

A BRIEF PROGRESS REPORT ON THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

I. Organization.

- A. The Mayor appointed the Board of the Atlanta Children and Youth Services Council as the Program's Executive Committee.
- B. The Council established an Advisory Committee composed of some 85 federal, state, local, public and private agencies, including youth and indigenous adults. The Committee has held approximately five (5) general meetings.
- C. Several Committees have been organized. They are as follows:
 1. Employment Committee - Mr. Charles Storm, Chairman;
 2. Recreation Committee - Mr. Henry Helton, Chairman;
 3. Education Committee - Mrs. Betty Cantor, Chairman;
 4. Public Relations Committee - Miss Ann Cobb, Chairman;
 5. Volunteer Services Committee - Mrs. Vivian Henderson, Chairman;
 6. Special Events Committee - Mr. Steven Fox, Chairman;
 7. Transportation Committee - Mr. Johnny Robinson, Chairman.

Each committee is functioning at various and different levels or degrees.

In addition, the Council has been in constant contact and working with Mr. Harold Barrett of E. O. A., Mr. Alvin Koth of the Board of Education, Mr. Jack Delius and Miss Carmichael of the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Richard Munroe of the Georgia Arts Council, Mr. Woody Seegars of the Department of Labor, Doctor Hugh Moss of the Atlanta Board of Education, Mr. John Standridge of the Atlanta Board of Education, Mr. Charles Carlton of the Federal Executive Board, Mr. James Ellis of Small Business Administration, "FEB", and Mr. William Allgood of the Department of Labor. Initial contact has also been made with the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services.

II. Planning Process.

- A. Initial letters were sent to all agencies, groups, and organizations in the City requesting that they indicate how they could participate in the Youth Opportunity Program. As a result, 73 initial proposals were received. The Council received proposals from cultural art groups, United Appeal, E. O. A. Neighborhood Service Centers and indigenous groups.
- B. The Youth Opportunity Campaign Office helped to develop these proposals along the Federal guidelines.

III. A Formal Submission of Proposals.

- A. A total of some eighty (80) proposals were submitted.
- B. Each of the groups presenting programs were called in individually, and their projects were discussed by a panel composed of representatives from the staff of E. O. A. and the staff and Board of the Atlanta Children and Youth Services Council. Also, the Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department and the Community Chest participated. The Atlanta Board of Education was invited but was unable to send a representative.

IV. Other Agencies and Groups Contacted and Offering Services.

A. Federal

1. Third Army. "Fort McPherson, Dobbins and Connaly". The Third Army is offering transportation, facilities and services.
2. U. S. Department of Interior. The Department of Interior is offering parks and facilities.
3. U. S. Forest Services. The U. S. Forest Services is offering films, camps, facilities, and speakers.
4. U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The HUD organization is giving a planning grant, the moderation program and the vest pocket program-if desired.
5. U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare is helping by allowing off-campus employment in the work-study program, the reallocation of Title I funds, the availability of vocational education work-study program and the Expansion Grant Program. The Public Relations Department of HEW will also offer free mailing and publicity.
6. U. S. Department of Labor. Contacts were made with the Labor Department to make enrollees of the Neighborhood Youth Corps and other program slots available to the needy. As a result, there has been an increase in in-school slots for this City. The Labor Department is exploring the special impact program for money available to the program.
7. Small Business Administration. The Small Business Administration is circularizing 27,000 employees to obtain volunteers, supplies and transportation. They will coordinate this program.
8. Fort McPherson Installation. Fort McPherson is planning and developing camping activities for a chosen area. Colonel Calloway is discussing this information with us and we will have further information on this at a later time.
9. U. S. Department of Commerce. The Commerce Department is considering the hiring of unqualified census takers for a special census program. This office has already sent 700 youth to apply for said jobs. The Commerce Department is working with the Employment Committee, Publicity Committee as well as SBA to promote this program. This will also include jobs given if SBA so desires.

B. State

1. National Guard. The National Guard contact has been made with General Hearn. Mr. Baccus is his agent. The National Guard will make use of the National Guard Armories.
2. Georgia State Department of Family and Children Services. This Department is working with the Council's Office to try to get the Governor to appropriate \$50,00 to this program. The Department of Family and Children Services is also searching to see what funds it can provide in this respect.
3. State Highway Department. The State Highway Department has agreed to make some work slots available to poor youth this summer.
4. State Recreation Committee. This committee is offering assistance to local groups in assisting programs and providing technical assistance services.
5. Georgia Arts Commission. Mr. Beattie is making speeches and he is also making a portion of the Arts Commission funds available to this program by funding a specific project.

6. State Parks Department. The State Parks Department has been contacted about the use of parks for hiking and camping (resident and day).
7. Georgia State Health Department. This Department has been working with this office in developing a Rodent Control Program and also offering its assistance in many other types of programs appropriate for this agency.

C. City

1. Personnel Department. The City of Atlanta Personnel Department is helping NYC enrollees obtain employment in the City's programs. The Department is also developing a special kind of program to help approximately 175 needy and disadvantaged youth in summer jobs.
2. Public Relations Department. The Public Relations Department is assisting almost daily in developing a Rodent Control Program and also is contemplating the hiring of youth during the summer with the Sanitation Department.
3. Recreation Department. The Recreation Department is sponsoring a major expansion of its program and neighborhood centers.
4. Atlanta Board of Education. The Board is sponsoring a major program under Title I which was expanded through total community efforts.
 - a. Expansion of the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program;
 - b. Conducting summer programs and an increase in summer scholarships;
 - c. Some work-study programs under vocational education.
5. Community Schools Program. The Community Schools will develop and expand several education-recreational and training programs.
6. Teacher Corps. Contact was made with the Director of the Teacher Corps. A final word on whether a Teacher Corps will or will not be held in Atlanta or Athens is forthcoming today, April 24, 1968.
7. Education TV. The Atlanta Education TV will help in the development of a program to disadvantaged youth.
8. Atlanta Public Housing Authority. Contacts have been made to explore what programs are possible with this agency. It was also learned that \$4,000 is available through the Office of the Secretary of HUD, which could provide jobs and training for needy youth; however, the Atlanta Housing Authority is not able to participate in such a program at this time.
9. United Appeal. Several meetings have been held with Richard Hicks and Nicholas Novak concerning the participation of the United Appeal Agency in the program. All Chest Agencies have been urged to participate in the summer program.

