Community Youth Center for Morris, Illinois

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Abstract:
According to a 2010 study compiled by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, one in five high school students say they or someone they know used alcohol in the last month. This mushrooming trend is evident among both adults and teenagers. According to the study, one in three students from public schools nationwide have used alcohol, and the number of teens who have tried it is increasing. In Morris, Illinois, a local youth organization has proposed a community youth center that includes a variety of programs and services for teenagers to help them stay out of trouble and avoid the negative effects of substance abuse. The center will provide a safe and supportive environment for teens to engage in positive activities and build strong social connections.

Youth Center: The building will be a safe center. The targeted age for the youth center will be grades 7-12, and the building will be open to high school students. The main entrance will be located on the west side of the building, and there will be a smaller entrance on the east side for staff and volunteers.

Building Spaces:
- The objective is to provide a safe and welcoming space for teens to gather and engage in positive activities.
- The space will be open and airy, with large windows and natural light to create a welcoming atmosphere.
- The center will include a gym, a community room, a kitchen, and a multimedia space.
- The gym will be equipped with fitness equipment and will be available for youth to use after school hours.
- The community room will be a multi-purpose space where teens can gather to watch movies, play games, or host events.
- The kitchen will be equipped with cooking supplies and will be available for youth to use for cooking classes or community events.
- The multimedia space will be equipped with a projector and will be available for youth to use for presentations or movie nights.

Building Shape:
- The building will be a rectangular shape with a flat roof.
- The front of the building will have large windows to allow natural light to enter the space.
- The building will be setback from the street to provide a safe and secure environment for youth.

Layout and Programs:
The layout of the building will be organized around a central core, which will include a kitchen, a community room, and a multimedia space. The core will be surrounded by program areas to create a flexible and adaptable space for different activities.

Site Plan:
The site plan includes a variety of amenities to support the youth center, including parking, a playground, and a walking path. The site will be designed to be accessible to all youth in the community, regardless of their abilities.

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