

April 15, 2010

Mayor John Dickert
And Common Council
Racine, WI 53403

Your Honor and Aldermen:

I respectfully request to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss our request to apply for the OJJDP 2010 Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative. The Finance Department has been contacted for coordination, and the grant control number is 2010-016.

The grant is for \$492,000 over a 3-year period and will support initiatives of the Y-Youth Mentoring Collaborative, a partnership between the City of Racine, YMCA, Why Gangs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, University of Wisconsin- Parkside, and Racine Vocational Ministries. The objectives of the program include: Establishing/improving administration of mentoring programs of “at-risk, underserved youth, including expansion of mentoring strategies and program design; enhancing/improving organizational capacity, system efficiency, and cost effectiveness of programs through training/technical assistance and other strategies; and improving outcomes for at risk youth in mentoring programs by establishing and strengthening collaborative community approaches. The target population is youth leaving the Racine County Detention Center and returning to neighborhoods surrounding the City of Racine COP Houses.

There is a 25% in-kind match requirement.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Embry, MBA
Grants Facilitator