

**SAYPA**  
**August News Letter**



# SAYPA

## Newsletter

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**Straits Area Youth Promotion Academy is a daytime prevention program for adjudicated delinquents 12-18 years of age. The program combines academics, physical fitness, nutrition, and treatment services designed to address undesired behavior, teach valuable life skills, and restore youth to the community.**

Dear Friends,

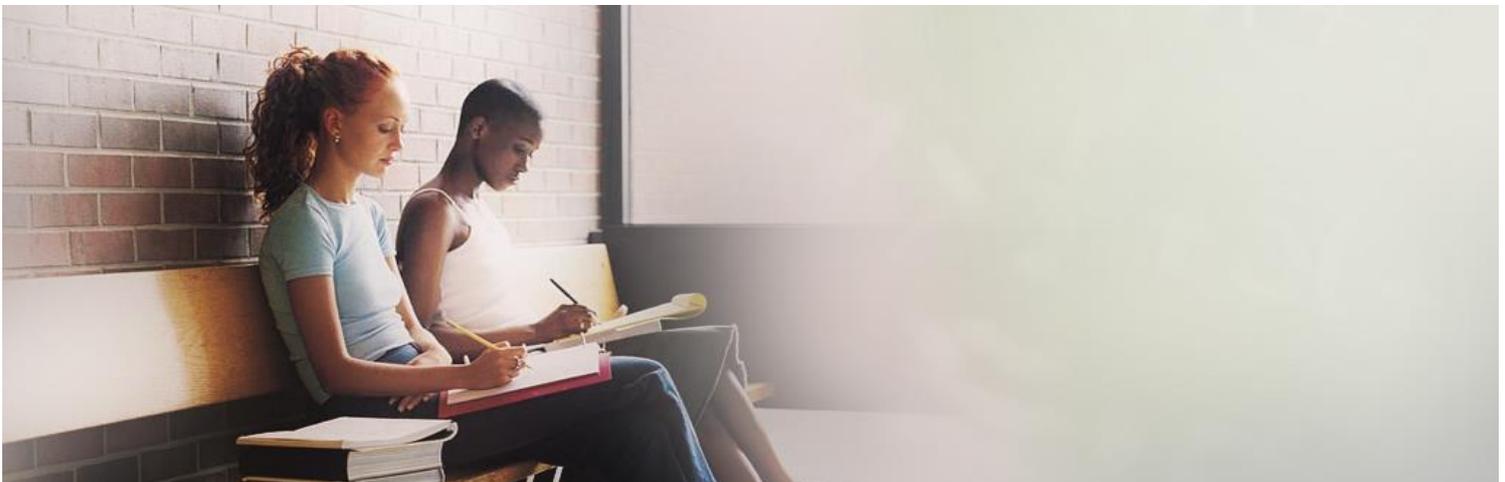
With only one month left before the new school year begins, SAYPA Summer Program is going strong!

### Summer Program

Each year, select SAYPA students participate in the SAYPA Summer Program. This 9-10 week program begins when school concludes in June and ends shortly before school begins in September. Youth spend three days per week from 8:00 to 3:00 pm out in the community assisting various organizations with service projects. Youth are accompanied by SAYPA staff and the School Liaison Officer. Some of these projects have included:

- Painting the boardwalk at Gordon Turner Park
- Landscaping at Hospice House
- Clean-up and fair preparation at the county fairgrounds
- Adopt-A-Road

This volunteer work experience helps to build character, instill work ethic, provide skill building experiences, promote team work, enhance self-esteem, create community pride, and allows youth to practice social skills learned throughout the year at SAYPA.



## Current Projects

The SAYPA youth have completed several new projects this year in addition to being welcomed back to work at Hospice House, fairgrounds, and continuing our assigned section of Adopt-a-Road. A few of the new community service projects youth handled this year included:

- Preparing the grounds at Inverness Academy for the new SAYPA garden
- Painting sign posts on Huron St.
- Grounds keeping at the Opera House
- Beautifying City Beach
- Community Garden

SAYPA youth finished out the summer program by cleaning and organizing the fairgrounds at the conclusion of fair week. Youth also stuffed 500+ backpacks with school supplies for community children at the Church of the Nazarene.

## Harbor Hall Group

Youth continue to participate in substance use counseling twice weekly with counselors at Harbor Hall. These sessions focus on underlying issues which lead to substance use, controlling emotions, recognizing triggers, impulse control, and making positive choices.

## Field Trip

At SAYPA we are committed to providing a variety of learning experiences to our diverse group of youth. This year we had the privilege of attending a tour of the Moran Ironworks facility in Onaway. Youth were given a presentation on the facility and the types of items manufactured, as well as the potential job opportunities available for those interested in welding as a profession. The youth and staff were guided through the facility by CEO and Founder Tom Moran, who took a great deal of time to answer questions and explain different equipment and projects to the group. It was a very enjoyable and educational experience for all involved.

We would like to thank Moran Ironworks and all the community agencies that worked with the SAYPA youth this summer. We are grateful for your support and the opportunities you have provided to enrich the lives of our participants.

Sincerely,

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