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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
GENERAL INFORMATION AND MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
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Welcome to a new program year! We are honored to be working with your family. This handout is meant to provide general information only. Please feel free to discuss any questions you have with program staff at any time. Additionally, you may reach Angela Brown, After School Specialist at: WYN 264-5174 or Program Cell 773-2565

Eastern Site- Located at Boone United Methodist Church, serving Blowing Rock, Green Valley, Hardin Park, and Parkway Elementary Schools

Western Site- Located at the Western Watauga Community Center and Old Cove Creek School Gym, serving Bethel, Cove Creek, Mabel and Valle Crucis

Typical Daily Schedule

2:00-3:00 p.m. Student Pickups, School Communication and Bus Routes

3:00-3:30 p.m. Student Check-In, Snack, and Social Time

3:30-4:30 p.m. Homework and Tutoring -Tutors begin the week of 9/19/05

4:30-5:15 p.m. Activity Time- Activities pre-planned with student input
(Friday is "free day;" homework and activities optional)

5:15-5:30 p.m. Closing Out the day; Parent Communication and Pickups
"Take Homes" typically begin around 5:20 p.m.

Parent Trainings

WYN and collaborating partner, Parent to Parent FSN, will offer regular opportunities for parent training and support. Please take a look at the parent information board on a regular basis regarding scheduled training opportunities.

Currently Scheduled Trainings:

Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma, Theresa Anderson
September 1st- 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. or 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Newland NC
September 26th- 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Jefferson, NC

Behavioral Management Strategies for Youth
August 24th, 6-9 p.m
Watauga County DSS conference room

Frequently Asked Questions

How do we pay student fees this year?

Fees are based on a sliding scale and full-scholarships are available. We will provide a formal invoice at the beginning of each month. Payment will then be remitted in the envelope provided. Payment may be mailed or hand delivered to program staff (only if in sealed envelope). If you wish to pay weekly, you may do so, however, you will only receive a bill once per month.

Do you serve students on scheduled early release days?

Yes. We will serve students on the following days: Sept. 2nd, September 28th, October 20 and 21st. We will pick up or receive students in the typical fashion at school dismissal time. The program day will end at 5:30 p.m. as usual. We may travel off-site for field trips on this day. We are planning to go to Wildcat Lake in Banner Elk on Sept. 2nd.

What happens on snow days or early release due to inclement weather?

We will not serve students on any day that school is closed or released early due to inclement weather. If schools dismiss as late as 1:30 p.m., we will still not provide service to ensure the ultimate safety of our participants and staff.

How can I support my child's academic efforts during weeks when ASU tutors are not present?

ASU tutors typically do not arrive before mid-September, and they usually do not participate after Thanksgiving Break. Tutors typically resume service the first week in February, and end in early May. It is very helpful if parents can provide extra support during these periods. If any parent/guardian is available during these times to provide tutoring support (3:30-4:30 p.m.), please contact Angela Brown!

What type of behavior management strategies do you use?

WYN staff promote a relationship driven model that places responsibility for one's actions and behaviors on the participating youth. WYN utilizes the "Love and Logic" curriculum and elements of "Control Theory." Students set guidelines for behaviors in a group setting. The process is entitled, "Terrific, Okay, Not Okay." When students participate in activities that are deemed "not okay" by the group, they are given an "assignment" that allows them to take responsibility for their actions and "clean up" any mess created by their mistake. This assignment is documented in a notebook owned by the group.

Assignments are not punitive and are typically very creative. For example, Student A is gossiping about Student B, another participant in the group. Even after repeated verbal reminders from staff, Student A continues to say negative things to group members about Student B. Program staff and student A, make a plan for Student A to take responsibility for his/her actions and "clean-up" the relationship with Student B and other participants. Assignment is for Student A to write lyrics and/or music to song that describes what it feels like to be the victim of gossip. Student A should read the lyrics to the group or provide a copy to each member. Student A should share the final product and discuss the creation of the lyrics with Student B in order for them to maintain a positive relationship. The initial behavior, assignment, and completion date will be documented in the group "Assignment Book."

We know that everyone makes mistakes, and each mistake is an opportunity for learning and growth. WYN staff will attempt to guide participants towards acceptance of all behaviors while promoting positive behaviors. Through appropriate trainings, staff will endeavor to handle all situations without anger or frustration, that allow students to feel comfortable and safe when making mistakes and being accountable.