

HIP of Spokane County, dba Community-Minded Enterprises

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Grant Award, Year One: \$300,000

Award Year: 2006

Organizational Description:

Community-Minded Enterprises (C-ME) was founded in 1997 both to provide direct services to youth and to help other youth-serving organizations build their capacities within the Spokane County, Washington, region. C-ME has focused on mentoring for youth with disabilities, academic/vocational support services, reducing youth gun violence, and improving the physical health of youth.

Name of CEY Initiative Project:

Partners for Empowered Youth

Project Description:

Community-Minded Enterprises will build the capacity of faith and community-based organizations to provide enhanced social services to address gang activity, youth violence, and child abuse and neglect. CM-E will build its own capacity and that of its partners in the areas of community engagement, leadership development, organizational development, and program development through one-on-one, customized training and technical assistance. Six strategies will be used toward achieving the project goals, including: 1) in-depth organizational assessments that supplement pre-project assessments to determine specific capacity building needs for each partner; 2) individual capacity building plans based on the organizational assessments to guide all capacity building activities and serve as a formal agreement between C-ME and each partner; 3) training workshops to provide opportunities for shared problem solving, increased collaboration, and heightened levels of support for all participants; 4) individual, customized technical assistance; 5) financial assistance to be used for capacity building costs; and 6) collaboration opportunities facilitated and hosted by C-ME, including an annual youth empowerment conference and other community engagement events, to bring together various community stakeholders with project partners.

Partners: Boys and Girls Club of Spokane County; Camp Fire USA Inland NW Council; Childbirth and Parenting Alone (CAPA) Program; Crosswalk Volunteers; Cup of Cool Water; East Central Community Center; Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations; Martin Luther King Center; Odyssey Youth Center; Project HOPE (Helping Our Young People Excel); Youth-Family-Adult Connections