

South Alabama Youth Coalition

Youth Advisors Retreat

May 1, 2009

Answers to questions regarding your youth program's: (bold answers are recurring)

1. greatest challenges:
 - **retaining older girls**; marketing to other organizations; funding for projects; **regular attendance**; meeting social needs; retaining staff; not enough resources; **how to keep kids' attention**; truancy; **lack of positive parental influence**; implementing ideas; recruiting students; coordinating with schools, family, and community members; **getting students' full participation at events**; coordinating with schools; **regular attendance**; **building synergy**; recruiting male volunteers; funding; scheduling meetings; communicating; regular attendance;
2. regarding professional development:
 - professional development in both areas; **how to engage and retain students** in after school programs via workshops, webinars, networking events; **how to engage students** through various leadership and volunteer activities; motivating to do outside assignments;
3. regarding two effective events: on sheets
4. regarding students' barriers:
 - time constraints; **too many other activities**; **transportation**; **conflicting meeting schedules**; neighborhoods; **transportation**; **no parental encouragement to go to school**; peer influence; **transportation**; **conflicting extracurricular activities**; low grades; time constraints; **transportation**; **over-involvement with activities**; **transportation**; child care; drugs; **family support**; pregnancy; legal issues; housing; being committed to too many activities;
5. regarding event schedules: not available yet