

**Youth Task Force**  
Subcommittee of the GVPCCC  
Meeting Minutes October 15, 2008

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**Present:**

Kathy Johnson	Jonathan Putt	Denise Green	Brenda Garrett
Charlie French	Dottie Scarborough	Joyce Williams	Sherrina Scott
Maria Perkins	William Goodwin	Robert Bagley	Tasha Dawson
Troy Alister			

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*The BEST for Youth Task Force is a coalition of professionals in the Greater Hampton Roads region dedicated to promoting:*

- *The principles of youth development, and*
- *Capacity building for youth work professionals.*

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- Welcome new members Denise Green, Sherrina Scott, Robert Bagley, Tasha Dawson, Karen Baker and Troy Alister (worksites listed on database)!
- Announcements:
- The Boys and Girls Club will build a playground at the Denbigh site, 429 Thorncliff Drive, 8am-2pm on 10/16/08 with funds from the Kaboom Corporation. Jonathan invited everyone to come out and help.
- Kathy encouraged all YTF members to attend the GVPCCC General Meeting on October 21, 2:00-4:00pm at Mary Immaculate Health Care Center. A panel will discuss current issues and new services on the Peninsula. GVP Task Forces will also report out.
- Continuum of Care \$20.00 membership dues are per organization, not per individual. Visit the website at [gvpccc.org](http://gvpccc.org).
- Because GVP has joined the Chamber of Commerce, GVP members receive Chamber benefits including networking opportunities i.e. Business After Hours and Chamber Business Breakfasts. At least two representatives of individual organizations and Continuum of Care should attend. The GVP Executive Committee has developed Continuum of Care business cards for members to present at Chamber events.
- GVP Executive Officers are asking for feedback to help the General Membership meetings be more interesting and relevant to the general public.
- **Tasks:** 1) YTF will present topics at our November meeting for the GVP General Meetings. 2) YTF will identify priority areas for our task force.
- Business:
- UthACT, a youth-led service and activism group, is seeking volunteer opportunities for 20 high school youth to gain experience and skill building in various career fields. Contact Callie Hardman at Alternatives Inc at 838-2330 or email [chardman@altinc.org](mailto:chardman@altinc.org).

- The *Click or Call Campaign* is a hotline and website offering parental advice and information about resources for families ranging from those with infants to teenagers. *Call* the hotline, open 7 days a week 8am to 11pm, at 1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-5373) or visit KidsPriorityOne.org and *Click* on 'Quicklink' for database of services.
- Charlie French will attend the Dropout Prevention Summit on October 28<sup>th</sup> and report out at the YTF November meeting.
- Lighthouse Outreach Inc. presented on their organization. Lighthouse promotes abstinence education, reduction of risk behaviors, and skill building for healthy relationships among middle and high school youth. It is a community-based organization using community saturation method to increase awareness and build partnerships throughout Hampton Roads. Contact info for Lighthouse representatives on YTF database.
- **Next YTF Meeting:** November 19, 2008.

