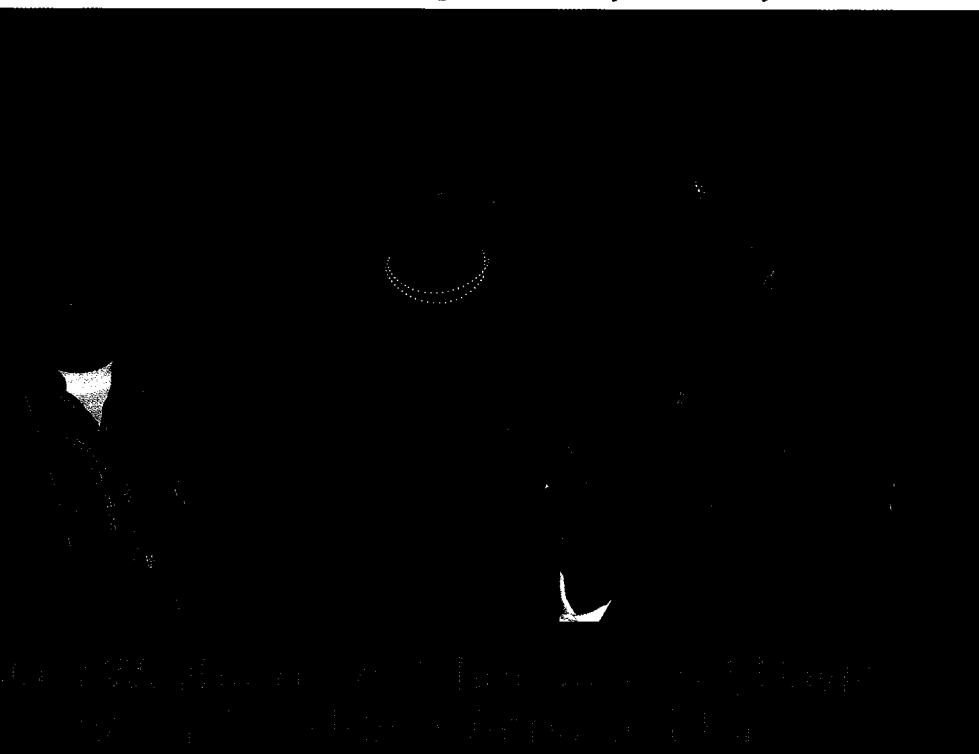


Remembering Mary Weyburne



Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry mourns the loss of our dear friend Mary Weyburne. For 31 years, Mary served tirelessly as an ombudsman for Long Term Care Ombudsman. She managed the day-to-day and global issues surrounding long term care to preserve people's dignity. And she served as a 'voice' for residents of nursing homes, residential and adult care facilities, and consumers of in-home services.

"Mary was a compassionate advocate for long-term care consumers. No matter the circumstance, and you know there are many bad ones, Mary had a kind word. I especially

As one of ten children, Mary discovered her love of caring for others at a young age. As an adult she became committed to social justice and building right relationships. In 2008, LMM honored Mary for her commitment and "selfless devotion to showing peace and justice to those oppressed, forgotten and hurting" by giving her the Richard E. Sering Living Faith Award at our Annual Evening of Faith & Friendship.

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Wikipedia defines youth development as the process through which adolescents acquire the cognitive, social, and emotional skills and abilities required to navigate life. "Navigate" suggests that young people move through their lives like a ship on the ocean, or an explorer on an unmarked trail finding a safe way home. School,

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family, friends and community programs are some of the influences that contribute to a young person's development. The staff of Support To At-Risk Teens (START) aim to make the most positive contribution possible to the development of their participants. The problem is, how do you measure quality in youth programming? How can we know that we are doing everything possible to provide the navigational tools for our "clients" to achieve success in life?

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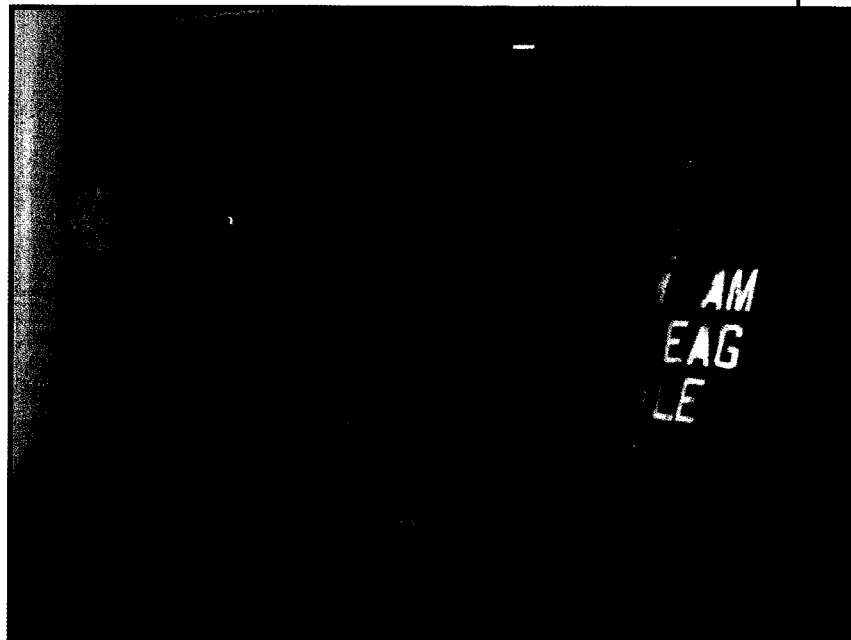
The answer is, we don't measure the teen, we measure the quality of what happens at the point of service. To do this, START discovered the Center for Youth Program Quality at the High/Scope Foundation for Educational Research in Ypsilanti, Michigan. High/Scope is known for research and training in early childhood education, but they are rapidly becoming national leaders in youth program quality assessment, setting the standard for youth program assessment and the training of youth professionals. Ralph Pitman, START Associate Director, and Gerald Ford, Associate Director of the Youth Employment Program, both received training from High/Scope in quality assessment. But that's not the best part.

START's After School Prevention Resources (ASPR) program brought in a High/Scope program evaluator who encouraged ASPR staff to find ways to get teens more engaged in the governance of their own

program, as engagement is the ultimate indicator of youth program excellence. ASPR's Gary Mazzeo gathered a small group of his most mature and committed participants and shared the High/Scope results. With the help of Pitman and Pat Heilbron from the TreuMart Youth Development Fellowship at Case Western Reserve University's Mandel Center, nine teens were invited to learn to do quality assessment for their own program. Meeting monthly for the past two years, the Quality Team (a.k.a. Q-Team) has learned how to recognize and measure excellence in youth programming. The members of the Q-Team are Angelo Jessup, Louis Travels, Antonio Harris, Isaiah Hayworth, Jerome Harris, Kenyatta Jones, Latasha Miller, and Vincent Fratus.

The goal of the Q-Team is to make ASPR the best possible after-school program. But these teens have a larger vision: they intend to become a resource for youth programs

throughout Cleveland and beyond. This summer, the Q-Team is part of two successful grant applications for the Cuyahoga County MyCOM Out-of-School-Time summer programs. They will conduct quality evaluations for ASPR's summer program, and for the summer test prep program at LMM's Covenant Project in Maple Heights. What started as a question has led to



fully engaged teens helping to make Cleveland a better place in which to grow up.

- ▶ (Top right) Q-Team members Antonio Harris and Angelo Jessup lend a hand at the SACH Christmas Party
- ▶ (Top left) Q-Team member Angelo Jessup participates in a national youth development conference call

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