

# STARS

## Safe and Drug Free School and Communities

### Programming Summary

2008-2009

- *Hazelden's* "No Bullying" Curriculum, *Peaceable Schools* Conflict Resolution, Botvin's LifeSkills Training, and Drug Resistance Education has been provided for a total of **4,261 upper elementary students** including two private schools throughout the district. The number trained reflects an increase of 7 percent compared to the previous year. Pre and post data reflect a 17 percent overall increase in knowledge among students trained.
- *Peaceable Schools* Conflict Resolution, Drug Resistance Education (including alcohol and prescription drug abuse), and/or CDC Media Literacy curriculum training was provided for a total of **3,680 secondary students** including four private schools. This total reflects a decrease of 15 percent compared to the previous year. A 20.3 percent gain in knowledge was noted from pre and post data.
- paxUnited Peer Mediation training was provided for **204 secondary students** including one private school. These students from 10 schools reported **104 successfully resolved conflicts** (more than four times the reported number the previous year). In comparing last year's data of disciplinary referrals relating to fighting/violence/assault, etc., the schools implementing paxUnited peer mediation had an overall **53 percent reduction in disciplinary referrals** as compared to the previous year's data.
- Support service has been provided **244 students** struggling with specific issues such as anger, grief and stress. A total of **82.8 percent made improvements** in grades, attendance, and/or behavior (measured by disciplinary referrals). A total of **163** of these students were targeted for the male mentoring initiative to address the **disproportional disciplinary infractions** recorded the previous year. **Sixty nine (69) percent** of those males made progress in grades, attendance, and/or behavior (as measured by disciplinary referrals).
- **Five hundred sixty seven (567) secondary students** representing **20 schools** were involved in the STARS Youth Conference promoting factual information regarding pertinent, relevant teen issues relative to drugs, violence, and healthy decision making. This number represents a fifteen percent increase in the previous year's attendees.
- STARS Project Fresh Start, an alternative learning strategy merging weekly professional counseling, adult mentoring and on-line instruction for greater risk students, was provided for **40 students** from four middle schools. These students noted an overall improvement in **71 percent** of the students enrolled. Specific school data reflects the following: Dalewood Middle—**94 percent of students improved their math scores (an average of 10.07 overall)**; **Howard Middle**—50 percent of students enrolled made gains in the subject area enrolled; **Red Bank Middle**—62.5 percent of students enrolled made gains in the subject area enrolled; **Ooltewah Middle**--75 percent of students enrolled made gains in the subject enrolled.
- A total of **131 students/teachers** representing **25 schools** were trained to be equipped with new skills to be positive agents of change in their respective schools at the Student Action Plan Forum in conjunction with the *Connect With Kids* Character Education initiative.
- STARS leadership development retreat designed to promote positive leadership and mentoring involved **236 secondary students** from **29 schools**. This total represents a **33 percent increase** in participation as compared to last year's attendees.
- Six secondary school administrators (21<sup>st</sup> Century, CSAS, Ooltewah High, Red Bank High, Red Bank Middle, and Sequoyah) with students in violation of tobacco and/or alcohol-related infractions enrolled their students in the alternative to full suspension group to **reduce suspension term and absenteeism by 50 percent**.
- Gang intervention strategies were provided through staff development for **Dalewood Middle, Hamilton County High School, and Washington Alternative**.
- A total of 10,342 secondary students voluntarily signed the commitment pledge agreeing to abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, prescription drug abuse, and other illegal and illicit drugs. This number represents a seven percent increase in the number the signed the pledge the previous year. Considering that written goals are more likely achieved, a follow-up of a random sample is being conducted to determine the percentage that stated they kept their commitment.

