

KCFFI: Youth Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2008 from 5:00 – 6:00pm
Youngstown Cultural Center, Conference Room

Notes:

- **PowerPoint:** Everyone agreed that each person who went to Arizona would pick out their 2-3 favorite photos and write a caption for that photo telling where it is, what we are doing, why you like the photo/activity, and what you learned. This will all be put into one PowerPoint that may be used in the future to show other youth and organizations some of the work that was done at the conference.

- **Meeting with youth serving organizations:** Thank you Emma and Ben for attending the last ‘youth serving organizations meeting.’ As I mentioned, the organizations would like to have a meeting with youth, as well, so I have proposed Monday, April 21st as a meeting date. I will confirm with you all what day and time this meeting will be at (depending on when everyone is available). I have sent out a Meeting Wizard (in your email), so please check the days and times that you are able to come. They would like this meeting to happen with all of us to make sure that everyone’s voice is heard – including yours! Everyone is very interested in what YOU think should happen...

- **Your Involvement:**
 - **Who is staying through the summer?** It looks like quite a few of you will not be able to stay with us through the summer. ☺ I would love it if you could stay! Please let me know what your plans will be, so that we can plan for the next couple of months!
 - **What would we like to complete before summer?** Since not all of you can stay, please keep an eye out for other youth who you think would be great for this project and recruit them! Let’s aim for 2 recruits from each of you! We are also welcome to recruits from the youth serving organizations.

- **Next Steps:**
 - **What kind of assessments do we want to do? Brainstorm!**
 - Why aren’t people using White Center Park?
 - In the middle of nowhere
 - Nothing to do – no “park” (no slide, swing, etc).
 - No programming – no organized activities
 - Who was the park built for? (by Starbucks)
 - Fast foods & high schools – why are students more likely to eat fast foods instead of school lunch? Is it because of the variety?
 - Basketball court at “Site 2” needs a wall to block the wind and a roof to shelter from the rain – would that increase usage by community members?
 - Personal interviews – Ben suggested that a great way to collect information is by interviewing people in the community.
 - What do people do in their free time? Are they physically active? Why or why not? How can we change this? Do we need to change this?
 - What is their main source of transport?

- What do they do after school or work?
- What programs do people participate in?
 - The youth are not familiar with many programs. Some say that the only program in their neighborhood is the Boys and Girls club. They B&G only has a computer room, which does not promote physical activity. What is needed is more space, such as a gym, for youth to utilize (since there are only 2 indoor basketball courts in the White Center area, each of which only have one court).
- **Next Meeting!**
 - Please keep an eye out for information regarding the next meeting date. I will email that to you by next week (it will be on either Monday, April 21st or Tuesday, April 22nd). We will be meeting with the youth serving organizations.