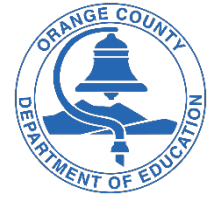




ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION



ORANGE COUNTY FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE PARTNERSHIP

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The Orange County Friday Night Live Partnership (OCFNLP) programs provide learning opportunities to develop leadership skills, adult and peer partnerships, and safe and healthy environments.

CHAPTERS

Chapters consist of a group of young people, along with an adult advisor, who work together to make a positive change in their schools and communities. The chapter is youth-driven and youth-led, serving as the center of communication, training, and learning opportunities. Chapter members develop a mission statement and an action plan to guide their work to become advocates for positive change in their schools and communities. OCFNLP staff provides assistance and support for chapter development and campaign/project/activity implementation, and they remain in contact with the students and advisor(s) on a continuous basis.

OUTREACH

Through outreach, the OCFNLP programs seek to involve young people from various backgrounds, communities, and environments. Chapter members often host recruitment rallies and club days, creating bulletins, flyers, or other means of advertising to generate youth interest. Outreach enhances the quality of the Friday Night Live (FNL), Club Live (CL), and Friday Night Live Kids (FNL Kids) experience by being inclusive in meeting the needs of all participating youth. Chapters also extend outreach to community members giving youth the opportunity to build meaningful partnerships.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are built by adults who provide guidance, peers who provide support, and community organizations that value youth and provide them a role in making permanent and impactful change within their communities. In this arena, adults recognize youth as leaders and as a positive force for change.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Skill development occurs while youth participate in countywide and site level trainings, develop chapter goals, and plan school and community activities. These meaningful opportunities build skills in relevant areas such as leadership, organization, health education and prevention strategies, cultural sensitivity, and life skills. These skills combine to develop healthy, competent, and caring adults.

OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for youth include involvement in school and community activities that are positive alternatives to alcohol and other drug use. Many of these activities use a strategy called environmental prevention, which encourages youth to look at settings that contribute to or cause issues related to problem behaviors. To address these issues, chapter members develop activities that create positive, long lasting change. Through this process, youth develop a sense of bonding and connection to their schools and communities.



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