

# TURN IT AROUND

# ISSUE: 20 TURN IT AROUND YOUTH GROUP AUGUST NEWSLETTER



## This Month in Turn It Around

For the month of August, Turn It Around will be discussing the importance of Social Media Literacy and safety. They will gain tools that will help them navigate the online world and keep personal information private.



## Summer Jobs can be FUN!

Mswati, our Youth Prevention Coordinator, and the summer employed youth have been having an amazing time working, learning, and growing together in the summer enrichment program hosted by the Charlestown Coalition.

So far the youth have enjoyed a 4-day camping trip to the White Mountains in New Hampshire, a fishing trip, Boston Harbor Island trips, attended a live-theater show, participated in improv and acting workshops, and have even started filming their very own short film. They have also visited the African American Heritage Trail, museums, and the Deer-Island Water Treatment Plant.



## Turn It Around Birthday's

The birthday we are celebrating for the month of August is Dylan's! Happy Birthday Dylan!! We hope you have a wonderful birthday celebration :)

## Charlestown Needs You!

Our new partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay to increase opportunities for one-on-one mentorships for local youth has kicked off!

For Mentors: We are seeking Charlestown residents and workers, at least 18 years of age, who have the availability and passion to mentor, guide and encourage Charlestown youth. It's only a couple of hours a month, but the time spent together will make a huge impact in the life of a teen, and on you!

For Youth: We are seeking Charlestown youth, ages 7-12 years old, who want someone to have fun with, learn from, and enjoy local activities with!

Please email, Michael Wright [mwright@bbbsmb.org](mailto:mwright@bbbsmb.org) for more information!

## ATTENTION FAMILIES!

The Charlestown Coalition and Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay want YOU!

NOW ENROLLING :  
BOYS AND GIRLS, AGES 7-12

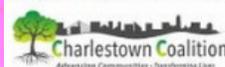
### CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM

- \* Have higher self-esteem
- \* Have higher academic achievement
- \* Are more likely to avoid risky behavior
- \* Get along better with peers



For questions or more information, contact Michael Wright, 617-956-0225 or [mwright@bbbsmb.org](mailto:mwright@bbbsmb.org)

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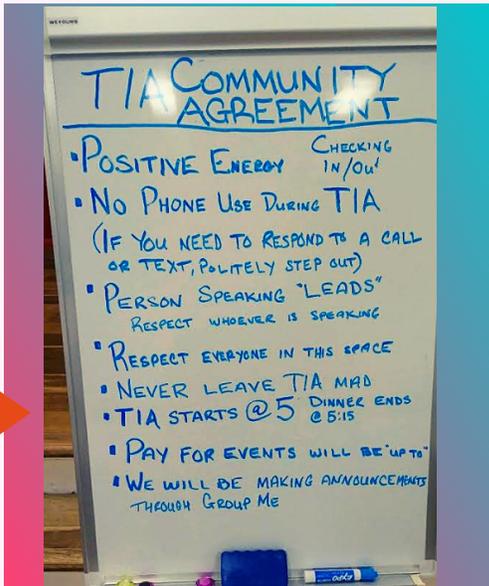
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## Last Month in Turn It Around

Last month in July, Turn It Around had a thoughtful discussion which led to creating the group's rules or better yet, agreements and the expectations of it's members going into the new school year. Here is the list that the youth generated:



- POSITIVE ENERGY CHECKING IN/OUT
- NO PHONE USE DURING TIA  
(IF YOU NEED TO RESPOND TO A CALL OR TEXT, POLITELY STEP OUT)
- PERSON SPEAKING "LEADS"  
RESPECT WHOEVER IS SPEAKING
- RESPECT EVERYONE IN THIS SPACE
- NEVER LEAVE TIA MAD
- TIA STARTS @ 5 DINNER ENDS @ 5:15
- PAY FOR EVENTS WILL BE "UP TO"
- WE WILL BE MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGH GROUP ME

## July's Youth of the Month:

Cristian is our July *Turn It Around* Youth of the Month!" Cristian Ruiz Santana is July's Turn It Around Youth of the Month for ONE reason. He's AWESOME!! He comes by the office everyday, even if it's just to say 'Hi', give someone a hug, or tell us about his day. He loves to help out with anything, and everything, and always has a big smile on his face when he's around.



We're so lucky to have a kid like him represent our program, and the Charlestown Community."

-Mswati Hanks  
(Youth Prevention Coordinator)

## Ways to get Involved:

Want to join in on the fun during one of our meetings or events? We'd love to have you! There are many opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in *Turn It Around*. Whether you help cook, serve, clean or participate in the activities, all are invited and welcome. Please reach out to Ginaya for more information.

## Prefer Email?

To receive our Family & Friends Newsletter email instead of a paper copy, please contact Ginaya Greene Murray at [Ggreene-Murray@Partners.org](mailto:Ggreene-Murray@Partners.org) or call her directly at 617-726-6684

## Have Questions?

If you need assistance with your youth regarding school, job placement, risky behaviors, or anything else, please contact the Charlestown Coalition. We will be happy to help with any questions regarding you and your child.

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