



WEED & SEED

**Martindale-Brightwood
Safe Haven Report
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The Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) defines a Safe Haven as a multi-service center where a variety of youth and adult services are coordinated in a highly visible, accessible facility that is secure against crime and illegal drug activity. "In a Safe Haven, youth should learn to resist drugs and crime and avoid other neighborhood problems." Safe Havens are a key element of the Weed and Seed strategy and all sites are encouraged to have at least one Safe Haven.

Chapter 10 (Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment) of the Weed and Seed Implementation Manual states the following:

Guiding Principles of a Safe Haven

- ❖ **Community based.** The goals and objectives of a Safe Haven should be based on the needs and resources of the designated neighborhood.
- ❖ **Culturally relevant.** A Safe Haven should reflect the site's local culture and diversity, which should be considered when determining and coordinating services and programs.
- ❖ **Easily accessible.** A Safe Haven should offer extended hours and be centrally located.
- ❖ **Education based.** A Safe Haven should emphasize programs and services that are education based.
- ❖ **Prevention based.** A Safe Haven should emphasize programs and services designed to prevent problems at the earliest possible stage.
- ❖ **Multiservice.** Community problems often are multifaceted and require comprehensive solutions. A Safe Haven can offer a unique forum for maximizing collaboration among service agencies and community partners.

Programs that Should be Offered at a Safe Haven

- ❖ **After school activities.** These programs usually provide tutoring and homework assistance but can cover other identified needs.
- ❖ **Recreation and sports programs.** A Safe Haven can offer supervised play, sports, games, and physical fitness activities.
- ❖ **Group activities.** Clubs such as the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and similar groups can meet regularly and hold activities at a Safe Haven.
- ❖ **Classes.** Subjects can include health and nutrition, citizenship, and those related to risk and protective factors.
- ❖ **Training.** Skills training can be offered through collaboration with other agencies. Computer training for youth and adults is both popular and practical.
- ❖ **Education on cultural issues.** Programs should be developed to teach children to take pride in themselves, their families, and their cultural heritage.
- ❖ **Health care services.** The PIT subcommittee should make it a high priority to provide health care services when possible. At a minimum, a Safe Haven should offer a health referral service. A greater emphasis on health care services will help build a healthier community.

The CCDO also suggest that Safe Havens always be included in the marketing plans of the Weed and Seed site.

Martindale-Brightwood Weed and Seed Goals

The Martindale-Brightwood Weed and Seed goals for its Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (PIT) strategy are to expand training/education programs for target youth and their parents/families, and to get more families involved in community meetings and activities that link them to needed resources and services via Safe Havens.

Safe Haven Information Summary

There are eight (8) designated Safe Havens in the Martindale-Brightwood community. Weed and Seed Evaluators collected information about each of them.

Safe Haven	Year Est.	Location	Phone Number	Organization Website?	Web page related to Safe Haven programs?
Brightwood Community Center	1968	2410 N. Station St.	317-546-8200	Yes	Yes
Douglass Park Family Center	1921	1616 East 25 th St.	317-327-7174	Yes	Yes
Edna Martin Christian Center	1942	1970 Caroline Ave.	317-637-3776	Yes	Yes
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	?	2349 Keystone Way	317-637-1286	No	No
Oasis Christian Community Development Corporation	?	1701 East 25 th St.	317-925-6970	Yes	No
Scott United Methodist Church	?	2153 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave.	317-925-1997	Yes	No
Wheeler-Dowe Boys and Girls Club	1971	2310 East 30 th St.	317-926-4222	Yes	Yes
Zion Hill Baptist Church	?	1610 East 19 th St.	317-631-1543	No	No

