

MID-YEAR REPORT FOR OUTCOME PROGRESS

Reporting for: July 1 – November 30 of the current year!

Agency Name: Camp Fire Heart of Iowa

Program Name: School Aged Child Care/Youth Development

Brief Description of Program:

- 1. Program/ Service Outcome (Change/ Benefit to Clients/ Community) – please refer back to the corresponding ABF 5(O) and provide an update on program/ service outcome from July 1 to date:**

Camp Fire continued to serve Story County with several day camps in 2018. Youth served ranged in age from first through ninth grade. We offered pickup and dropoff at Camp Canwita for three programs run at our camp in Boone, Camp Hantesa and both elementary and middle school programs at our Camp Canwita. Each of these camps were full each week of the summer.

- 2. Measurement Used (How Often, Tools Used) – please refer back to the corresponding ABF 5(O) and provide an update on measurement used from July 1 to date:**

Camp Fire uses three measurements to evaluate our programs. First, we gauge need by looking at registrations v. prior years. Our second two evaluations are measures of outcome and process. Our outcome measurement is from the American Camp Association which gauges involvement and wellbeing. And the process measurement is the Youth Program Quality Assessment.

- 3. Measurement Update (Please provide update on measurement data collected based on the ABF 5(O) from July 1 to date):**

Most weeks of the summer, our camps were full with waiting lists, despite an increase in capacity, especially for middle school youth. Once again this year, we showed improvement in each of the categories on the outcome measurements. 69% of youth reported learning a new skill, 94% reported a sense of belonging, and 94% reported that they improved or maintained a positive relationship at camp. With the Youth Program Quality Assessment. This year, our composite score fell a little, to 4.11 from 4.22, but we still remain higher than the national average of 3.47. We are factoring this into our training and planning for 2019 to ensure that we continue to get better.

- 4. Outcomes Achieved (Result to Clients/ Community) – please refer back to the corresponding ABF 5(O) and provide an update on the outcomes achieved from July 1 to date:**

In addition to the above outcomes, we are also working on adding intentional programming that help youth beat the “summer slide.’ This year, youth who attended Camps from Story County participated in literacy and nature based science activities. An outcome of this emphasis was that each youth participated in at least 20 minutes per day of reading and reading activities, and participated in at least one nature based science program per week.

5. Barriers Encountered (please refer back to the corresponding ABF 5(O) and provide an update on the barriers encountered from July 1 to date):

We have had, in recent years, a challenge finding enough qualified staff to run our programs, let alone expand our capacity. We have managed to find very good staff, but it takes much more effort. In addition, we are able to hire staff from partner agencies that work with international youth from around the world. This opened a new dynamic to our camps, where our campers are exposed to leaders from the U.K., Eastern Europe and many other parts of the world.

Other barriers are with space and transportation. We are reaching our capacity in those areas also, so long range plans will have to include more buildings at Camp Canwita and acquiring more vans or another bus for transportation.

6. Clients Served (please refer back to the corresponding ABF 5 Service Statistics and provide an update on number of clients served from July 1 to date):

We served 616 Camper Weeks or 3080 days of service in July and August with 108 unique (unduplicated) campers. We also provided 68 camper scholarships.

7. Have you had to turn any clients away that desire to participate in this program? If so, why? If so, how many? If so, when?

We had a waiting list all summer due to reaching our capacity based on our staff to youth ratios. We plan to add another staff member next summer to add to capacity, but we are quickly reaching our capacity on transportation. It is in our long range plans to increase this capacity.

8. Comments: