

High Risk Youth Steering Committee Yearly Summary – May 2009

The **High Risk Youth Steering Committee** is a working group under the umbrella of the Swan Valley Interagency Committee. The Committee has been successful in their effort to find funding for a youth program that offers literacy, life skills, and development of job readiness skills. Referrals are received from agencies and organizations that work with at risk youth. Members of the SUCCEED Advisory Committee include representatives of Child and Family Services and Housing, Swan Valley School Division, Swan River Friendship Centre and Community and Youth Correctional Services.

Participants of the committee developed the following Vision and Mission statements in October 1998.

VISION

**TO CREATE A SAFE, CARING, SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE YOUTH
OF THIS COMMUNITY**

MISSION STATEMENT

The committee is committed to advocating for high-risk youth and their families to develop action plans establish resources or a network of services to address systemic and individual needs of our targeted population.

Since those early days of 1998, members have been meeting on an annual basis to review, recommend and discuss programs or gaps in service for youth and their families. In February 21, 2008, following a review of the minutes, an update of the SUCCEED program was presented by Lorri-Ann Munro. This was followed by descriptions of other programs offered in the region. A brainstorming session followed and it was agreed that a follow up meeting would be held on May 15, 2008. At this meeting participants broke into the following focus groups;

- 1) Multi-system case management
- 2) Parenting program
- 3) Alternative programming

Subsequent meetings were conducted on October 9, 2008 and February 12, 2009 to further discuss and develop the projects. The committee dealing with multi system case management has completed a proposal and are prepared to discuss with stakeholders on an individual basis. The Parenting Committee has continued their efforts through Triple P. Several meetings regarding alternative programming have been conducted. Of note is a presentation made to the Swan Valley School Division in April 2009 to discuss the expansion of SUCCEED. The intent would be to expand to grade 11 and 12 and include a pre trade program. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2009 at 1 pm at the Friendship Centre.

Carol Hunter
Chair
High Risk Steering Committee
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