Table 1 – Safe Haven General Information

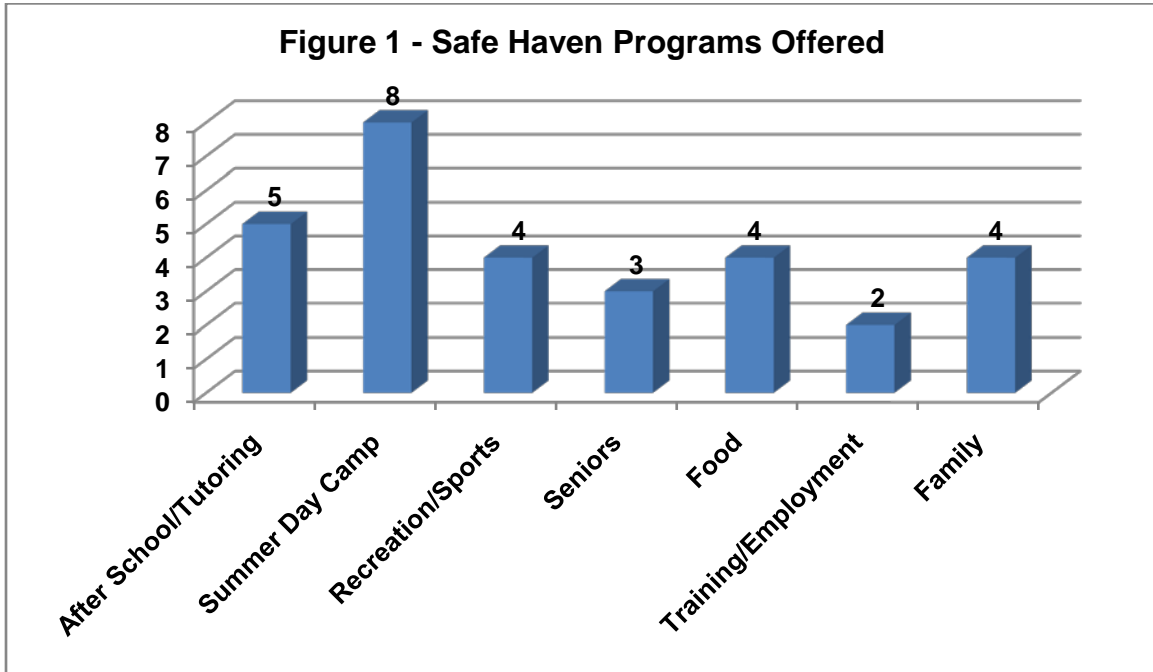
The following questions were asked:

1. What types of programs does your organization provide?
2. Where does your organization receive its funding?
3. What age groups do you serve?
4. Approximately how many individuals do you serve at each program on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis?
5. Do you have a waiting list? If no, are you at or near capacity?
6. Are there any programs that you do not currently offer that you would like to offer in the near future? If yes, please describe.

The following tables, charts, and narrative answer the questions noted above:

Safe Haven	After School/ Tutoring	Summer Day Camp	Recreation/ Sports	Seniors	Food	Training/ Employment	Family
Brightwood Community Center	X	X		X	X	X	X
Douglass Park Family Center		X	X	X			
Edna Martin Christian Center	X	X	X	X	X		X
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church		X	X				
Oasis Christian Community Development Corporation	X	X				X	X
Scott United Methodist Church The Way Church		X			X		
Wheeler-Dowe Boys and Girls Club	X	X	X				
Zion Hill Baptist Church	X	X			X		X
Total	5	8	4	3	4	2	4

Table 2 – Safe Haven Programs Offered



Save Havens were asked where they receive their funding, due to the fact that larger collaborative grants are often available that could help to strengthen existing programs, help implement new programs, and increase overall capacity. However, many funding organizations only allow one grant application per year. Therefore, in order to expand programs by focusing on each Safe Haven's strengths (niche), it is imperative to have knowledge of existing funding sources.

The following funding sources were revealed:

- ❖ **Brightwood Community Center**
 - ✓ Summer Youth Program Fund
- ❖ **Douglass Park Family Center**
 - ✓ City of Indianapolis
 - ✓ Federal Funding
- ❖ **Edna Martin Christian Center**
 - ✓ Summer Youth Program Fund
 - ✓ Indianapolis Foundation
 - ✓ ABC Churches
 - ✓ Individuals
 - ✓ United Way

❖ **Oasis Christian Community Development Corporation**

- ✓ Summer Youth Program Fund
- ✓ Private Foundations/Organizations
- ✓ Charitable Organizations
- ✓ Government Entities

❖ **Wheeler-Dowe Boys and Girls Club**

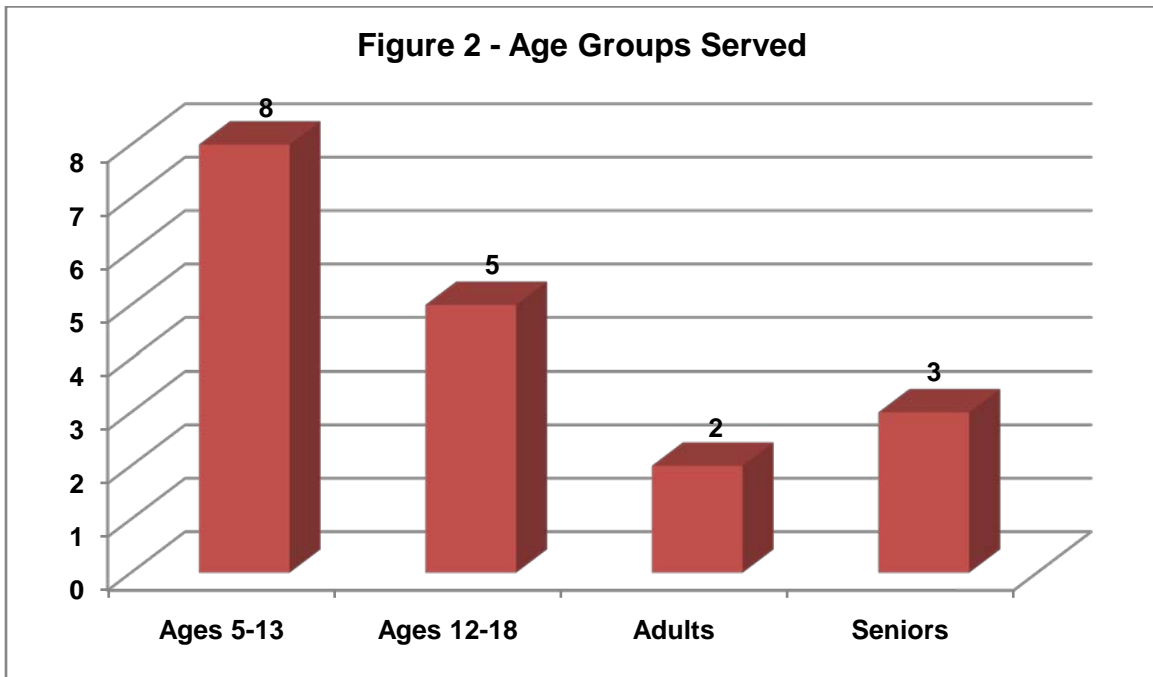
- ✓ Summer Youth Program Fund
- ✓ United Way

❖ **Zion Hill Baptist Church**

- ✓ Self-funded
- ✓ Annie E. Casey
- ✓ Lilly Endowment
- ✓ Summer Youth Program Fund

