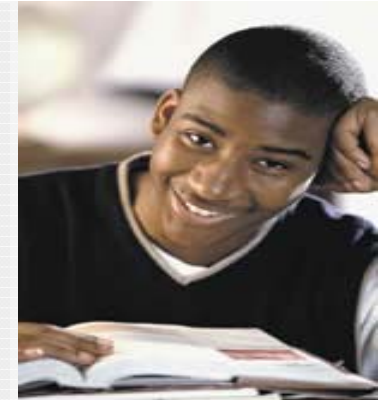
- City of Dayton, Recreation & Youth Services
- Montgomery County ADAMHS Board
- Montgomery County Mentoring Collaborative
- Montgomery County Natural Helper Volunteers
- Samaritan Behavioral Health Inc./Samaritan CrisisCare Center
- The Dayton Urban League
- United Way of Greater Dayton Area
- Wallace Foundation/Prevent Blindness Ohio

Our Challenge

- 6,000 Youth Referred to Montgomery County Juvenile Court each year
- 65% or more needed substance abuse and or mental health treatment
- Evidence-based practices for adolescent alcohol and drug treatment was not being utilized.
- Limited strength-based focus for integrated care across justice and treatment, and within the youth's life



Our Successes



- Added standard, validated short screen to detect youth entering Court system with AoD issues.
- 3,547 youth received AoD pre-screen in 2007,
- Partnered with ADAMHS and Public Health Department to develop and fund in-county Adolescent AoD Treatment Services,
- Trained staff and implemented evidence-based adolescent treatment models with primary Treatment agency.
- Trained Court, treatment providers and other partners in strength-based case management and motivational interviewing.
- Developed and implemented a Natural Helper Program, a volunteer citizen mentoring program, for Court youth - 141 trained and 192 youth served.
- Engaged Faith-Based Organizations in Natural Helper Program
- Leveraged \$10,700, individual and private sector donations for positive youth development activities.
- Modified Court information system to permit Treatment Provider data entry access.

Our Evaluation



- Chapin Hall Center for Children,
University of Chicago
- Urban Institute of Washington, DC
- Findings
 - Sociograms and the data confirm that Reclaiming Futures is helping to knit together stronger and more equitable, responsive systems of care

Our Survey

- 2005 Strategic Visioning, Inc. polled Montgomery County Registered Voters
- Finding: Majority support public funding of Reclaiming Future's approach (***treatment in lieu of incarceration***) to help teens overcome Drugs, Alcohol and Crime.



Our Next Steps



- Sustain Key Reclaiming Futures' Community Solutions [2-year Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant]
 - 1) Increase Evidence-Based Treatment Options By Training and Engaging Private Providers
 - 2) Sustain and expand the Natural Helper Mentoring Program
 - 3) Continue Comprehensive Community Relations Plan
 - 4) Improve Individualized Data Collection and Monitoring of Youth

Our Community Impact

■ Investing in Teens and Treatment

- ✓ Reduces Crimes
- ✓ Saves Money
- ✓ Creates Healthier/Safer Communities
- Lockup Costs substantially More Than Treatment



Our National Program Office

Goal: Spread Reclaiming Futures Model nationwide

■ New National Partners

- Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Administration
- National Institute of Justice

■ New Sites

■ 2008 – Added 3

- Hocking County, Ohio; Springfield, Missouri; Nassau County, New York

■ 2009 – Add 6

- North Carolina

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