



2016-2017 Youth Violence Prevention Project Report Youth Empowerment Centers



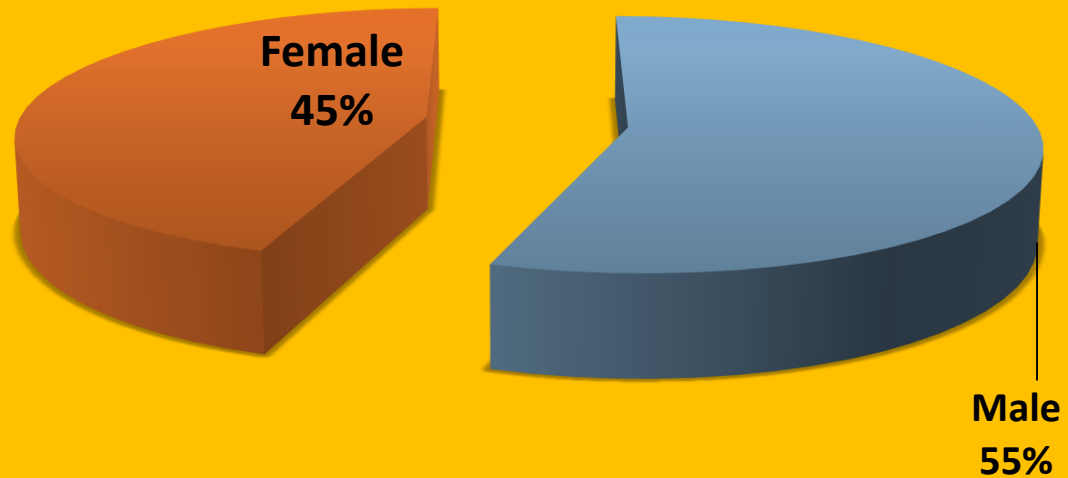
Demographics on Youth Served FY 2016-17



Agency	Total # Served	Male	Female	(Race) # Whites	(Race) # Blacks	(Race) # Other	(Ethnicity) Hispanic	(Ethnicity) Non-Hispanic
City of Belle Glade YEC	83	61	22	0	83	0	0	83
City of Riviera Beach YEC	247	134	113	0	247	0	0	247
For the Children Lake Worth YEC	126	57	69	0	121	5	5	121
Total Served	456	252	204	0	451	5	5	451

