

**Recreation C.A.T. Meeting**  
**August 16, 2006**  
**7:00-9:00 p.m**

In Attendance:

Dottie Buckon  
Wayne W. Burke  
Ryan Demro  
Gary Gerhardt Jr.  
Dave Keelor

Tom Kelly  
Patty Ryan  
Deb Sweeney

I. Brief Overview of Blue Ribbon Executive Committee and C.A.T. Teams

II. Definitions:

- A. Belong: To be welcomed; to be able to identify with others; to be engaged, connected, supported, valued and included; to be able to contribute.

How Accomplished: Providing safe and clean environments for youth activity with parent involvement for coaching and transportation. Also providing uniforms and equipment for the youth. As well as educating all youth on the harms of tobacco, alcohol, drugs and sport enhancers.

- B. Thriving: Aspects of mental, social, emotional, physical health. Goes beyond material success or needs.

How Accomplished: Connecting with working families. Travel leagues and clubs for the youth and creating a Teen center for teens to hang out.

III. "Belong" and "Thrive" are broken down by age groups (see attached)

IV. Next Steps:

- A. CAT Chairs

Ryan Demro is interim chair

- B. Continue with agenda due to not completing it entirely at last meeting

**NEXT MEETING:** September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the auditorium at Lakewood City Hall

**VISION STATEMENT: All youth and families belong and thrive.**

Please identify issues/characteristics, by age group, that will enable this community to effectively embrace the Vision.

	<b>Thrive</b>	<b>Belong</b>
<i>Example:</i>	<i>(Note: Some type of example should be used so group knows what to do.)</i>	
Early Childhood (0-5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe environment + clean (Playgrounds)</li> <li>• Parent Involvement</li> <li>• Aware of Playgroups (cooperative)</li> <li>• Transportation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural barriers</li> <li>• Special needs programs</li> <li>• Connect working families</li> <li>• Connect with playgroups</li> </ul>
Elementary Age (6-10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean safe playgrounds</li> <li>• Equipment &amp; Uniforms</li> <li>• Open spaces i.e.: tag; man hunt; dodgeball etc</li> <li>• Access to facilities</li> <li>• Knowledge of programs</li> <li>• Travel leagues; more competition + place to practice</li> <li>• Transportation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players who excel have no outlet</li> <li>• Socio-economic</li> <li>• Travel leagues</li> <li>• Transportation</li> </ul>
Middle School (11-14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean safe playgrounds</li> <li>• Equipment &amp; Uniforms</li> <li>• Open spaces i.e.: tag; man hunt; dodgeball etc</li> <li>• Access to facilities</li> <li>• Parent Volunteers for clubs</li> <li>• Place to hang out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs/Disparity</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Parents</li> </ul>
High School (15-19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean safe playgrounds</li> <li>• Equipment &amp; Uniforms</li> <li>• Open spaces i.e.: tag; man hunt; dodgeball etc</li> <li>• Access to facilities</li> <li>• Place to Hang out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teen Hang out</li> <li>• Transportation</li> </ul>
Families and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Educate on harms of tobacco and alcohol to all age groups</li> </ul>	