

Camp Dreamcatcher News

Fall/Winter 2019



2019 Therapeutic & Educational Camp Session Report

The 24th Therapeutic and Educational Camp Session was held August 18th – 24th, 2019. The program served 122 HIV/AIDS impacted youth between the ages of 5-17, and 13 young adults between the ages of 18-25. Ninety-two% of the campers were African American, 3% Caucasian, 1% Asian American and 4% Biracial. One hundred percent of the campers come from low-income households, and only 13% have access to therapeutic and educational programs in their own communities.

We achieved the following Program Goals during the camp session:

Goal: To improve the physical and emotional health of the children. We offered **112 therapeutic sessions** (psychotherapy, music therapy, art therapy, sessions with therapeutic dogs, yoga, mindfulness therapy, wilderness-based therapy and massage) during the camp week. The wilderness-based therapy program for the 15 year-olds increased from one night to two nights this summer.

Goal: To offer educational sessions that explore issues, problems and concerns common amongst HIV/AIDS infected and/or affected youth. We offered **50 age appropriate educational sessions** on depression, HIV/AIDS, grief, eating disorders, body image, abuse, addiction, HIV medication compliance, conflict resolution, anger management, puberty education and suicide prevention. A new Life Skills Track was implemented in the Leaders in Training Program, which included sessions on applying to college, resume writing, budgeting and teambuilding. The LIT's also spent time assisting the counselors with the youngest campers.

Goal: To give the children and adolescents attending our programs the chance to feel free from the secret of HIV/AIDS and have fun – just like any other kids! During the camp week, we provided **160 recreational programs**. These included arts & crafts, archery, karate, swimming, fishing, hiking, go-kart racing, movies on a giant blow up screen, the Hedgerow Theatre, miniature golf, dodge ball, basketball, horseback riding, a camp wide carnival, Dorrie's Store, dancing, cooking, a visit from the Brandywine Zoo and the annual John Flynn Concert!

Upcoming Events:

October 26th: Kennett Lions Club FRIGHT FEAST EVENT
November – December: Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program
December 1st: World AIDS Day Events
December 3rd: #GivingTuesday2019
December 13th: John Flynn's Annual Holiday Concert for Camp Dreamcatcher at The Flash in Kennett Square
May 2nd & 3rd: Camp Dreamcatcher Board Retreat
August 23rd – 29th: 2020 THERAPEUTIC CAMP SESSION

"They listen to me and they are always by my side." -Camper

2019 Camper Evaluation Results:

- Did you feel accepted at camp? Yes 100%
- Did you have fun at camp? Yes 100%
- Do you feel safe at camp? Yes 100%
- Did you feel supported by the staff and volunteers at camp? Yes 100%
- Did you feel there was someone to talk to at camp? Yes 99%
- Is it important to have a place like Camp Dreamcatcher? Yes 99%
- Did you feel like you could ask for help at camp? Yes 96%
- Were you able to talk openly about HIV/AIDS at camp? Yes 96%
- Did you make new friends at camp? Yes 95%



Help us make dreams come true for children coping with HIV/AIDS by making a donation in support of our programs!

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THANK YOU CAMP DREAMCATCHER 2019 CAMP SESSION VOLUNTEERS

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Callie Fraser, Program Director
Patty Hewson, CRNP, Health Center Director
Julie Hazzard, Camp Assistant
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“Celebrate” & “Keepin’ it Real”
Taj Brown
Callie Fraser
Lisa Fraser

Cooking Program

Julie Hazzard

Fishing Program

Doug, Stuart & Davis Bland
Dick Brown
Scott Hillkirk
Andrew Kanzer
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Karate Program

Sam Llabres
Al Torres

Monday Night Concert

John Flynn

Senior Art Project

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Horseback Riding Program

Dixie Abbott
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Transportation

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Therapeutic Staff and Professional Volunteers

Cameron Armstrong, LCSW, MS
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Renee Eells, LCSW
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Gestalt Psychotherapist

Therapeutic Based Wilderness Program

Therapeutic Consultant:
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Ben Franson-Wright & Sadie
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Katie McGrail & Cinder
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Victoria Stewart & Max

Counselor Training Facilitators

Taj Brown
Renee Eells
Callie Fraser
Patty Hillkirk
Scott Hillkirk

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