There's a Lesson Here

Those who wish to establish a teen center in Birmingham might do well to study the example of the center at Southfield High School. It operated for a year in the 1960s, but by 1974 it had been closed. The center's success was due in large part to the dedication and efforts of its directors, who continued to operate it even after the school district stopped funding it.

At the center, high school students worked together to create a safe and supportive environment for their peers. They organized clubs, offered tutoring services, and held social events. The center was open every day after school, and students could come in to study, hang out with friends, or just relax.

The lesson is that such centers can be successful if they are well-funded and have dedicated leaders. With the right resources and a supportive community, a teen center can provide valuable support and resources for young people in need.