



HAMILTON-
WENTWORTH
DISTRICT
SCHOOL
BOARD



FOCUS ON YOUTH COMMUNITY MEETING

MAY 11, 2010



Focus on Youth Team

- Superintendent, Janice Tomlinson
- Manager, Partnership & Community Engagement, April Morganti
- Community Engagement Coordinator, Mike Des Jardins
- Special Assignment Teacher, Rob Blunsdon



The funds will help non-profit groups deliver summer activities to keep young people safe and active.

The focus of programs:

- 1.recreation
- 2.literacy
- 3.numeracy
- 4.leadership development



2010 Funding for Hamilton

- Hamilton will receive \$400,000 to operate Focus on Youth in Hamilton.
- Focus on Youth Hamilton will operate from July 5, 2010 to August 13, 2010.



Program Objectives

The objective of Focus on Youth Hamilton is to enhance high quality summer program opportunities for children and youth in Hamilton's high need areas by:

1. offering free use of schools space for organized community-based programs
2. improving the quality of life for children and youth in high and moderate need communities who otherwise would have limited access to organized summer programming
3. providing employment opportunities for youth in Hamilton



Program Objectives (continued)

4. providing leadership training and opportunities for youth employed within the program
5. FOY will serve to strengthen collaborative efforts among HWDSB and community partners to build capacity to support children, youth and families in our high and moderate need school neighbourhoods
6. We aim to provide as many free program opportunities for children and youth in Hamilton



How can my agency become involved?

- A central committee will review the applications and select groups who are best able to sustain an effective summer program
- HWDSB's goal is to maintain existing partnerships, develop and sustain new partnerships, with community agencies to support all children and youth in the City of Hamilton



Key Dates for Community Use of Schools

- May 21 - Deadline for all agency applications for Focus on Youth
- Week of June 7th - Agencies will be selected and receive confirmation of student placements.
- June 28 - Start of Focus on Youth Student Employment
- July 5 - Focus on Youth programs begin
- August 13 - End of Focus on Youth Student Employment



Focus on Youth Agency Application Form

(see handout)

DEADLINE
MAY 21, 2010



Selection of Community Agencies

- preference will be given to agencies that can sustain 5 days of full time programming per week, but all should apply
- agencies are responsible for all aspects associated with funding of their programs
- agencies must have their own general liability insurance for \$2,000,000



Evaluation of Community Agencies

- SACERS (School Age Childcare Environmental Rating Scale) – see handout



HWDSB Student Hires:

- HWDSB has set a hiring target of 85 students for Focus On Youth 2010
- 73 will work with Community Partners in the program area, in roles such as camp counselors and child care providers
- 12 students will work in caretaking and maintenance



HWDSB Student Hires:

- Students will be paid \$10.25 per hour
- Students will receive 24 hours of pre-job training and work 30 hours per week
- Caretaking Students will be entitled to \$12.75 per hour and work 40 hours per week



Additional Requirements for Employed Students

- All successful students must participate in pre-employment training from June 28 to June 30
- All students will require a Certificate of Good Health from their doctor
- All students will be required to complete WHMIS training or have proof of certification within the last 12 months



Additional Requirements for Employed Students

- Criminal Background Checks will be completed for all students hired to work within the program
- Other required safety equipment needed, such as work boots, will be provided by the program to students
- The costs for these requirements will be covered through FOY funds in order to reduce/eliminate any barriers to employment for students



QUESTIONS?

****** NOTE: DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY USE - MAY 21 ******