



Community Ministry Start-Ups: *Developing a City Life Ministry Model from a Juvenile Justice Ministry Model*

Purpose:

How to start a City Life Ministry Model in your chapter from an existing Juvenile Justice Ministry Model

Steps:

1. Study: [City Life 101](#), [City Life PSBPs](#), [City Life white papers](#), [Process Timeline](#).
2. Contact City Life national lead to begin coaching: Email citylife@yfc.net
3. Identify common under-resourced neighborhoods where young people in the system reside
 - a. Click on the link below and type in the zip code of your neighborhood and learn about the demographics of that neighborhood:
 - i. [COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS](#)
4. Conduct a community listening tour with key stakeholders from the above common areas (Residence, Parents, Teens, youth organizations, churches, etc.) regarding the holistic needs of the young people in that neighborhood.
 - a. See [Community Listening Tour Questionnaire](#) in Knowledge Base.
5. After listening tour and demographic data gathering, determine where and how to start ministry.
6. Start a prayer team to pray for the young people in that neighborhood
 - a. Consider having Board members, Community Support Team members and local churches to be part of these prayer team(s).
7. Recruit ministry leaders who are willing to invest in a City Life site to begin to meet holistic needs and do relational ministry with young people in that neighborhood
 - a. Recruit in pairs. Ministry Leaders feel more invested when they have someone to do ministry with
8. Identify community partners (local churches, community centers, etc) to help provide a safe place to do deepen Authentic Christ Sharing Relationships (ACSRs) with young people and holistic care.
9. Input new City Life site into [YFC Impact](#)
10. Have Ministry Leaders begin to do Relational Ministry Actions (prioritize contacting and programming) in that neighborhood while continuing to mentor young people through JJM that reside in that neighborhood
11. Continue to use ministry process timeline to foster growth of new City Life ministry site

