



Mission

“Our mission is to build creativity, confidence, and resilience in the youth and families of our community.”

Executive Summary

Austin17House is a judgment free resource facility that provides supportive programming to both middle and high school aged youth and families.

As an organization we are regularly assessing the needs in our communities to ensure that our programing, workshops and outreach is meeting the needs of our most vulnerable members.

Youth and families need healthy and stable environments to grow in, and by increasing protective factors (community connection, mental health education, food, transportation, etc.) we in turn can combat the risk factors affecting our youth (access to substances, lack of resources or community support, etc.) which leads to poor self-esteem and participation in negative activities.

Our current offerings include part-time programming in creative arts and health & wellness. Youth are invited to participate in their program of choice to develop new skills or build upon existing skills. All programs enforce creativity, confidence and resilience in the youth who participate.

In order to ensure our programs are operating effectively, we heavily rely on volunteer participation and mentorship. These volunteers and mentors at the A17H come from all different walks of life and help provide a positive learning environment. In 2020, our team has volunteered over 3,600 hours for programming and personal development training.

In partnership with other community mentors and local businesses our goal over the next year is to increase our program offerings in both leadership and career development. Expanding our programs will also open up opportunities to create both inhouse and outsourced income to sustain and grow our programming.

Top 5 Community Commitments

1. Regular assessment of the needs in our community

It is important to review the community needs annually as well as be aware of new developments that may occur throughout the year. Adjustments to our programming models will be made to meet these demands.

2. Provide access to social determinants

Network with local schools, mental health organizations and community leaders to provide necessary support.

3. Full Spectrum Support: Emotional/Physical/Spiritual

Inhouse or outsourced programming will be provided to meet the holistic needs of our youth and families.

4. Preventive Educational Care for Youth and Families

Provide certified educational support for all areas of our community.

5. Increase Protective Factors/Decrease Risk Factors

Create a successful network to provide a safe environment through evidence based (EB) programming. The end goal is to empower personal development through both relational and emotional well being.

Organizational Development

Board Membership

Maintain 9-11 Members

Diverse individuals with a focus on optimal growth of A17h through supporting established operational procedures and integrating a strategy of individual and corporate fundraising efforts.

Sub-Committees

Fundraising & Events Committee

Established group of A17H family members who create and initiate an annual plan for A17H exposure to the community while raising supportive funding for programs.

Coordinator Committee

Provide systemized training for our staff and volunteers to help develop duplicatable programs that engage our targeted population of middle and high school youth and families.

Phases of Growth

Phase I (Current):

Part Time Evening Programs

Educational and experiential life skills programming for students.

Indoor/Outdoor Recreation

Provide indoor programming (music, fitness, drama, media, art) and outdoor recreation (gardening, bee keeping, trail walking, outdoor games, firepit) for community members.

Special Events

Offering the use of space to the community through a suggested donation.

Phase 2/Fall 2021-2022

Remote Learning/Tutoring

Support the educational community to include remote learning and other class specific tutoring.

After School Program

Specialized programming to support student development through mentorship and peer to peer learning.

Phase 3/Fall 2024

Full Time Program

Day programs offered in personal development, trade apprenticeship opportunities, and focused skill building.

Satellite Programs

Duplicatable blue-print and systems in place with a continual pattern of growth in expanding locations and reflecting a \$5,000,000- \$10,000,000 operational income/expense budget.

Austin17House Leadership Development Services

Leadership Programming

1. Youth (Ages 11-17)
2. Young Adults (Ages 18-25)
3. Adult/Parent (25+)

Development of life skills with a balance of fun through recreation and building strong relationships through mentorship.

Level 1/Leadership Development

- ❖ Hands On Skills Training
- ❖ Social Emotional Coping Techniques
- ❖ Personality Testing
- ❖ Volunteering

Level 2/Career Development

Business Development Programs:

Entrepreneurial opportunities and programs would be included for (ages 15-18) to learn business skills, planning and goal setting.

Community Apprenticeship Opportunities:

Partner with local businesses and tradesmen to connect high school aged students (16-18+) with local work-study opportunities.

Austin17House Mentorship Development Services

Three C's (Consultant, Counselor, Cheerleader)

Mentors provide specialized knowledge, experience, insight, enthusiasm and support through multigenerational collaboration!

Level 3 Mentorship Programming

In-house services provided to at-risk youth include specific support tailored to youth in the juvenile justice system and/or struggling with early onset of substance use disorder (addiction).

- ❖ Diversion (in-house)
- ❖ *LDAC (in-house)

Services include support groups, specialized training and basic skills, to develop stronger families throughout our communities.

- ❖ Youth/Mother Support Group
- ❖ Train Families

***LDAC - Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor**

Austin17House Outsourced Services

Expansion of partnerships, resources, services and support to meet the needs of the diverse population in the surrounding community.

1. Clinical Supervised Hours
2. Peer to Peer Groups
3. Partnerships with Urban Youth Programs
4. Faith-based support
5. Youth Camps
6. College Partnerships

Austin17House Sustainability

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Program Income

Affordable, fee-based programming, to increase the value and growth of individuals who choose to go the distance in our programs.

Building Rental/Community Partnerships

Increase of income through rental of space to both small and large groups.

Option to Purchase Facility/Environmental Programs

All efforts of monies paid for upgrading facility and outside recreational areas will be credited towards future purchase of facility or development of new facility.

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Individual Benefactors/Annual Community Donors

To respond to the constant increase and change in needs of youth and families funding must include unrestricted funds and annual support.

Local Support/Town/Grants

Local support through grant writing, town board selectman and sponsored programming.

College Internship & Local Business Involvement

Hands-on activities for local students to build confidence and increase engagement with local businesses.