

ARPA SUMMARIES

Dr. John Bryant Community Center Innovation Station

The Dr. John Bryant Community Center Innovation Station is an innovative program where young people can explore and excel in science and technology. The curriculum for the Innovation Station is planned to enhance self-esteem, and creativity and develop business and life skills necessary for future success. Working alongside trained professionals, participants will plan their projects. Using the new technology equipment, participants will collaborate with their mentors on creating design pieces. The Innovation Station will serve a cross-section of youth ages 12-24, with special emphasis on low-to-moderate income youth where the need is the greatest for the kind of empowerment and encouragement this program can bring to the community. This program will assist in keeping youth engaged in the community center during the times they could choose to be on the streets. We will collaborate with small business owners and entrepreneurs to engage youth with positive options and to teach them about career opportunities in Science and Technology.

- **Applicant: Jamie Kirkwood (262) 636-9459**
- **Partnerships: City of Racine Hamilton Street COP, Dr. John Bryant Community Center, Gateway Technical College.**
- **Budget:**
 - **\$12,800 for salaries & wages**
 - **\$34,750 for office & operating supplies**
 - **\$1,950 for small tools/minor equipment**
 - **\$500 for travel & training**
 - **Total= \$50,000**

Young Achievers & Healthy Meal Program

The Young Leaders Academy (YLA) is a year-round gang violence prevention/youth leadership program of the Racine Family Young Men Christian Association for youth who are at risk for gang involvement. YLA is dedicated to:

1. Reversing the negative trend of low academic achievement and negative stereotypical behavior of youth;
2. promotion and ensuring educational opportunities for all children;
3. building positive developmental assets in all young people, strengthening families, and mobilizing resources to reduce gang involvement. Young Achievers empower students through programs and resources that build self-confidence, leadership, and academic and life skills.

- **Applicant: Brenda Hughes (262) 636-1994**
- **Partnerships: Racine Unified School District, George Bray Center, Wisconsin Department of Justice and Neighborhood Watch**
- **Budget:**
 - **\$49,000 for salaries & wages**
 - **\$3,750 for personnel benefits**
 - **\$1,000 for communication**
 - **\$4,150 for travel & training**
 - **\$15,000 for rentals**
 - **\$2,000 for other**
 - **Total= \$75,000**