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School	4TH GRADE		5TH GRADE		SUPPORT SERVICE		Staff
	# of Students	Improvement	# of Students	Improvement	# of Students	Improvement	
21 <sup>st</sup> Century			36	28.0%			Cardell
Allen	96	29.3%	99	9.0%	2	100%	Cardell
Alpine Crest	61	15.2%	49	12.0%			Helms
Apison	97	27.8%	85	5.5%			Jordan
Barger Academy	57	22.3%	58	18.0%			Jordan
Battle Academy			69	16.7%			McDonald
Bess T. Shepherd	86	24.5%			2	100%	McDonald
Big Ridge	80	10.0%					Helms
Birchwood							Jordan
Brown Academy	45	19.5%					Jordan
Clifton Hills	60	18.0%	53	16.0%			McDonald
CSAS Elem			69	8.3%			Cardell
CSLA Elem	44	17.5%	46	7.5%	1	100%	McDonald
Daisy	67	17.3%	79	11.6%			Helms
Donaldson							McDonald
DuPont	31	24.0%	23	19.0%			Jordan
East Brainerd			84	14.0%			Jordan
East Lake							Cardell
East Ridge	47	7.0%					Cardell
East Side			81	14.6%			Cardell
Falling Water	36	5.5%	29	17.4%			Helms
Ganns Middle	81	18.4%	75	15.0%			Helms
Hardy	82	13.3%	86	20.0%			Cardell
Harrison							Jordan
Hillcrest	51	29.0%					Cardell
Hixson Elem	77	18.7%	63	39.3%			Helms
Lakeside Academy	69	28.0%	48	27.0%			Jordan
Lookout Mountain							McDonald
Lookout Valley	51	23.3%	41	11.5%			McDonald
McBrien	84	13.7%	68	16.4%			Helms
McConnell	90	14.8%	99	7.0%			Helms
Montessori School	12	23.0%	11	23.0%			Jordan
Nolan							Helms
Normal Park							McDonald
N. Hamilton			59	7.1%			Helms
OLPH			41	11.5%			Cardell
Ooltewah Elem			63	N/A			Cardell
Orchard Knob	45	15.5%	53	14.0%			Cardell
Red Bank Elem	104	5.5%			1	100%	Helms
Rivermont	49	17.0%	46	8.0%			Helms
Smith	119	32.0%	113	15.4%			Cardell
Snow Hill							McDonald
Soddy Elem	52	20.4%	57	12.3%			Helms
Spring Creek	94	17.5%	78	13.5%			McDonald
Spring Creek	96	N/A	75	N/A			Cardell
Thrasher							Helms
Westview	119	19.8%	106	16.4%			Cardell
Wolftever Creek	65	11.7%	72	21.0%			Cardell
Woodmore							Cardell
<b>Totals/ Improvement (%)</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,267</b>

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School	Commitment	Peer Mediation	Mediations Conducted	Student Training	Progress Noted	Support Group	Progress Noted	Camfel/ Bargatze	Project Fresh Start	Progress Noted	Leadership Retreat	Conference	Forum	Staff	Other
21st Century Middle/High	134		29			1	100%	X			15			Etchison / Cardell	
Brainerd High	213			83	n/a	6	83%	X			5	11		Etchison	
Brown Middle	466	26	5	349	22%	1	100%	X			14	105	4	Sullivan	PM-Explained to entire student body
CCA Middle/High	287			209	22%	1	100%	X			10	34		Fraley	
Central High	375			254	35%	15	73%				1	14	6	Sullivan	
CSAS Middle/High	246			123	13%	10	70%				2			Etchison / Cardell	
CSLA	94	15	14								6		5	Sullivan	
Dalewood	201					78	73%	X	16	94%	10	10	6	Etchison	
East Lake Academy	164	15	11			19	42%				8	13	3	Etchison	
East Ridge High	340			100	32%	3	100%	X			3	5	6	Sullivan	
East Ridge Middle	351			475	15%	3	100%				10	29	5	Sullivan	
Hixson High	346	23	16	216	36%	5	100%	X			5	4	6	Fraley	
Hixson Middle	310			89	22%						13	13	6	Fraley	
Howard Middle	142					10	20%	X	4	50%	6			Etchison	
Howard SAT	115			130	7%						3	12	1	Etchison	
Hunter Middle	617	24	0			8	88%				11		4	Sullivan	
Girls, Inc.	n/a			25	16%									Etchison	
Loftis Middle	667			154	15%			X			10	101	5	Fraley	
Lookout Valley Middle/High	179	10	15	40	10%	5	80%						5	Fraley	
McCallie	n/a					9	89%							Sullivan	
Montessori School	25			25	19%			X						Sullivan	
Normal Park Upper				73	20%								6	Fraley	
Notre Dame High	330			104	20%						9	41		Sullivan	
OLPH	144			104	25%							30		Sullivan	STARS Booth
Ooltewah High						3	100%						6	Sullivan/ Cardell	
Ooltewah Middle	885			107	28%	10	88%	X	12	75%	10		5	Sullivan	
Orchard Knob Middle	187			51	19%						8	25	5	Etchison	
Red Bank High	381	9	1	215	18%	10	90%				5	20	5	Fraley/ Cardell	Mentoring - 4 classes with 5th graders (9 RBH students)
Red Bank Middle	472			95	9%	1	100%		8	63%	12		7	Fraley	
Sale Creek Middle/High	257			109	31%			X			15	34	4	Fraley	
Sequoyah High	82			57	27%	2	100%	X			4	7	3	Fraley/ Cardell	
Signal Mtn. Middle/High	383	27	3			6	67%				14		10	Fraley	
Silverdale Baptist Academy	421	26	0	54	23%			X						Sullivan	
Soddy Daisy High	643	15	5	158	21%	4	75%				6	16	6	Fraley	
Soddy Daisy Middle	488			74	16%						10			Fraley	
Tyner Middle	150			171	15%			X			6	43	6	Etchison	
Tyner Academy	247	14	5			1	100%				5		6	Etchison	
Washington Alternative	n/a			36	11%	33	52%	X						Etchison	
Totals / Improvement (%)	10,342	204	104	3,680	20.3%	244	82.8%	16	40	71%	236	567	131		