

AT RISK YOUTH



ACCESS & SUPPORT

PURPOSE :

To create a unified front to aggressively address, attack and alleviate the:

At Risk Youth **Crisis**.

The Plan

Collaborations

Create a strong foundation

Utilizing existing resources and expertise

NEEDS

Facilities

Partnership with city and juvenile detention center

Unified front of all organizations, businesses, and citizens

Definition of at risk youth

At-risk youth, are adolescents who are less likely to transition successfully into adulthood and achieve economic self-sufficiency. Characteristics of at-risk students include emotional or behavioral problems, truancy, low academic performance, showing a lack of interest for academics, and expressing a disconnection from the school environment.

Very High Risk : These youth "do it all." They have already entered the juvenile justice system, carry guns, and use illegal drugs.

High-Risk: These youth "do most of it." They haven't entered the juvenile justice system yet, but engage in heavy drinking, smoking and marijuana use, are behind in school, often truant.

Moderate-Risk: These youth "do some of it." They are engaged in one or two high risk behaviors such as experimenting with marijuana and alcohol.

Low-Risk: These youth experiment with risky behaviors. They may have an occasional drink or cut class once in a while.

No-Risk: These youth do not engage in any risky behaviors. Except for being surrounded by many negative or risky activities, these youth are protected from the dangers of risky behaviors.

Currently Killeen is spending zero dollars on any At Risk Youth programs and offer no real alternatives to prison.

100% of all funding and efforts to prevent our youth from being incarcerated is currently being done by volunteers and concerned citizens.

It is time we all work as one to stop this **Crisis** and create options and opportunity for our youth.

By utilizing existing programs and key members of the community we can,

Reduce crime

Generate income to not only create new programs like:

Teaching trades

Business management

We can support and expand the existing ones.

What do we need from the City?

Access and Support

Allowing us to create large events
once a year

ACCESS

- USAGE OF THE CIVIC CENTER
- USAGE OF 1 FIELD TO HOLD CITY WIDE TOURNAMENTS
- MARATHONS
- OBSTACLE COURSE

SUPPORT

This will lessen the financial burden that up to this point the citizens have been responsible for.

Show and create cohesiveness with all groups and organizations to include the city.

Show that the city does care about the **CRISIS** of our AT Risk Youth and understands that it is time we all learn to work as one to save our youth.