

YOUNG MUSICIANS CLUB

project goals and objectives:

The Young Musician's Club aims to provide supervised music instruction for East Central Indiana teens that have been referred from local mental health agencies, schools, and social service agencies. The program intends to provide emotionally at-risk youth with supervised opportunities to:

- 1 Interact positively with other youth with similar musical interests
- 2 Increase their musical ability through individual and group instruction
- 3 Increase creativity and provide a positive emotional outlet
- 4 Interact with musical mentors in the community
- 5 Cooperate with peers to plan and perform at a public concert at the end of the summer.

target population:

This year's anticipated population will consist of approximately 30 Muncie and Delaware County youths between the ages of 13 and 18. Participants will be referred by local mental health workers, pediatricians, guidance counselors, schools and other community agencies. Many of the participants from last year's program have expressed a desire to be in the program again this summer.

the plan:

start: the week of June 4th

end: the weekend of Aug. 18th or 25th

location: Participants will meet in a section of University Square in the Ball State Village area. The space will provide adequate facilities to run the program, including a stage area and enough room for two bands to rehearse at the same time.

first session: The first session of the program will involve an introduction to the program, an introduction of the participants, and will obtain information from each participant regarding his/her musical experience, instruments played, musical interests, and dates available. Each participant will be required to sign a contract agreeing to the behavioral rules of the program. Participants will be asked to return another night during the first week to perform a brief audition so that participants can be matched based upon musical ability level and musical interests. At the end of the audition sessions, participants will be placed into groups of four to five members based upon type of instrument, musical ability, and musical interests.

2 levels of participation:

- 1 Three to four groups of beginning level musicians learning cover songs
- 2 Three to four advanced groups with an increased focus on writing, performing, and recording original compositions.

the program: Bands will meet between 5pm and 8pm one night per week to practice together. They will be supervised by psychologist/musician Dr. Alan Maugherman and another adult volunteer. Members of established local bands will be invited to mentor each group, provide additional supervision, and provide individual instruction. Each group will be responsible for helping to coordinate, promote and direct a public benefit concert at the end of the summer program. This concert will be hosted by a local, all-ages venue, and will allow participants to perform for 20-30 minutes for their peers, family, and community members. Participants will also have assistance to design a web page for their band and learn how to promote their band. Cost of the program is \$20 and each participant will receive a t-shirt and a DVD of the final performance.

