

S.T.E.P. AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT:

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To bring youth into a deeper relationship with God through experiences, love, acceptance, and personal role modeling.

To build trusting, ongoing relationships and instilling within them goals, and a commitment to family and education; A main focus is on developing teenagers to impact their surrounding communities in positive ways.

YOUTH CENTER PRINCIPLES:

- 1.) God created and loves all people; therefore, all of us are valuable and we should respect and care for each other.
- 2.) Violence is not what God intends for His children; therefore, we should live in peace with those around us. Words can sometimes hurt more than blows; so our words should be kind and caring.
- 3.) Because God created us, we should care for our own selves. Adding poisons to our bodies damages what God made; therefore, we should respect what God has created and avoid those substances that are harmful to us or others.
- 4.) Each of us is at a different place in understanding God; therefore, we will not all agree on everything. We grow sharing our thoughts, without arguing, condemning or ridiculing others. By allowing God to guide us, we will find His truth on our journey through life.
- 5.) Any place where we gather in God’s name is holy ground, dedicated to God’s service. We should show respect and what God provides to us, as a sign of our respect for Him.

- 6.) Each of us has rights; but our rights do not allow us to infringe on the rights of others. We should hold each other accountable, peacefully, for the way we treat each other, instead of silently allowing injustice to occur.

