

Organization Name: Alachua County Sheriff's Office

Organization Info

Year Established:

Most Recent 990 Year:

Total Revenue:

Total Expenses:

Philanthropy Hub Profile Created: No

Program Snapshot

Program Name: The Sentinel Program

Contract Number: 11580

Award Amount: 113995

Type of Program: Out of School Time/Youth Development

Program Summary: Weekly mentoring program for youth at risk of entering Juvenile justice system focused on conflict resolution, resiliency, emotional intelligency and community engagements

Target Population: School-Age: 6-18

Program Staffing:

4 positions:

-2 Group Leaders

1 paid interns

Program Site(s):

Newberry High School (400 SW 258th St, Newberry, FL);

Mebane Middle School (16401 NW 140th St, Alachua, FL 32615);

Shell Elementary School (21633 65th Ave, Hawthorne, FL 32640)

Partner(s):

Alachua County Teen Court

Chrysalis

Meridian

~~Career Source North Central Florida-~~ (no longer in Gainesville)

State Attorney's Office

Alachua County Public Schools (ACPS)

To be completed by the Providing Agency

How much?	Actual	How well?	Actual	Anyone better off?	Actual
<p>Expected # of children to be served: 150</p> <p>Intensity of Services: On-going engagement (weekly sessions)</p> <p># of youth attending mentoring program</p>		<p>% of youth attending mentoring program</p> <p>Average attendance at mentoring program</p>		<p>% of participants understanding consequences associated with problematic behaviors</p> <p>% of participants increase self-efficacy, future outlook</p> <p>% of participants that decrease problematic behavior</p> <p>% of participants linked to community services</p>	

Project Narrative:

Describe what has been accomplished year-to-date.

Include any adjustments due to COVID-19 or any other helpful information

Currently our first employee started on October 5th and our second employee will start on November 9th. This extremely long delay was due to the hiring freeze, the extended back ground checks, and the other requirements to become employed at the Sheriff's office (psychological exam, polygraph and drug screen.) When school started back at the end of August, I was in the email boxes and front offices of each school preparing plans on what and how the school would feel comfortable implementing Sentinel in this new climate. We have rock solid plans with Shell Elementary and Mebane Middle school to start groups this month. We kept everything moving by purchasing our vehicles, computers and other supplies to be ready at a minutes notice. We kept in contact with all of our partners to make sure we stayed on the same page as new developments arrived throughout quarantine. During the summer the Sentinel Program participated in an online Youth Summit put on by Hanely foundation to spread the word about the Sentinel program.

Since our contract with the CTAC was signed in March, the Sentinel Program has been trying to push through the unique obstacles that were placed in front of all us. The COVID-19 quarantine has delayed our program as a whole on a few levels. Our initial obstacle was a hiring freeze at the Sheriff's office that occurred right before the contract was signed, delaying hiring our staff until just recently. This was the first hindrance, but it was also a silver lining since the schools we were going to be implemented into were closed through the end of the school year, therefore we did not use our salary portion of our budget when we had nowhere for our program leaders to form their groups. A large portion Sentinel was to give children in the outer areas of our county real-life experience and opportunities in Alachua County to expand their mindset. While we had laid on the ground work in the schools mentioned in our proposal (Shell Elementary, Mebane Middle, Newberry High) and were planning to hit the ground running in May, that unfortunately did not happen.

The largest adjustment the Sentinel program has had to make is time. It has been the one factor I cannot control and it is something I've had to wait out until I felt that I could implement this program without compromising its integrity.

I appreciate you and the board's consideration and patience with this matter. I am passionate about this program and I hope to be working with the CTAC continually and in the future to change the lives of the youth in our county.