



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
YOUTH CENTER

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THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YOUTH CENTER

The Franklin Township Youth Center, an idea over four decades in the making, is now on the brink of becoming a reality. With input from residents, educators, administrators, and, of course, the youth, the Township is in the process of creating a center where Franklin's youth will truly have a place to call their own.

Knowing that this was a space that needed to be created with the community in mind, Franklin Township made getting community input a priority. Utilizing youth and adult surveys, community focus groups, and countless meetings with partners and stakeholders, the Center was truly designed with Franklin in mind.



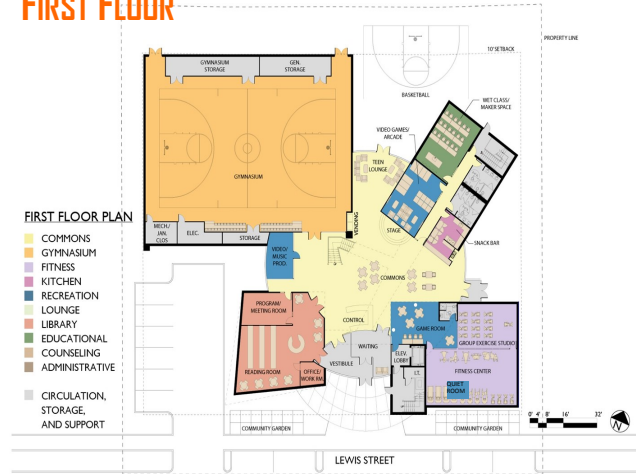
The mission of this project is to ensure that the Franklin Township Youth Center will evolve from the youth and the overall community. It will serve the needs of the youth in a welcoming and safe environment, while empowering them to set and achieve their life goals, ultimately making Franklin Township a better place to live.



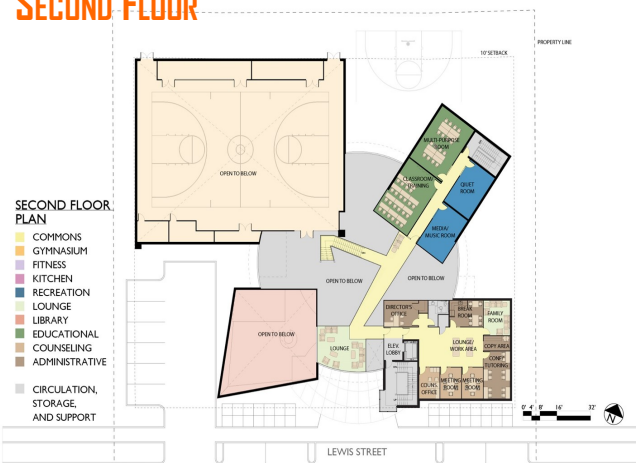
LOVE THE SPACE, LOVE THE PLACE

With two floors of open space in an atrium-like design, youth will have the opportunity to enjoy a modern space designed with them in mind. Featuring a full library, gymnasium, a music and video studio, lounges, a counseling area, and much more!

FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



THE MISSION STARTS NOW

SAFETY The Center will provide a physical, psychological, and emotional safe space for all who pass through its doors. The design will allow for excellent building flow and supervision in a way that is not intrusive.

PRIDE Take care of the place and the place will take care of you. Materials that are durable but still beautiful. There will be trust that our youth will take pride in the facility and take care of it.

COOL Vibrant place to be, to have fun and learn. The best things to do happen at the Youth Center. Spaces are flexible in size and configuration to allow for various types of programs and activities.

SPECIAL The design will reflect that this is a special place with special things going on inside. People will look at the building and know that they are welcome. The goal is to create a place that will be fun, educational, and create opportunities for all that use it.

RESPECT Since the project will grow out of the community, it will be the community's job to make sure the facility is maintained and respected which will reflect the respect earned by the youth inside. This Center is all of ours.

INCLUSIVE Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in an atmosphere free from bias, harassment, and judgment.

LEARNING The Center will feature carefully designed spaces aimed at exploring a variety of subject areas that help catapult youth towards bigger dreams.

ACHIEVABLE The Franklin Township Youth Center brings big ideas into reality. We will strive to make the right decisions ensuring success for all.