



Community Planning Council

The Community Planning Council was established by Greenwich United Way to encourage the most effective and efficient health and human service delivery system for Greenwich. Comprised of community leaders, nonprofit service professionals, Greenwich United Way board members, and community volunteers, the work of the Planning Council, particularly through its periodic Needs Assessments, has led to the development of some of the Town's most valued programs and institutions.

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Community Planning Council Meeting Thursday 3/28, 8:30am, Windrose Program Site

Children and Youth: Windrose Program

Diane C. Fox, Interim Program Administrator, Windrose Program

According to the Greenwich United Way's Needs Assessment, the community and service providers continue to place a very high priority on meeting the needs of our children and youth. Greenwich has approximately 17,000 children under the age of 20, or about 28% of our population.

Highlights from the Presentation:

The Windrose Mission Statement: Through personalized learning and a combination of classroom curriculum and purposeful work that fosters community connectedness, *Windrose* will prepare students of all backgrounds and interests with the knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to graduate and to be successful in college and careers.

History: Ms. Fox noted that Greenwich Public Schools has had some form of alternative education for 45 years. From 1974-2012, the Community Learning Program (CLP) was an alternative for regular education students who learned differently. From 1991-2012, the ARCH program served students who received special education services. In 2012, the two programs merged. As a result, enrollment declined yearly due to - stigmatization, merging two distinct student populations, limited academic opportunities and limited access to GHS programs and facilities. May 2017, the Greenwich Board of Education presented the Windrose Program.

Windrose Program Objectives: increase attendance, improve relationship skills, reduce number of course failures, improve GPA, improve emotional regulation, participate in one workplace experience and earn credits needed for graduation.

Windrose Program Pillars (4): Personalized Learning, Social and Emotional Skill Building, Academics Aligned with Career/Internship, and Windrose Credit Recovery.

Ms. Fox presented a program status update and a teacher presented a student testimonial.

Windrose Future Plans: Looking for a new location for 2019-2020, request a grant from Greenwich Alliance for Education to explore elective experiences for students, collaborate with Neighbor to Neighbor and the Junior United Way to increase community service opportunities.

Next Community Planning Council Meeting:

Thursday, 4/11, 8:30 am, Temple Shalom, Topic: Children and Youth – Achievement Gap, Greenwich Parents as Teachers

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