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Ferguson Community Service Program



Ferguson Youth Initiative (FYI) is proud to announce the start of the Ferguson Community Service Program (FCSP) in March, 2014. FCSP will provide youth an opportunity to perform mentor guided service work in lieu of incarceration or fines for misdemeanors; to receive, through our

partners, any psychological, drug related, social and/or family counseling as deemed appropriate; and to receive guided inclusion in positive youth-directed activities and peer counseling through FYI and their partners.

FCSP creates a collaboration of all stakeholders in Ferguson, MO that demonstrates and includes youth and young adults in the values of responsibility and accountability in a constructive community service program. The program is available to Ferguson youth between the ages of 16 and 19 who commit misdemeanor or traffic violations within the City of Ferguson.

As a result of this program, supervised teams of youth will be available to perform services for homes, schools, churches and businesses within the Ferguson community. Services such as minor landscaping, painting, trash removal, snow removal, leaf raking, and others will be available at nominal charge. If you have a business, home, or site location that is in need of these services, you can contact FCSP at 314-749-5379 for more information or to discuss work you would like to have done.

Additionally, FCSP is also looking for volunteers (must be 21 years or older) to work as site mentors on job sites. Volunteers must be willing to submit to a background screening; able to supervise a team of youth (up to five youth); have a basic understanding of minor landscaping, painting, repair skills; and willing to work on weekends and some evenings. Stipends are available. All interested adults must apply either through the FYI website (www.fyiferyouth.org) or by sending an email to FCSP@fyiferyouth.org.

Founded in October 2010, FYI is a 501(c)3 nonprofit serving the youth of the Ferguson community by encouraging them and engaging them as active members of the community, developing programs as needed, and further communicating and partnering with existing community youth programs. Since its inception, FYI has worked to support young people (between the ages 13 and 19) and help engage them as active members of the community by hosting local youth events in addition to helping organize and sustain the Ferguson Youth Advisory Board.

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