



March 9, 2012

John Dickert
And Common Council
Racine, WI 53403

Your Honor and Aldermen:

I respectfully request to appear before the finance and personnel committee to discuss our request to apply for the Title V Community Prevention Grant for Truancy Prevention Programs through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. After submitting a concept paper, we are one of four communities that have been asked to apply. The grant control number is 2012-008.

OJA approved community partners for this project is Racine Unified School District and Professional Services Group (PSG). If awarded, the funds will underwrite The Horlick High School – School Engagement Program. The goal of the program is to support consistent school attendance and academic achievement for at risk and truanting youth referred by the Racine Unified School District and Racine County Human Services Department (RCHSD). The City of Racine will provide the funding and eligibility guidelines, RUSD and Racine County Human Services will supply the referrals and ongoing support (case management), and RUSD will provide the site (Horlick High School), physical plant, and in-house support (office, clerical, and social work, and guidance counseling). PSG will implement the program.

The program will work with a minimum of 50 truants (annually) who will receive school engagement services. The majority of participants enrolled in the program will be freshman and sophomore level students identified as chronic truants by the school administration and student support services staff. Many will also be involved with the City of Racine Municipal Court – Truancy Court and/or be on court ordered supervision to the Racine County Human Services Department.

The grant amount is \$49,000 and requires a 50% in-kind match.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Embry, Grant Facilitator