



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs
April – June 2007

- A. **Special Needs Sub-Committee.** [April Corie, Facilitator] This Sub-Committee met on April 27, 2007. This Sub-Committee is chaired by Brian Rochowiak. The group continues to address disproportionate minority contacts, gender relevant programming, truancy, sex offenders, diversion, and special needs youth in the justice system.

Girls Circles continue to be planned by individual facilitators. The Coordinator for the Monroe County Mentors, now Executive Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters, will begin serving as the coordinator for Girls Circles. This will help to support the linking of volunteer facilitators to girls who are interested in participating.

The Active Balanced Community Initiative collaborated with Girls on the Run of Southeast Michigan to sponsor a 5K race in Monroe County on July 21, 2007. Girls on the Run is a non-profit prevention program that encourages pre-teen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. The curriculum addresses all aspects of girls' development, including their physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual well-being. With 65 race participants and multiple community sponsors, the event raised \$2,500 to provide program support for the Dundee site. This allows all participants to receive a 50% discounted rate and to offer full scholarships to those in need.

A workgroup has formed and is meeting to discuss the need for community based treatment options for juvenile sex offenders. Four members of the community, including two juvenile probation officers, the therapist from the Youth Center, and a therapist from Monroe Community Mental Health attended training in Colorado for the assessment and treatment of juvenile sex offenders. The workgroup continues to plan for improving community-based services for juvenile sex offenders.

Representatives from the Youth Center, Juvenile Court, Intermediate School District and Monroe Community Mental Health continue to meet on a quarterly basis to enhance coordination of services for special needs youth in the justice system.