

EECM's Children & Youth Programs



Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day
(Career Exploration)



ExtraOrdinary Tutoring
(Academic Support)



Hoop It Up Basketball Tournament
(Healthy Lifestyles)

From Despair to Hope: EECM's PHYSED Program

When he was in middle school, Jimmy's mother died of cancer, leaving him to provide for himself. He found solace and a sense of belonging by "hanging out" with older males on the street, one of whom ultimately took him in. This is where Jimmy received his life lessons. He was in awe of his "heroes," who taught him how to make money selling drugs, how to intimidate others using weapons, and how to drink and use drugs without getting caught. But Jimmy's new "family" also ended abruptly when the man he was living with was murdered, right in front of their home.

Jimmy is a participant in our Points of Healthy Youth Sustainability, Engagement, and Development (PHYSED) program, which provides intervention to extremely high-risk youth. It targets those young people who are on the verge of self-destruction. All are in danger of failing out of school. Many have encountered the juvenile justice system, and have problems with drugs and/or alcohol. All are angry, hurt, frightened, and desperate.

We respond to their rage, fear, and despair with love, compassion, and understanding support. EECM staff work one-on-one with these young people to help them learn to manage their anger, heal their wounds, fight the negative forces that surround them, and reach for a positive future.

Today, Jimmy continues to participate in our PHYSED program. He is in high school and doing very well. He is learning to self-manage, to use coping skills to respond to personal and community challenges, and to utilize the appropriate resources and support available through EECM. Jimmy can now take on more responsibility for himself, and his life skills are being reinforced by EECM staff. The trips and conversations he has shared with his mentor have exposed him to other opportunities to see a positive side of the community, and, ultimately, to envision a positive future for himself.



Project Rediscovery
(Alcohol, Drug, and Violence Prevention)



Summer Day Camp
(Life Skills and Summer Fun)



After-School Programs
(Mentoring and Life Skills Development)