Gender

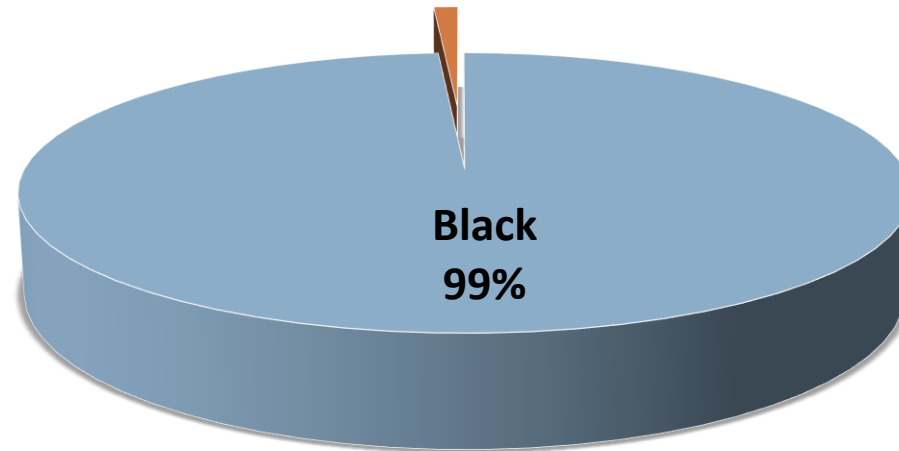
ALL YECS



Race

All YECS

Other 1%

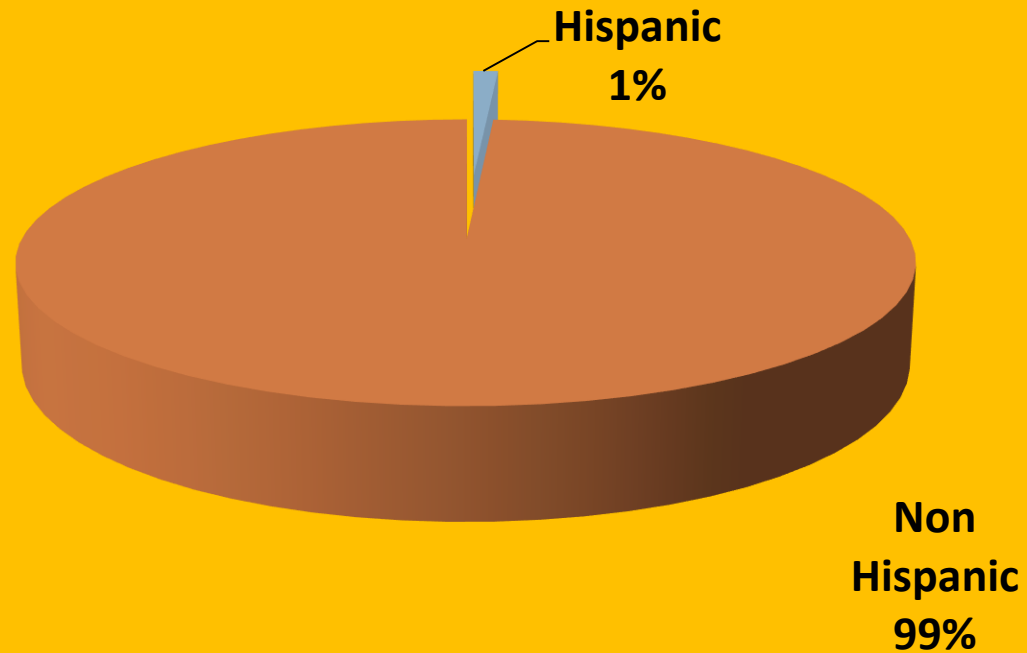


Black
99%



Ethnicity

ALL YECS



TODAY!!!!

Youth Empowerment Centers: A solution for OUR youth



- **Prevention of youth violence**
- **Creating Career Opportunities**
- **Empowering the youth**
- **Promoting Education**
- **Promoting Health**
- **Promoting Leadership & Community Involvement**



Activities to Prevent Youth Violence



- ❑ **Conflict Resolution:** Interactive sessions where youth gain understanding of conflicts and ways to deal with daily conflicts that may arise.
- ❑ **Bullying Prevention:** Interactive sessions where youth learn how to appreciate their differences and build on friendship.
- ❑ **Substance Abuse Prevention:** Interactive sessions for students to discuss the dangers of using drug and its relation to youths violence and other misbehaviors.
- ❑ **Legal Education:** Youth receive information from attorneys and law enforcement about the consequences of crime.



Empowering Youth



Youth engage in activities that foster empowerment:

- ✓ ***Healthy Debate***
- ✓ ***Girls' Talk/Men Talk***
- ✓ ***Group & One-on-One Mentoring***
- ✓ ***Financial Literacy***
- ✓ ***Life Skills Workshops***
- ✓ ***Dance Classes***
- ✓ ***Arts/Lake Worth Street Painting Festival***
- ✓ ***Talent Competitions***
- ✓ ***Field Trips***
- ✓ ***Position of Leadership***
 - ***Teen Advisory Council***
 - ***Future Leaders United For Change***



Activities to Empower Youth



Teen Advisory Council:

- Elected by peers during an election process, 5 youth hold the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Historian for the academic year.
- The Council meets at least once per month to make decisions about the YEC program, to include:
 - rules, policies & procedures,
 - the budget, and activities to implement at the Center.



Other Education Enhancements



- ✓ Individual Tutorial
- ✓ Homework Assistance
- ✓ Group ACT/SAT Strategies Classes and boot-camp
- ✓ Virtual Learning Tutoring i.e. virtual classes, E20/20
- ✓ College-Bound Success Classes and College Readiness
- ✓ Black Male Explorer's summer education remediation program
- ✓ In/Out of State College Tours
- ✓ Adult Basic Education/GED Classes
- ✓ Art/Culture Classes



Student Education Achievement- YECs



100% High School graduation rate for YEC students!!!

All 44 High School Seniors graduated with their diploma's



Student Education Achievement- Riviera Beach



- ❖ 29 students graduated high school
- 14 students are entering college:
- 15 students will pursue vocational certifications, military, and employment



Student Education Achievement- Lake Worth



- ❖ 2 students graduated high school and are
- ❖ pursuing post-secondary education at Palm Beach State College

- ❖ 8 students are dual enrolled at both Lake Worth High School and Palm Beach State College

- ❖ 9 students made honor roll



Student Education Achievement- Belle Glade

❖ 13 students graduated from high school with a standard high school diploma.



Promoting Education College Tours



- Spring break 2017, the Cities of Belle Glade and Riviera Beach YEC's collaborated/coordinated a six-day college tour experience.
- Eighteen (18) students participated and traveled across multiple states to visit six Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's). Students visited Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, Fisk University, Tennessee State University, West Virginia State University, University of the District of Columbia, and Howard University.
- Students participated in a tour of the campuses, met with academic advisors, financial aid counselors, and college students to gain insight on college life.



