

Interview Results/Generations Ahead

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Brief description of the work that the agenda provides:

Teen pregnancy program — up to age 22
5 year nonprofit...used to be the Doula Program
Has daycare program on site, Early Headstart now has daycare on site too
Helping young people with children get a better start

Strengths within the Traverse City community when it comes to serving our neighbors?

They see collaboration
Father Fred Family Collaborative pulls folks together, sharing resources, services,
focused on non profits and the services offered, meets monthly
SOS learning lab helping students to complete high school, online learning, located
at 14th and Veterans...flexible program dedicated to helping students complete
education programs

Where are the gaps, holes, or issues of lacking within our larger community?

Program is in need of vehicles and transportation, many do not have licenses
Many barriers for those under 18 getting their licenses
Transportation is needed in general...if they do not have license or vehicle, they do need
rides to work, to day care, to doctor appointments, etc.
Driving mentor means that often a mentor is using their own car to teach a nondriver
to drive...this then effects the mentor's car insurance, time, possible damage to car,
etc.
The current person that has served as a driving mentor is out for the season
Needed: from training to transportation to getting driving license
Counseling is also a barrier, not many clinicians take Medicaid...if they do, there is often
a risk that the client will not show up which leaves a non-billable counseling session
within the clinicians schedule

How might BLC be helpful in filling some of the gaps?

Funding for therapy/counseling
Mentors for transportation/teaching clients how to drive
Baby Pantry support, perhaps sharing resources/products between BLC and
Generations Ahead to be sure BLC pantry and Generations Ahead Pantry are
both well stocked on an ongoing basis
Involvement in the "Munches" Event, monthly meal and speaker hosting the clients
Various topics and presenters to help educate and support the clients
Food as well as those willing to mentor and provide program/training for program
Male role models/mentors to assistant young fathers

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