Community Resources Programs at PAL Centers

Department of Community Services
New Castle County
Presentation will discuss:
- DCS services County at the PAL Facilities
- PAL programming
- County/PAL Partnership
Community Resources Division

- Provides diverse activities to meet the recreational, information, cultural, and public service needs of the community.

- Provides services and activities to underserved areas and to special populations of the County.

- 2007 Comprehensive Development Plan Objective #3 established long range goal:
  - Provide full range of recreational and cultural programs that are accessible and affordable to all County residents.
Community Activity Centers & Sports Programs at the PAL Centers

- **Community Activity Centers** are places for county residents of all ages to gather in a safe, inviting, atmosphere where they can participate in activities. The goal is to provide quality programs at an affordable price that will enhance the quality of life for County residents.

- **Sports & Athletics** provides support for the recreational needs of the community through its offerings of indoor sports leagues, recreational camps, instructional sports camps and clinics.
Police Athletic League of Delaware

Mission is:
- To prevent youth crime in Delaware by providing youth between the ages of 8 – 18 with supervised athletic, educational, and social development activities;

- To reach out to youth with programs which address citizenship, self-esteem, substance abuse, and respect for law and order;

- Build positive relationships and understanding between youth and police officers through participation of police officers as role models in PAL activities.

- To encourage participation and support by the community in PAL programs to help build a solid foundation for Delaware’s youth for life.
New Castle PAL Center at Garfield Park
Garfield Park Activity Center

- **Open in 2004**
- **FY10**
  - Classes Offered: 144
  - Classes Run: 131
  - Class Registrants: 916
  - Drop In Participants: 6,202

- **Types of Classes:**
  - **Mind:** Parenting, Black History, 4-H, Computer Classes
  - **Body:** Total Body Tone, Weight Training, Walking, Basketball, Aikido, Box-r-cise,
  - **Soul:** Zumba, Yoga, Soul Line Dancing
  - **Special Populations:** Yes You Can, MS Society, Salvation Army, Easter Seals
Sports & Athletic at Garfield Park

- New Castle County Sports & Athletics
  - 123 teams
  - 1,008 adults
  - 397 youth

- Types of Classes:
  Winter Programs -
  Men’s 5v5 Basketball League, HS Girls Lacrosse League, Men’s Soccer League, Hispanic Youth Soccer League, Women’s Soccer League, Co-Rec Volleyball League.
Garfield Park Lending Library

- Opened in 2008
- More than 3,000 materials available for all ages and access to the one million materials in our entire collection through the inter-library loan system.
- A public computer lab is planned for calendar year 2011.

FY 2010 Library Statistics
Registered Patrons: 339
User Visits: 35,705
Circulation: 17,808
Additional Garfield Park Activities

- **New Castle County Permits Office**
  Staff oversees permitting of all county parks, pavilions, and sports fields.

- **New Castle County 4-H After School Program**
  Partnership between New Castle County and Delaware Cooperative Extension Service to locate a 4-H Afterschool program at Garfield Park Community Activity Center.
  2nd Year Participation: 24 children

- **New Castle County Summer Recreation Camp**
  - ages 7-12 for eight weeks; including pre-care and after care options.
  - 38 children attended weekly on average
  - Over 90% of campers on scholarship

- **Chimes Delaware**
  - 7-10 individuals receive on the job training at the Activity Centers
New Castle PAL Center at Garfield Park

- New Castle (Garfield Park) Police Athletic League of Delaware:
  - PAL opened in 1994.
  - This facility offers programs during the school year and the summer: Homework club, tutoring, open basketball, exercise room, flag football, Summer Nights, PAL Youth Academy.
  - PAL also participates in a nutritional meal program through the Food Bank which qualifies as a geographic area of need.
Hockessin PAL Center
Hockessin Community Activity Center

- Opened in 2001
  - Classes Offered: 720
  - Classes Run: 325
  - Class Registrants: 3,401
  - Youth Class Participants: 88
  - Drop In Participants: 10,772

- CHIMES
  7-10 individuals with cognitive disabilities

- Types of Classes
  Educational: Ikebana, Computer Classes, Guitar
  Special Populations: Sittin’ Be Fit
New Castle County Sports & Athletics
- 104 Teams
- 972 Adults
- 509 Youth

**Winter Programs:**
Baseball Clinics, Basketball, Field Hockey and Speed Training Clinics, Men’s 3v3 Basketball League, Men’s 5v5 Basketball League, HS Field Hockey League, Women’s Field Hockey League, Co-Rec Volleyball League, Teen Volleyball Clinic, Women’s Volleyball League.

**Summer Programs**
- 25 teams
- 499 Youth
- Youth Baseball Clinic
- HS Girls Basketball League
- Youth Field Hockey Camp
- Youth Volleyball Camps
- Wrestling Camp
Hockessin PAL Center

- **Hockessin Police Athletic League of Delaware:**
  - This facility offers programs during the school year and during summer months:
    Homework club, tutoring, Internet access computer room, game room, weight room and open gym; basketball, volleyball, tennis, wrestling, computers with cable Internet access, exercise room (14 years old and up), basketball tournaments and baseball clinics.

- **Other activities:**
  Karate, Kickball, Baseball, Soccer, Floor Hockey, Weight Lifting, Flag Football, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Chess/Checkers, Tutoring, Computer Fundamentals, SAT/PSAT Prep, Special Presentations & Trips, Arts & Crafts, Pool Tables, Ping Pong, Book Club, Homework Club and Dances.
FY 10 Program Cost

- Garfield Park Activity Centers
  - Direct Cost: $64,949
  - Revenue: $15,232
  - Cost Recovery: 23%

- Sports
  - Direct Cost: $17,570
  - Revenue: $24,276
  - Cost Recovery: 138%
Program Costs continued

- Hockessin
  - Activity Centers
    - Direct Cost: $120,700
    - Revenue: $117,865
    - Cost Recovery: 98%

- Sports
  - Direct Cost: $43,890
  - Revenue: $64,576
  - Cost Recovery: 147%
NCCo Current Cost for Both Facilities

- **NCCo Annual Lease**: $266,000
- **NCCo Special Services**
  - Cleaning: $85,000
  - Building/Maintenance: $133,000
- **NCCo Community Services***
  - Activity Centers: $456,009
  - Sports & Athletics: $178,127
  - Garfield Park Library: $46,950

- **NCCo Total**: $1,165,086

*Includes Direct Program Costs of $247,000
NCCo & PAL Partnership

Importance of Partnership
- Centralized programming at facilities allows for efficient delivery of program services.
- Efficient use of buildings
- Commitment to providing services valued by the community.
- Utilization of Multi-purpose facilities ensures continuation of programs and services.
Path Forward

Short Term

- Conclude negotiations
- Stabilization
- Partnership to maximize scheduling and rentals of facilities.
- County Auditor
- Maintain service level without increasing costs.
Path Forward

Long Term

- Public interest to continue relationship
- Energy & Facility audits
- Increase PAL fundraising