**THE YOUTH-**is able to make amends, gain a positive and valuable experience, and reduce the likelihood of future offenses by being held accountable.

THE WORKSITE-receives additional help at no cost and is contributing to the success of a youth who will become a productive adult member of the community.

# THE COMMUNITY-

receives the benefit of good deeds and completed work projects. The Community will gain the benefits of helping troubled youth.



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# GREEN LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



A COUNTY WIDE COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

# **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To hold the youthful offenders accountable, while providing opportunities that contribute to victim and community restoration.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Community Service Program, an adjunct to the **Green Lake County Circuit** Court, is managed by the **Green Lake County** Department of Health and Human Services. When a youth breaks the law, the court orders community service to be performed. It is an effective tool to prevent juvenile recidivism, including underage alcohol consumption. The **Community Service Coordinator provides** coordination and supervision, which includes monitoring attendance, ensuring compliance with rules and assisting with placement, until the service hours are performed. The

Coordinator then reports the results to the Court.

# **Community Service Worksites**

- NON-PROFIT ORGANNIZATIONS
- LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS
- INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
- ELDERLY/SENIOR CITIZENS (FOR NON-**RELATIVES**
- CHURCHES
- SCHOOLS
- ANIMAL SHELTER
- CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

- GOVERNMENT **AGENCIES**
- HOSPITALS

# **PROGRAM GOALS:**

- Reduce the rate of recidivism among juvenile offenders in Green Lake **County**
- **■**Youth who perform community service shall gain a sense of accountability for their activities.
- ■Youth will have contributed to provide a safer and supportive living environment in their community.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

If you have community work available, know of a possible worksite or just want more program information, please contact:

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