

What You've Missed

HERE'S WHAT THE YOUTH COUNCIL HAD TO SAY ABOUT EACH OBJECTIVE OUTLINED IN THE CHILD AND YOUTH PLAN:



ENGAGING ACTIVITIES

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"Enriching activities, including but not limited to culturally inclusive activities and activities that allow for meaningful conversation, help youth develop.

Engagement through participation and authentic interactions (such as family game nights) is crucial to create personal value. It's important to make engaging activities accessible to encourage participation. Barriers to access include income disparities and location, so equitable access should involve transportation solutions and affordable activity options. Addressing tech and internet access barriers are essential for successful youth programs, and making activities less structured is often more enjoyable for youth. Social media platforms play a big role in how youth find engaging activities. Effective marketing, highlighting incentives for participation, and ensuring easy access to events could increase youth involvement in community activities."



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

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"Physical safety is essential to prevent accidents and create secure environments. Providing spaces for youth to express and regulate their emotions is crucial. Mental health should be prioritized to ensure individuals feel supported and not judged. Trauma has far-reaching effects on the community and the economy, leading to issues like violence and poor academic performance. Investing in mental health resources can lead to healing and overall benefits for the city, making communities safer and more vibrant. Involving youth in programs, providing training based on their interests, and offering mentorship are crucial for building their confidence. To ensure success, maintaining strong collaborative partnerships is essential to create a supportive network for youth and young adults."



ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

"Financial literacy education should be integrated into school curriculums to equip youth with essential money management skills. This includes budgeting, understanding income and expenses, and prioritizing needs over wants. Basic financial concepts such as credit cards and banking should be taught in schools to better prepare students for their financial future. Additionally, establishing centers for youth to learn about business planning and offering mentorship and grant opportunities would provide them with a significant advantage."



EDUCATION AND CAREER PATHWAYS

"There's a clear need for more diverse exploratory classes that engage high schoolers and provide insights into various industries. The emphasis should be on career assessments, soft skills, and tailor-made extracurricular classes. Youth feel practical applications of learning and increased access to community college classes would be especially helpful for high school students. Suggestions for improvement include additional classes, workshops, and outsourced speakers. Integrating communication and life skills into the core curriculum is vital. Furthermore, addressing mental health and students' backgrounds is essential for high school education. There should be a focus on creating mentor-mentee relationships and increasing awareness of available college and employer resources. It would be beneficial to offer students a more personalized curriculum focused on their interests, as well as to include more learning opportunities to gain hands-on technical skills. The city should seek government funding and collaborate with established organizations to meet these needs."

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