

## Regular Meeting 5/8/03

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

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**Middle School After School Programs Evaluation Update**

In the Fall of 2002, the Board approved funding with the City of St. Petersburg for five sites (Frank Pierce, Gladden Park, Lake Vista, Wildwood, and Roberts Recreation Centers) and also approved funding with the R' Club (and Pinellas County Middle School Partnership) for five sites (John F. Kennedy, Largo, Pinellas Park, John Hopkins Middle School, and High Point YMCA) for the provision of middle school after-school programming.

When the Board approved funding for the middle school after-school programs, it directed that an internal evaluation of the programs be conducted, the results of which were to be provided to the Board by the May 8, 2003 meeting. Programs are in the full implementation stage. However, a number of challenges have delayed presentation of data on program evaluation.

- The attendance data currently gathered in the new SAMIS attendance module requires a great deal of manipulation to get into a format that can be analyzed. Research and Evaluation personnel are working with the Middle school after-school program personnel to determine when each of the ten sites opened and how many days each site was closed during the time period. Adjustments are being made to the data analysis process to reduce the time required for future analyses.
- As of April 24, the alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD) curriculum had not been completed at all the sites, and data analysis will not be complete until mid-May.

Research and Evaluation staff will present evaluation data at the June 12, 2003 Board meeting. The progress report will include demographic characteristics of youth and preliminary outcome indicators such as substance abuse knowledge and attitudes, as well as issues of implementation and utilization.

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