

## **Safe Places Work Group**

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### **Issues:**

1. Centers (some) Gyms – Schools
2. Share (or) common interests
3. Geographic locations – (strategic)
4. What a safe place is? Drug Free –
  - ▶ Violence free
  - ▶ Trustworthy staff- friends
  - ▶ Accessible
  - ▶ Activities that will draw teens
  - ▶ Needs can be met
  - ▶ Wealth of resources – referrals
  - ▶ Youth led listening groups

### **List of known places:**

- ▶ Oasis – agency & partner places – Wendy’s etc.
- ▶ RocketTown
- ▶ Martha O’ Bryan
- ▶ Bethlehem centers
- ▶ YMCA Programs
- ▶ Boys & Girls Clubs
- ▶ Churches – etc. – faith based
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Parks
- ▶ Shelby Ctr. – Community Ctrs.
- ▶ Family Resource centers
- ▶ Police Departments

### **Safe Places Resources and Gaps:**

1. Oasis – shelter & referrals – crisis issues
2. RocketTown – appealing youth activities – good security
3. Martha O’ Bryan – child care – services – youth programs – caring staff – FRC
4. Bethlehem Ctr – Food bank – child care – youth program – FRC
5. YMCA – shelter – transportation – youth programs
6. YWCA - shelter – transportation – women’s issues – domestic issues
7. Churches – faith based – pastors – counseling –
8. Help centers

## **Possible short-term wins w/Timeline:**

Partnership with agencies already in place & schools not being utilized now

1. Organize meeting with Oasis, Health Centers, pastors, (IMF, etc.), neighborhood/community associations and leaders to determine how to refer youth to Oasis and vice-versa *(6-12 months)*
2. Crisis training for faith-based and other youth crisis referral sources *(6-12 months)*
3. Use Peniel Initiative as resource guide and base/foundation to a larger assessment of resources, orgs. And gaps in larger Nashville and Davidson County. *(first 2-3 months)*

**Meeting:** TBA via conference call/email communication