

Adolescent Development Advisory Council Mtg.

January 30, 2003

8:00am – 10:00am @ Lowry Park Zoo

In attendance: Teresa Gonzalez-White, Elizabeth, Karey Burek – Lowry Park Zoo; Becky Clayton – Florida Aquarium; Nestor Ortiz – ADS Consulting; Aurelio Henlon – MOSI Science Center; Albo D’Avanzo – Big Brothers Big Sisters; Charles Adderly – Central City YMCA; David Penn – Kid City; Library Services; Regina Peoples – City of Tampa Recreation Department

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Extensive research conducted by ADS Consulting has shown a severe lack of youth programs in the Tampa Bay Area. This finding came after 8 cities across the nation were examined for their teen and youth programming endeavors, not associated with sports and recreation camps.

City	# of 10 - 18yr. Olds per 2000 US Census	max number of youth serviced by programs	% of youth served per city
Alanta	55,071	22,579	41%
Boston	76,184	47,234	62%
Chicago	401,764	132,582	33%
LA	507,236	197,822	39%
Miami	44,521	17,808	40%
New York	662,417	417,323	63%
Philidelphia	223,427	129,588	58%
Tampa	42,056	11,355	27%

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Margin of error +/- 3%

Column A obtained by 2000 US census
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Column B obtained through city wide research including, School Boards, City & State Government Agencies, Youth Oriented Non-profit Organizations

- **Introductions to individual programs:**

City of Tampa Recreation – Traditional recreation program.

- Several parks are open on weekends.
- Open till midnight on Fridays.
- Offers SAT prep program. Implemented more youth leagues, more educational programs. Changes have been over the past couple of years.
- GAP (Grade Alert Program) – homework assistance.
- MLK Park (120 girls) with 300 children a week; Jackson Height’s 250 children weekly; Sulfur Springs 150 children weekly.

Children’s Museum, Kid City –

- CDC partnership, 50 kids go through summer camp, 20 teens to head program.
- International Youth Board with Youth Mayor advocating for citywide youth causes. Candidate for Youth Mayor will be chosen Friday Feb. 7 at Kid City.
- Organizes Youth Leadership Tampa

Library Services –

- Internet & database access.
- Mon. – Thurs. Computer Lab open.
- Mon. & Tue. night cyber den open just for teens.
- Friday night for teens 7-9pm.
- Art gallery for teens. One Community One Book - March
- Poetry Slam (summer city program)

YMCA (Central City) – Teen Leaders Program

- Great speaker, talk about different situations, earn trip to Blue Ridge.
- Teen Success Centers
- Teen night once a month (next one Feb. 21)
- Summer Teen Program
- Youth Opportunity job training / GED Prep
- Teen can volunteer for after school Latchkey program

MOSI Science Center – Youth Enriched by Science (YES) Team Program

- Learning skills for professional success, basic life skills, presentation abilities, confidence builder, mentoring, school focus, science appreciation.
- Go through volunteer program and then hired on as paid staff.
- Area Hispanic Youth, SEYA member and part of ASTC

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Wise Guys Program

- Emphasis on male responsibility, building positive relationships, values, conflict resolution, sex education, leadership program.
- Meet once a week for 6 weeks
- 80% of participants come from DJJ
- Over 4 years have graduated over 1000 youth from program
- Trying to develop female counterpart

Florida Aquarium – Boy Scout Explorers Program

- 15 – 18 yrs of age
- Allows exposure to scientists and staff
- Have written some grants to help boost the volunteer program.
- Offers a job shadow day
- Very excited about partnerships.

Lowry Park Zoo – Zoo Crew Explorers Program

- 14 – 17 yrs of age
- 5 months of volunteering during intense training
- Write paper about what they want to learn in the beginning and a paper on what they have learned at the end of the training
- Learn presentation skills, team work, research skills, and public interaction.
- Allows for keeper contact
- Placed in an animal dept. with keepers upon graduation from training.

- **Mission Statement**

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Mission A

“ Our mission is to strengthen the quality and increase the number of youth development programs in the Tampa Bay area by

- Developing partnerships with other youth minded organizations.
- Broadening our area of influence to cater to all neighborhoods in the Tampa Bay Community.
- Assisting in the development of other institution’s programs.
- Allowing for citywide networking among varying sized community agencies and groups.
- Seeking out funding to develop and sustain new youth programming endeavors.
- Increasing outreach and impact in programs, thus allowing access for all youth regardless of hindering location.
- Offering citywide events, programs and opportunities to assist in youth development.
- Empowering youth to succeed in all aspects of their lives.”

