

URBAN LEAGUE UPDATE

Northeast Youth Service Center

The Northeast Youth Service Center saw over 1,100 children and their families during the last year and provided almost 14,000 hours of service. This service included: individual and family counseling, gang awareness and prevention programs, parent and teen support groups, education and employment assistance, Big Brother and Big Sister Volunteer involvement, boy's and girl's groups, and Diversion Program. As this current year progresses all the programs are very active. More efforts are being made to develop programs which will: serve gang-involved girls, increase youth involvement, and provide additional information through group projects.

Employment

During 1990, the Employment Department placed 122 people in jobs. The types of jobs and skill levels varied considerably ranging from entry level clerical positions to management and highly skilled technical workers. As we enter 1991, some exciting things have already begun to happen in the area of rebuilding and expanding the Employment Department. A core group of businesses including Nike, U.S. Bancorp, First Interstate Bank, Standard Insurance and Mentor Graphics have joined together in a partnership with the League. Volunteers from each of the companies will be at the League every day to help interview clients, provide job counseling and refer people to job openings. In addition, Nike has agreed to finance a full-time staff position for one year at the League. We believe that this concept is the "seed" of great things to come and that other employers will soon be eager to join in this unique effort to demonstrate that where partners join together in a common endeavor, we will all reap the rewards.

The Adult & Senior Service Center

The Adult & Senior Service Center provided services to 1,231 unduplicated clients in 1990. Currently there is a total of 201 active cases. Of that number, 30 clients receive case management, which is 14.93% of our total active case load, 101 clients receive case management/OPI (in-home services), which is 50.25% of the total active case load, and 70 clients receive short-term intervention service, 34.83% of our total case load. Over 2,939 transportation rides for seniors for medical follow-up, life sustaining appointments, and shopping have been arranged.

The Center serves senior citizens age 60+ and Alzheimer clients under 60 years of age living in Inner-Northeast Portland.

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For the year of 1991, the department will be moving into the new Multi-Culture/Multi-Service Center for seniors. This will be a single entry system for seniors. The Center will be co-locating with Multnomah County's Aging Services Northeast District Branch and Loaves and Fishes Congregate Nutrition program. This Center will become a model program for Senior Service Centers throughout Oregon, and other cities in the United States.

Department of Education and Career Development

The Whitney M. Young, Jr. Learning Center is an after school homework/tutorial assistance program for students in grades 7 through 12 who mainly live in North/Northeast Portland and who could not otherwise afford supplemental academic assistance. Last year the Center worked with 187 students throughout Portland. There are 128 students and 35 parents participating at the Center to date in 1991. Historically, February and March are heavy enrollment months for the program. The program goal for 1991 is to enroll 200 students and 65 parents. Workshops are designed to assist parents with gaining control of their children's educational outcomes by becoming more involved in the educational process of their children.

A new program at the Urban League is called **THE MALE RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM**. This program is designed to address the increasing rate of adolescent pregnancy and to place emphasis on teenage males to help improve their decision-making ability by making them aware of the responsibilities of manhood, fatherhood, and the importance of education.

The program is currently conducting weekly group sessions for young men ages 11-19 at Harriet Tubman Middle School, Cleveland High School, Jefferson High School, and at the Urban League's main office.

There are 57 teenage males enrolled in the weekly sessions and 27 adult males who have volunteered as Mentors in the program.

Mark Your Calendar: Urban League of Portland's Annual Dinner

July 11, 1991

