



Kingson Royals Youth Athletic Ministries, Inc. (KRYAM)

2004 Anne Arundel County Organizational Accreditation Application

Community Needs Assessment Statement

1. Basis of Need:

There is currently no “Christian-based” faith organization available in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, which serves all Christian denominations and every community in the County with a program that offers both competitive youth sports/athletics and spiritual/values development.

- “Christian-based” – an organization that is open to all who wish to participate, but provides a consistent environment where Christian faith, values and prayer is an integral part of the organizational culture and mission. This also entails continuity of team construct and availability for all children to participate.
- Competitive, is interpreted as a program that will provide every level of competitive venue to athletes up to the highest-level (or lowest-level) commensurate with their athletic ability and skill-level. This also entails the availability of expert coaches with the ability to develop players to the highest-levels.

2. Community Served:

- Primarily families throughout Anne Arundel County who are active in their various local community Christian churches who want to provide their children with a program that will fully develop their athleticism, and provide a faith-based environment which is consistent with the values taught at church and at home. In effect, parents interested in KRYAM are looking for a *competitive athletic venue* that teaches balance between faith, sport, competition, teamwork and “love of neighbor”.
- Geographically, KRYAM will market itself throughout AA County, but expects its draw (due to location) to be primarily from central and northern AA County.

3. KRYAM Program (Response to Need):

- KRYAM’s mission is to directly address the community need by providing a program that offers excellence in athletics, but is set in a consistent “Christ-centered” environment.
- KRYAM will offer “Age-Specific” athletic teams (youth-baseball). Number of teams per age bracket will be determined by a criteria composed of a combination of player turn-out and availability of qualified coaches.
- Depending on team skill level, Team Managers will be given the option of competing in an AA County Sponsored league, the MMTA, or other competitive league venues.

4. Community Support for KRYAM Program:

- KRYAM has received verbal support from several prominent political figures at the AA County and State levels.
- A significant number of parents from central and northern AA County have already expressed interest in participating in the program.
- Pastors and ministers from various church communities in AA County have already offered their blessings and support:
 - » St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Glen Burnie
 - » Lake Shore Baptist Church, Pasadena
 - » Faith Baptist Church, Glen Burnie
 - » Marley Park Nazarene Church, Glen Burnie
 - » Our Lady of the Chesapeake Catholic Church, Pasadena