

Life Opportunities, Inc.



CELEBRATION OVERVIEW

Purpose of Kick-off Celebration:

The purpose for the Kick off Celebration is twofold: 1) To provide detailed information about the Team Youth Initiative Program. 2) To orientate youth, parents and community partners about their roles in this endeavor.

Goals of Kick-of Celebration:

1. That those in attendance know about Life Opportunities Inc., and the Goals and Objectives of the Team Youth Initiative Program.
2. That at least 50% of the youth and parents attending the kick-off celebration participate in TYI orientation session.
3. That parents and youth attending orientation session are fully aware of their role and responsibilities in making TYI a success.
4. 15 youth are recruited as a result of Kick-off

CELEBRATION AGENDA

Organization overview and project background.....	Inez Coleman Life Opportunities Inc. - Executive Director
Overview of Team Mentoring Schedule.....	Ethel Clegg Life Opportunities Inc. – Board Member
Comments from Concerned Citizen.....	Thelma Major Coordinator - Dominique Johnson Afterschool Program
Closing Comments.....	Inez J. Coleman Life Opportunities Inc. – Executive Director

“Success is a journey, not a destination.”

-Ben Sweetland

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TEAM YOUTH INITIATIVE SCHEDULE & OVERVIEW

The Team Youth Initiative will meet twice a month at the Dominique Johnson Center at 101 Scrapetown Rd, Pemberton, and N.J from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. During each two hour session, time will be allotted for the following:

- Eating a healthy snack
- Beginning homework and tutoring sessions (if needed)
- Presentation

The following is the tentative schedule and overview for each presentation:

January 06, 2015.....Team Youth Initiative Kick-Off Celebration.

Overview:

To introduce the Team Youth Initiative program to youth, parents, community leaders and concerned citizens. The kick-off will serve as an opportunity to:

- Introduce Life Opportunities Inc. to the community
- Give Mission and Purpose of Team Youth Initiative
- Recruit youth participants, mentors & volunteers

January 20, 2015.....Speaker: Christina Roberts (Kids Against Bullying & Gangs)

Overview:

This session will focus on how peer pressure and dating violence impact our youth. The more our youth are informed the better choices they make.

February 03, 2015.....Speaker: Kyle Dixon – Kid Author (Jay Bubblebee)

The Jay Bubblebee series is proof positive of the power, potential, and entrepreneurial spirit that each child innately possesses.

February 17, 2015.....Speaker: Christina Roberts (Kids against Bullying & Gangs) 2nd half.

Overview:

This sessions will focus on how peer pressure and dating violence impact our youth.

March 03, 2015.....Speaker: Burlington County Sheriff Dept. – Gang Awareness

Overview:

This session will focus on how peer pressure impacts our youth.

March 17, 2015.....Speaker: Kathleen Sequeira (Obadi Ministry) Suicide Awareness

Overview:

This session will focus on ways to attempt to prevent suicide.

April 07, 2015.....Speakers: Paula Kosko (Pemberton Twp. Recreation Dept.) & James Creer (Dress to Impress)

Overview:

This session will focus on providing our youth participants with the tools and skill sets that are necessary when looking for employment.

April 21, 2015.....Speaker: Burlington County Health Department

Overview:

This session will focus on the importance of sex education and how it effects our youth today.

May 05, 2015.....Speaker: NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Health of NJ)

Overview:

This session will focus on mental health issues and how we can help individuals and families in our community who are affected by mental illness.

May 19, 2015.....Speaker: Megan McCann (TD Bank)

Overview:

This session will focus on financial literacy. “What to do with your money” besides spend it!

June 03, 2015.....Speaker: Caressa Sanford (Burlington County College) & Shadiera James (Former Student of BCC)

Overview:

This session will focus on options available when continuing your education.

June 16, 2015.....Speaker: Michael Williams, Entrepreneur, Radio Host (Side Beatz)

Overview:

This session will focus on the different avenues of working with music.

June 19, 2015.....Community Picnic 12pm to 4pm.

June 24, 2015.....Speaker: Michael Ritter (Department of Corrections) Project Pride

Overview:

The youth are invited to listen to juvenile inmates tell their stories and answer questions about “life behind bars” and the importance of making good choices.

July 1, 2015 – August 1, 2015.....Program Evaluation Period

Overview: During this period, the Life Opportunities staff and community partners will evaluate the success of the program.