Promoting Education College Tours



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- 6 students from Belle Glade YEC visited University of Central Florida
- 40 students from Lake Worth YEC visited Palm Beach State College and Florida International University.



Activities to Promote Career Enhancement



- **YouthBuild Pre-Apprenticeship Program:**
- The City of Riviera Beach in partnership with Palm Beach County Youth Services, School District of Palm Beach County Adult and Community Education, and Florida Training Services developed and implemented a pilot "Youthbuild" Pre-Apprenticeship Program
- Re-engaged students and provided an opportunity to earn their high school diploma, construction industry certifications and career opportunities.
- (9) at-risk young men completed the program with the following;
- Completed academic requirements and earned high school diploma
- Developed basic construction trade skills including Electricity, Plumbing, HVAC, Welding and Carpentry
- Attained certifications in the following areas: OSHA, First Aid, Forklift, Aerial lift.
- Transitioned to full-time employment, apprenticeship, or post-secondary education.



Activities to Promote Career Enhancement

- YouthBuild - Tiny House Construction



- Riviera Beach City Council Recognition



Activities to Promote Career Enhancement



- **Summer Internship:**

- Youth received employability skills training including creating resumes, interview skills, time management, and valuable work experience.
- Youth Empowerment Centers received additional grant funds from Youth Services Department to provide 28 total summer employment opportunities for youth.
- City of Riviera Beach supplemented funding to provide an additional 57 internships
- Total of 85 summer internship positions were provided through the YECs



Summer Internship Placements



Belle Glade Youth Empowerment Center

- 6 deserving students were offered summer internship positions based on their interest in various City of Belle Glade departments including Finance/ IT, Building and Planning, Parks and Recreation, Marina/ Campground.
- Students engaged in the employment experience including application/interview process, new employee orientation, and paid internships for 10 weeks.



Summer Internship Placements



Lake Worth Youth Empowerment Center

- 12 deserving students were offered summer internship positions based on their interest at the City of Lake Worth Community Gymnasium, Palm Beach Tech, Osborne School/Early Childhood Academy, E-Roadmap, and For the Children Inc.
- Students engaged in the employment experience including application/interview process, new employee orientation, and paid internships for 10 weeks.



Summer Internship Placements



Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Center



- 10 deserving students were connected with summer internships in various City of Riviera Beach departments including Mayors' Office, Library, Fleet Services, Justice Service Center, Information Technology, Parks and Recreation.
- Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment **employed an additional 57 summer youth interns**; in various City of Riviera Beach Departments and local businesses as summer camp aides, cook assistants, sales assistants, receptionist, retail assistant, other.



Promoting Health



- Youth Services Department collaborated with South Florida Hunger Coalition, Inc., and Living Hungry, Inc., to implement the Summer Weekend Fill-The-Gap Feeding Program at the YEC's located in Belle Glade, Lake Worth and Riviera Beach.
 - Each weekend 100 youth received take-home packages of quality nutrition during the summer. Total 1,560 nutritional packs, including fresh fruits and vegetables were provided to teens at the three YEC's.
 - Program's goal = prevent our YEC youth from going hungry over the weekend.



Promoting Health



- 65 teens participated in cooking classes
- Initiative aligns with the Youth Services mission to ensure the healthy growth, development, education and transition of children/youth to young adulthood and the workforce.



Activities to Promote Health



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Sports:

Participate in sports daily -basketball, volleyball, boxing, golf and tennis.



Promoting Leadership and Community Involvement



The YECs believe in **empowering** our youth in becoming tomorrow's leaders, by **exposure** to community activities and **development of skill-sets** through **participation** in:

- Future Leaders United For Change
- Community Conversation: Birth to 22
- Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference (Orlando)
- Public Speaking & Civic Engagement



Fostering talents among our youth



Talent Competition

- ❑ **FTC Got Talent:** In a heated competition with other FTC children/youths, LW-YEC participated at the end of the year talent show, which occurred on August 11th, 2017 at Barton Elementary.



Innovative Programming



- For The Children Inc. collaborated with E-Roadmap to provide an entrepreneurship skills training program for fourteen (14) students at the Lake Worth YEC.
- Students completed an intensive program and developed passion for being an entrepreneur, developed the components of a business plan, and business owners served as mentors.
- Training culminated with students ("Teenpreneurs") participating in a "Shark Tank" type competition
- Students presented business ideas and plans to potential investors. First place winner was awarded \$900, second place \$400 and third place \$200 toward developing their business.



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