

PA YOUTH SURVEY (PAYS)



PAYS TASK FORCE MEETING
APRIL 15, 2015

Marilee Cassidy, K-12 Counseling Coordinator

Rob Scoboria, Assistant Superintendent

PAYS BACKGROUND INFORMATION



- Survey completed by BASD students in grades 8, 10 & 12 in Fall 2013
- Anonymous
- Statewide Initiative (Funded)
- Question areas on violence, bullying, drugs & alcohol and depression
- Results received in May 2014

Why did BASD participate in PAYS?



- Finding root causes of problems
- Youth reporting on their own experiences
- Ability to use information to help set District priorities
- Use information to connect District & Community resources

BASD PAYS Task Force



- Representatives from education, police, probation, community agencies, treatment providers, parents & community members
- Task Force met from June – September 2014

BASD PAYS Task Force Goals



- Consider the risks and protective factors identified by our youth in the PAYS Survey
- Understand the supports and services currently available in our community
- Identify ways to strengthen the supports and services in our community

Improvement Areas



- K-12 Education
- Communication/ Access to Services
- Law Enforcement & Community Education
- Safe Opportunities for Youth

UPDATE:

Group #1 – K-12 Education

Chairs: Stephanie Petri, JHE Assistant Principal



Maureen Siwik, JHE Counselor

- COCA Life Skills Training curriculum - Gr. 7
 - Implement 2015-2016
- Yoga for Girls
 - Implemented 2014-2015
- Grant application for elementary SAP pilot program
 - Response expected June 2015
 - Pilot at one elementary school in 2015-16, consider for all elementary schools in 2016-17

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- **Weller Center**
 - 8th Grade Health Classes
- **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) club at BASH**
 - New student club established 2014-15
 - 30 students in club
- **Peer Leadership**
 - Partnership with Anti-Defamation League

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For Faculty & Staff

- Youth Mental Health First Aid training (8 hours) is being offered in June for any interested faculty—messages about this will be sent to the nurses, school counselors & SAP teams
- “Talking to Grieving Students”—3 hour sessions being offered on April 2 (teachers) and August 19 for interested staff (professional & paraprofessional)
- Resiliency Speaker to all faculty – April 2
 - Partnership with PAHWF

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Group #2 – Communication/Access to Services

Chairs: Marilee Cassidy, K-12 Counseling Coordinator



Diane Lauer, Director, Wellness Council of Boyertown

- Positive messaging of PAYS results
 - Involve Students / work continues 2015-16
- “Bear Essentials” window decal
 - Wellness Council – Distributed 2014-15 to community
- MH/D&A information to parents & community
 - A Mother’s Voice – BASD/Multi-Service collaborative
 - Prescription Drug Abuse – Parent survival night JHE & JHW
 - Website Links

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Group #3 – Law Enforcement & Community Education

Chairs: Chief Leatherman – Boyertown, Chief McKeon - New Hanover



Robert Scoboria, Assistant Superintendent, BASD

- **Medication Drop Box**
 - Promotion & Update
 - BASD TV/ Letters / Townships
 - Increased collection achieved

- **Public Service Video**
 - Medication drop boxes and safe storage
 - Produced by BASH teacher and students
 - Expected completion May 2015
 - Will be shared with community

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Group #3 – Law Enforcement & Community Education

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- Monthly police/ BASD collaboration
 - All District police departments represented
- Truancy Reduction/ Dropout Prevention Initiative
- Explore funding for increased connection with police in schools
 - Explore grant funding

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Group #4 – Safe Opportunities for Youth

Chairs: Kristin Horton, GES Counselor



Karrie Showalter, Boyertown YMCA & Tessie Melchior

- Free Boyertown YMCA memberships for grade 7 students
- Salvation Army after school program
- Parent survey: interest in transportation for after school programs
 - Examples – Bowling, Community Center, Scouts
- Grant application for \$10,000 from PAHWF for after school transportation to YMCA
 - Response expected June 2015
 - Implement 2015-16

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Group #4 – Safe Opportunities for Youth

Chairs: Kristin Horton, GES Counselor



Karrie Showalter, Boyertown YMCA & Tessie Melchior

- Exploring YMCA staffed intermural programs for 2015-2016 at BASD schools
- What are other districts doing?
 - Types of activities
 - Club advisors: volunteer/paid
 - Transportation?

Next Steps



- Feedback from this meeting will be added to plan
- Groups will continue to work on identified projects
- BASD will participate in PAYS in Fall 2015
- BASD PAYS Task Force will meet in Fall 2015 and again when 2015 results are received