

The Hub

YOUTH CENTER

September 15, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to make you aware of some problems we have been facing at The Hub Youth Center, and to inform you of important changes in the way The Hub is operated.

The problem

During the 2007-08 school year, some students who attended The Hub abused the privilege by signing in, then leaving shortly after arriving. It is likely that some parents believed their children were at The Hub, when in fact they were unsupervised elsewhere.

We know that some of these students engaged in unacceptable behavior after leaving The Hub. This led to complaints from area residents; at least one incident resulted in a police call.

We first brought this problem to the community's attention with a local letter to the editor in October 2007, inviting parents to view sign-in sheets to check on their children. But that did little to curb the problem, and therefore, we must implement changes in our policy.

The new policy

The Hub will continue to require students to sign in and out, and, as usual, once a student signs out, he/she will no longer be allowed back into the facility that evening.

Starting this fall, if a student signs out prior to closing time, we will call his/her parent/guardian to make them aware that their child is no longer being supervised at The Hub.

Therefore, each student who attends The Hub will be REQUIRED to have a parent/guardian sign a permission slip on file. This form MUST include at least one phone number where the parent/guardian can be reached during The Hub events.

Thank you for your help!

Since Oakland Christian Church opened The Hub in 2004, the goal has been to give teens a fun, safe place to hang out. We feel this new policy is necessary if we are to succeed in being a part of the solution and not a part of the problem.

As always, we appreciate you allowing your child to attend our events, and we value your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ed Bacon, pastor of Oakland Christian Church, at 346-2256 or occhurch@consolidated.net.