

MyCom South Shaker Youth Initiative

Guiding Principles

Developed by members of the South Shaker Neighborhood Council

Statement of Purpose: (What is the Intent of the planning activities?)

To involve youth in an ongoing process that provides a nurturing community of trust, resiliency, and service with inclusiveness through ongoing programs. These youth opportunities provide a platform that empowers, serves and engages youth and their families by identifying resources, assessing needs and closing gaps aimed at allowing youth to become owners of their neighborhoods while reaching their maximum potential.

Vision Statement: (What will be accomplished as a result of this planning?)

The South Shaker Neighborhood Council will create a healthy community environment that empowers, serves and engages youth and their families by identifying resources, assessing needs and closing opportunity gaps. These opportunities will allow youth to grow as leaders socially, intellectually and emotionally to invest in their neighborhoods, and reach their maximum personal potential.

Values Statement: (Guiding principles used to accomplish purpose/vision.)

We believe in treating all youth with the same respect that we expect from them;

We will listen to our youth carefully and support their ideas and contributions so that they feel empowered as participants in this planning process;

We value a collaborative process;

We believe it is important that programs and services are offered on a year round basis and are either free or affordable so that a wide range of youth can participate;

We believe that it is important to allow youth to display their skills and have fun;

We value programs and services that focus on skill development, job opportunities and internships;

We believe that our efforts should help youth develop leadership skills so that they will become the leaders of the future;

We value fostering a desire to give back to the community;