

Never Give Up Youth Services- City of Mesquite

Community Education

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Never Give Up also provides many other community-based mental and behavioral health services

The Message

Never Give Up plans to bring much needed mental and behavioral health services to the City of Mesquite, along with jobs, tax revenue, and many more benefits that will resonate with the community. However, at the first public hearing (August 21, 2018, opposition was displayed due to fears of having such services in the community.

Very often, opposition stems from misinformation and poor communication between organization representatives and the community. Instead of waiting for the opposition to grow, Never Give Up is dedicated to presenting the community with the facts.

First and foremost, Never Give Up knows that residents are extremely important and deserve to be provided with detailed information.

The most important message to get out is that the youth clients served are not intense juvenile delinquents who will wreak havoc on the community. Never Give Up does not operate a detention center it operates a healing center.

Current Never Give Up Youth Client Profiles-- The Youth are All from Nevada

	<p>Client Profile Gender: Female Age:13 Family: Divorced Parents Needed Healing: Asperger's Syndrome and ADHD</p>
<p>My Story I experience frustrations, resulting in significant loss of functioning which makes me unable to communicate effectively when trying to express my feelings. My increased behaviors make it hard to complete activities of daily living. Never Give Up will provide me with services to improve social cognition, problem solving, and increase understanding of how thoughts impact emotions and behaviors and identify faulty self-belief systems. “my services.”</p> <p>Do I matter? Please City of Mesquite community members don't give up on me.</p>	
	<p>Client Profile Gender:Female Age: 16 Family: Adoptive Parents (biological parents abandonment) Needed Healing: Major Depression</p>
<p>My Story I struggle with feeling unwanted. My biological parents abandoned me. A recent foster care placement left me severely abused physically and mentally. My new adoptive parents are trying to connect with me but I am having a very hard time trusting those around me. I have attempted several times in the past to committ suicide. Never Give Up will provide me with services to improve social cognition, problem solving, and increase understanding of how thoughts impact emotions and behaviors and identify faulty self-belief systems.</p> <p>Do I matter? Please City of Mesquite community members don't give up on me.</p>	

There are a lot more client profiles that are very similar to those shown above. The clients are all Nevada residents and are between the ages of 8-17. About 80% of our current population is between the ages of 10-14. These are young children who need to be healed and receive services to assist them in reintegrating back into the community. They are young children who are bullied, depressed, stressed, have anxiety, and/or struggle with a number of other mental and behavioral health concerns.

These are our neighborhood youth. The youth standing next to us in the community. The youth struggling in our community schools. The youth of struggling single parents who desperately need help. The youth who will grow up in our communities with hopes of being successful individuals. Never Give Up provides the services to help these youth. Please City of Mesquite community members don't give up on them rather join us and Never Give Up on youth.

Be Proactive

Why was opposition was displayed at the first public hearing?

Residents near the proposed facility have created an opposition group to fight the Never Give Up proposal. Despite the fact that the new services would provide many needed services to the community members and improve the local economy. Unfortunately, the community doesn't seem to understand these benefits. The residents say the new facility would be too close to their homes and may potentially be hazardous to their safety. They say Never Give Up youth clients are juvenile delinquents who will wreak havoc on the community.

This problem is not so uncommon. This practice of communal opposition to development—the “not in my backyard” syndrome, or NIMBYism. "Not in My Back Yard" is a characterization of opposition by residents to proposed business services in their local area. It often carries the connotation that such residents are only opposing the business services because it is close to them, and that they would tolerate or support it if it was built further away, which leads to "Some Other Person's Back Yard" this refers to the state of mind which agrees that a particular project may be desirable and perhaps necessary – but only if it is placed somewhere else.

The way we all approach the community opportunity for needed services will make all the difference.

Never Give Up's proposal to use the facility located at 401 S Paradise Parkway is beneficial to the City of Mesquite. The facility will be revived and will be functional again. It is the right location because our clients are not juvenile delinquents who will wreak havoc on the community. Our clients will complete 10 or more hours of community service each week. Our clients will learn how to participate in the community and learn from willing and open community members. Our clients will seek ways to give back. The community members will be invited to share their wisdom and skills with the youth so that all can benefit from the interaction.

Let's join together in the movement to Never Give Up on those with mental and behavioral health concerns.

Respectfully,

Never Give Up Staff and Youth

**“Please Give Up On Me”
City of Mesquite Community Members**