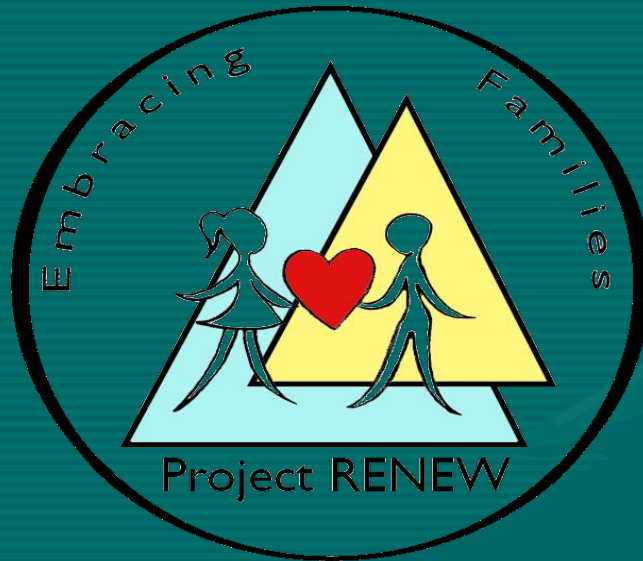


Project RENEW



TAY Sub Committee Presentation

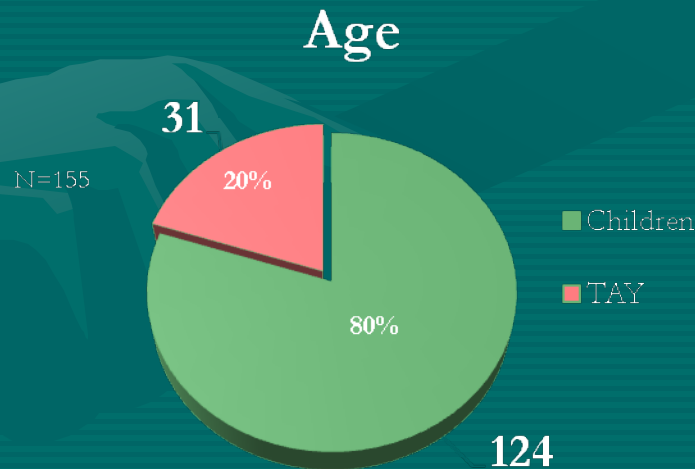
June 4th, 2012

Costa Mesa Community Center

RENEW TAY population

Demographics

- Approximately 31 TAY Participants and 25 siblings
- Typically TAY lives at home with Single mother
- 2 to 3 siblings and little to no male role model
- Many TAY have poor attendance at school
 - 1/3 involved in gangs
 - 25% have a co-occurring disorder (drug or alcohol) with a mental health condition



Our Efforts

- Stabilizing TAY lives
- Increasing success at school
- Increasing success in obtaining work
- Looking forward to an academic or employment future, with hopes of a combination of both



RENEW Services

➤ TAY employment counseling

- Employment specialist developed a model directed to TAY
 - In-house support
 - Promoting success in finding and keeping a job



➤ Job preparation group for TAY

- Dealing with issues specific to age group
 - Lack of experience
 - Legal history
 - Punctuality skills
 - Presentation for interviews



TAY Groups

➤ Girl-Talk Group

- Girl talk and support on issues
 - Peer pressure
 - Relationships
 - Gossip
 - Family issues



➤ Buddy-Group

- Young TAY men-Outdoor Activities (Fishing, Basketball)
 - Avoiding gangs, School Clicks
 - Relationships
 - Drugs
 - Family issues



Assistance with Transitional Goal

- Help in setting path for goal TAY decides to pursue
- Educational Group coordinated by Employment/Education Specialist
 - Help in obtaining continued education after high school
 - Assisting with paperwork
 - Tours of community colleges
 - Education on 2 yr certified vocational programs



RENEW's Direction

- Starting a TAY co-occurring disorder group
- Adding a TAY to current partner Advisory Board
 - Help TAY participate in program planning



Letter from former 17 yr old TAY



- “I am a victim of sexual abuse...”
- “At the age of 10, I first experimented with drugs..”
- “I was still fighting at school, and cutting class..using drugs, and constantly fighting with my mother”
- “When I started working with personal service coordinator Katia at RENEW, I began to open up and trusting others”
- “The thing I found most helpful about RENEW was how the program helped me change my attitude and the way I viewed life...I liked how I had someone to connect with and was able to learn how to trust in others”
- “What I liked about my personal service coordinator was that she was able to help me through the hard times, she gave me the tools I needed to face my problems, and she helped me face reality, and mature more..”
- “The program changed my life in many ways. It helped me get out of a dark place and helped me have hope again”
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