The Program arranged some proposals submitted to E. O. A. for group services, camping, (resident and day camping), special work with problem children and unwed mothers. In addition to the Family Counseling Center, the Gate City Nursery, and E. O. A., an individual casework agency in the Chest will undertake recruiting 200 unwed teenage mothers to get them to return to school.

1. The United Appeal Agencies located with the inner city communities will expand their present programs, accept needy youth in them, or develop new programs for the summer. These programs will include building programs, day camps, resident camps, swimming, social services and counseling.

2. The United Appeal is also planning to make a special appropriation to the Youth Opportunity Program. The proposals are attached.
3. Jewish Community Center will make its day camp available Saturdays. This will be used by Groups from areas not having day camp facilities.
4. The Catholic Social Services will hire one or two disadvantage youth.

The Atlanta University School of Social Work and the Atlanta Board of Education are conducting a special project for absenteeism in the Northwest Perry Homes Area. The Absenteeism Project has been officially endorsed and will be participated in by the Atlanta Board of Education.

The United Appeal is making a special appropriation available to help support this program.

D. County

Fulton County. The Fulton County Department of Family and Children Service will hire ten (10) youth to work in its homemaker and care aide programs. It will also utilize volunteers in its Child Welfare Program.

The Atlanta Fulton County Library will offer a special program of reading, bookmobile and film-lending.

E. E.O.A. and Neighborhood Groups.

In compliance with the OEO Guidelines, several youth and indigenous groups submitted proposals for funding. Most of these proposals dealt with community services, youth employment, and training. There are proposals of this type from every neighborhood center area.

F. Private Groups and Service Clubs.

The Service Clubs in the community have met with the Chamber of Commerce to get them to solicit jobs in their neighborhoods. Mr. Frank Player will also ask these clubs to support this program.

1. The Association of Retired Teachers is polling their members to find tutors.
2. The League of Women Voters, the Council of Jewish Women and the Jack and Jills are helping with volunteers.
3. VISTA will help train the volunteers. The VISTA Council will also, help to find transportation resources, especially among the churches.
4. Some of the private suburban schools will provide scholarships for summer programs for poor youth. One (Trinity) might be able to make some of its teachers available for tutoring in the inner-city.

G. Red Cross

The Red Cross will furnish volunteers for swimming, etc.

H. Medical Association

The Fulton and Dekalb Medical Associations will provide medical examinations for camp.

I. Arts Councils

The Arts Councils will find and train volunteers for its arts and cultural programs.

J. Colleges

1. Georgia State College will assist with volunteers for art and public relations.
2. The University of Georgia will assist in monitoring and evaluation.
3. The Atlanta University Center Schools will assist in the art, the volunteer, and the reading program.

K. Off-Campus Work-Study Program

All colleges in the Southern Region participating in the Work-Study Program were written to see if they would use some of their work-study slots for their students living in Atlanta to participate in an off-campus work-study program. While the results for this year resulted in less than 100 students, most of the colleges expressed a willingness to work in such programs in 1969. Many of them might still participate.

L. Special Events

1. The Atlanta Braves-Chief will make tickets available again this year.
2. The Convention Bureau has sent resource material.
3. The Auditorium Manager will inform this office on all shows and events, as well as the sponsors of same for the month of June, July, and August.
4. Southern Bell will provide a film.
5. The soft drinks and baking companies will offer tours and treats for special occasions.
6. The NAACP will offer a guitar program.
7. Greyhound, Trailway and Continental Trailway will provide bus trips.
8. Major trade associations and professional groups will circularize its members.
9. The major airlines will again offer around-the-city rides and excursions.

M. The Police Department

A most important part of the summer program will be the continuous work of the Crime Prevention Bureau. The Bureau will operate a mobile unit in poverty areas. It will conduct tours of the Police Department, will offer talks to youth groups, and it will assist agencies and organizations in conducting social and other programs.

N. Other Programs

The Public and Private agencies will conduct their regular summer programs over and above the special summer programs. These will include such programs as:

1. Employment.
 - a. Neighborhood Youth Corps
 - b. Vocational Education Work-Study
2. Education
 - a. Regular Summer School
 - b. Title I and III

3. Recreation

- a. The regular programs of the Parks and Recreation Department
- b. The regular program of the United Appeal Agencies

O. Public Relations and Publicity

The advertisement firm of Little, Neal, Battle and Lindsey has been obtained by the mayor to serve as our public relations counselor.

We also have a public relations sub-committee chaired by Miss Ann Cobb. The Industrial Editors Association is working with this part of the program. The Regional Public Relations Offices of HEW, and Labor are; long is on tjos area/

P. Other Activities

Several groups are working on a variety of projects and programs on their own, but in close contact with the Youth Opportunity Program. These include the Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Softball League, Rodent Control), Grady Hospital, Price Comprehensive Health Program, and the Metropolitan Atlanta Christian Council.