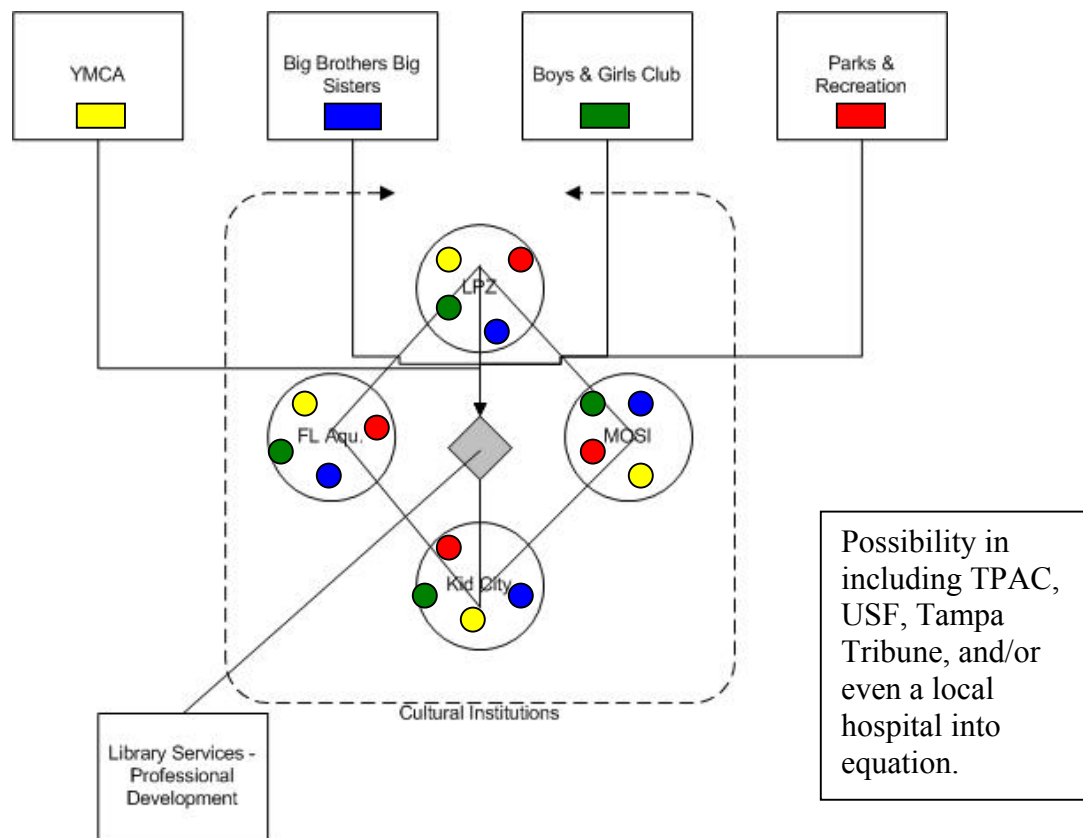
Mission B

“ The Adolescent Development Advisory Council (ADAC) was established to strengthen the quality and increase the number of youth development programs in the Tampa Bay area. By developing partnerships with other youth minded organizations we are able to broaden our area of influence to cater to all neighborhoods in the Tampa Bay Community. ADAC supports citywide networking among varying sized community agencies and groups and assists in the development of their organizations programs. By seeking out funding to develop and sustain new youth programming endeavors we are able to increase outreach and impact in programs, thus allowing access for all youth regardless of hindering location. Offering citywide events, programs and opportunities to assist in their development we are empowering youth to succeed in all aspects of their lives.”

- **Brainstorming (Wish list)**

- Look into shopping mall teen boards ex. Westshore and University Malls
- Try to involve Tampa Performing Arts Center in future programs or even in establishing partnership for free tickets or tours for our youth.
- Social event and/or parties for youth from different organizations. Allows them to meet and network with other teens. Can give them a sense of pride in own program.
- Annual Teen conference focusing on programs. Have organizations offering youth programs setup at various booths describing their programs and talking to teens about application processes, deadlines, etc.. Similar to a job fair but for youth programs. Can have a main speaker along with snacks and prize giveaways.
- One stop shopping for youth – A database that youth can go to at anytime to research youth programs.
- Every discipline being offered through a program that is easily accessible to all youth. For example if a teen wants to learn about art, production, poetry, marketing or photography, there is a program out there for them in which they have access to.
- A citywide collaborative newsletter sent out quarterly that is written by various program leaders and their youth. Can highlight different programs and events that cater to teens.
- Financial Sustainability through grants, endowments, private money, etc...
- Collaborations between youth based organizations.

- “Give a day for the bay” Collectively, volunteer for community activities i.e. coastal cleanups, park restoration projects, seed plantings, fundraisers and homeless work.
- City of Tampa Mural Project for self-renowned artists from the various youth programs within ADAC.
- Free passes from Hartline Bus for teens.
- Volunteers at cultural institutions working as possible mentors to youth in city organizations



- Program connecting all organizations to each other. Vast citywide initiative. 4 – 5 teens from each teen oriented organization (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Parks and Recreation, Big Brothers Big Sisters) volunteering at each cultural institution for an equal period of time. 4 – 5 weeks at each, 3 – 8 hours a week. Each youth from each organization will be partnered up with one youth from each of the other organizations. Every switch made will partner them up with three different teens. Never working with the same person twice. Not to break the possible bond formed while working together, professional development workshops will be offered once a week at a different public library each time. These 2 hour professional development sessions will be for all of the participants and will focus on conflict resolution, college prep and planning, career development, resume writing, diversity awareness and more. In all the program would last a total of 4 – 5 months at 20-25 students each program cycle
- **Next Meeting** – Scheduled for February 20, 2003 from 9 – 11am at (tentatively) the Florida Aquarium