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To: The Links, Incorporated, Tacoma (WA) Chapter

From: Services to Youth Facet, Link Tracy Flood

Re: Report October 2023

Date: October 22, 2023

**Youth and Law Forum October 14th Bremerton Marvin Williams Center**

The Youth and Law Forum is a free Community Program for Middle School and High School Students and their Guardians, that teaches basic legal rights and responsibilities; that provides exposure to a variety of Justice System Careers; and that Build and Maintains Bridges between Community Youth and Community Justice System participants.

Demographics and Census Children in attendance were from surrounding cities- Bainbridge Island, Port Gamble, Poulsbo, Bremerton and Tacoma. Ages 6 years old to 17 years old, total kids in attendance 15- 5 White, 5 Black/African American, 2 Korean American, 2 Native American, 1 Hispanic American. Adults’ attendance 32-Light Breakfast-pastries, yogurt and muffins; Lunch pizza- 3 vendor information tables and Kitsap County Sheriff’s office information tent.

Speakers: Judge Clarence Henderson from Pierce County Superior Court, Judge Faye Chess from Seattle Municipal Court, Melissa Hemstreet from Kitsap County Superior Court, Judge Indu Thomas from Thurston County Superior Court , Judge Meng Li Che from Court of Appeals Nyjat Rose Akins City of Seattle Deputy Prosecutor, Erica Evans from US District Attorneys office Western Area, Officer Samboa , Dupont Police Department and Shawtel Banks Federal Law Enforcement office.

The program began at 930-light breakfast and black out bingo, and at 10am with the judges panel and we then did the juvenile justice jeopardy and a game of what is the legal age. The feedback from the children and parents was how much fun and how much they learned.

**Collaborations:** *STY collaborated with Greater Seattle Chapter of Links, NAACP Unit 1134, Washington State Minority and Justice Commission.*

**How was the program/activity publicized?** We used Flyers and Facebook to promote this first-time program- emails sent to school districts.

**Cost:**

Projected cost: $1700

Actual cost: $1900- 1200 space- covered by Dr. Lillian Robinson- Greater Seattle Chapter of Links and Marvin Williams Center- $200 Gift cards STY and $500 Food-and gift bags NAACP Unit 1134

We meet via zoom at 630pm on the second Thursdays of the month.

The primary goals of this facet are to:

* Close the achievement gap from pre-K through college, with the intent of preparing our youth for the global workforce as healthy citizens.
* Promote the integration of a health and wellness component focused on youth, families and communities in our Services to Youth programs
* Develop training modules for local pre-K through college mentoring programs, to ascertain a high level of support for youth in our communities
* Expand and support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and promote the integration of the arts (STEM to STEAM)
* Promote and support historically black colleges and universities for ensured sustainability.

Respectfully Submitted**,**

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