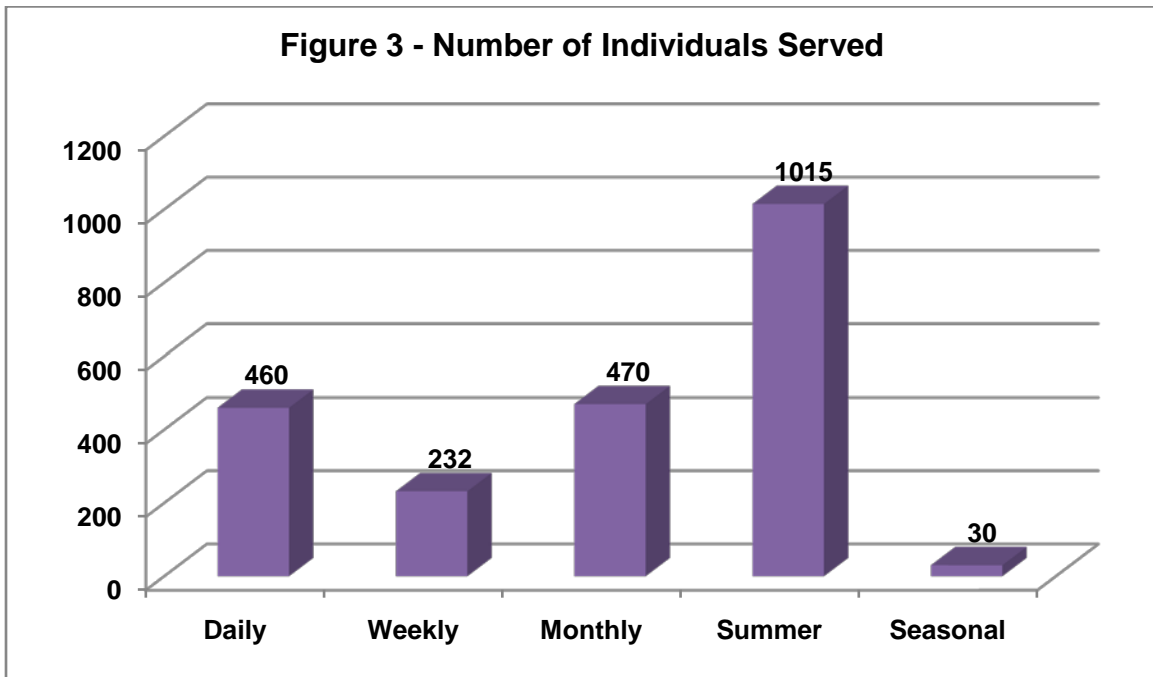
Safe Haven	Ages 5-13	Ages 12-18	Adults	Seniors
Brightwood Community Center	X	X	X	X
Douglass Park Family Center	X			X
Edna Martin Christian Center	X			X
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	X	X		
Oasis Christian Community Development Corporation	X	X	X	
Scott United Methodist Church The Way Church	X			
Wheeler-Dowe Boys and Girls Club	X	X		
Zion Hill Baptist Church	X	X		
Total	8	5	2	3

Table 3 – Age Groups Served



Safe Haven	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Summer	Seasonal
Brightwood Community Center	20			80	30
Douglass Park Family Center	80			80	
Edna Martin Christian Center	90	12		85	
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	53	95	70	50	
Oasis Christian Community Development Corporation	37			70	
Scott United Methodist Church The Way Church		100		100	
Wheeler-Dowe Boys and Girls Club	150			250	
Zion Hill Baptist Church	30	25	400	300	
Total	460	232	470	1015	30

Table 4 – Number of Individuals Served



None of the eight (8) Safe Havens stated that they have a waiting list, or that they are either at or near capacity.

When asked if there are programs that they do not currently offer, but would like to offer in the near future, five Safe Havens (62.5%) did not respond, but the three (37.5%) that did stated the following:

- ❖ **Douglass Park Family Center**
 - ✓ Karate
 - ✓ T-Ball
 - ✓ Computer Labs
 - ✓ Job Training
- ❖ **Oasis Christian Community Development Corporation**
 - ✓ Foster Youth Transition Program
- ❖ **Zion Hill Baptist Church**
 - ✓ Senior Citizen's Program