

# The Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™):

*Service Score Results:* Baseline

Name of Program and Service: Olivet Boys & Girls Club of America - MAP

Cohort Total: 22

SPEP ID: 26-T1

Selected Timeframe: Baseline – Jan. 23, 2013

Date(s) of Interview(s): Jan. 23, 2013

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**Description of Service:** *This should include a **brief** overview of the service within the context of the program, the location and if community based or residential. Indicate the type of youth referred, how the service is delivered, the purpose of service and any other **relevant** information to help the reader understand the SPEP service type classification. (350 character limit)*

The Mentoring and the Arts Program (MAP) is offered to youth under supervision of the Berks County Juvenile Probation Office, through the Olivet's Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The program consists of three components; Mentoring, Arts, and Mainstreaming. The youth meet one time per week as a group (two hours), and one time per week individually with their mentor (one hour). Additionally, all participants are required to spend a minimum of one hour per week participating in local Olivet's Club activities. The target population for MAP consists of younger, low to moderate risk youth who have an interest in the arts. The youth are identified as needing a positive leisure activity and a positive adult role model. The target duration for the program is three months/thirteen weeks.

In addition to the three components, youth can also earn incentive trips (through a behavioral contract based on point totals earned weekly). Points are awarded for attendance, cooperation, behavior, and productivity. The program has just celebrated ten years of working with at risk youth in the City of Reading. They are known throughout the City for their colorful and inspirational murals.

**The four characteristics of a service found to be the most strongly related to reducing recidivism:**

1. **SPEP™ Service Type:** Mentoring

Based on the meta-analysis, is there a qualifying supplemental service? Yes

If so, what is the Service type? Behavioral Contracting/Management

Was the supplemental service provided? Yes      Total Points Possible for this Service Type: 30

Total Points Earned: 30      Total Points Possible: 35

2. **Quality of Service:** Research has shown that programs that deliver service with high quality are more likely to have a positive impact on recidivism reduction. Monitoring of quality is defined by existence of written protocol, staff training and supervision, and how drift from service delivery is addressed.

Total Points Earned: 5      Total Points Possible: 20

3. **Amount of Service:** Score was derived from examination of weeks and hours each youth in the cohort received the service. The amount of service is measured by the target amounts of service for the SPEP service categorization. Each SPEP service type has varying amounts of duration and dosage. Youth should receive the targeted amounts to have the greatest impact on recidivism reduction.

Points received for Duration or Number of Weeks: 2

Points received for Dosage or Number of Hours: 0

Total Points Earned: 2 Total Points Possible: 20

4. **Youth Risk Level:** The risk level score is compiled by calculating the total % of youth that score above low risk, and the total % of youth who score above moderate risk to reoffend based on the results of the YLS.

8 youth in the cohort are Moderate, High or Very High YLS Risk Level for a total of 2 points

0 youth in the cohort are High or Very High YLS Risk Level for a total of 0 points

Total Points Earned: 2 Total Points Possible: 25

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**Basic SPEP™ Score:** 39 total points awarded out of 100 points. Compares service to any other type of SPEP therapeutic service. (eg: individual counseling compared to cognitive behavioral therapy, social skills training, mentoring, etc.)

*Note: Services with scores greater than or equal to 50 show the service is having a positive impact on recidivism reduction.*

**Program Optimization Percentage:** 41% This percentage compares the service to the same service types found in the research. (eg: individual counseling compared to all other individual counseling services included in the research)

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## The SPEP and Performance Improvement

The intended use of the SPEP is to optimize the effectiveness of reducing recidivism among juvenile offenders. Recommendations for performance improvement are included in the service feedback report, and these recommendations are the focus of the performance improvement plan, a shared responsibility of the service provider and the local juvenile court. The recommendations for this service included in the feedback report are:

1. Provide comprehensive and ongoing staff trainings.
2. Increased documentation indicating policies and procedures to address when “drift” is identified.
3. Increasing the duration of the program.
4. Increasing the number of youth achieving 78 target hours of service by providing the service a minimum of 3.5 hours per week.
5. Targeting moderate risk youth referred to the program.