

2009-2010 Governor's Discretionary Grant Awards

Alkebu-lan Village

Detroit

\$70,000

The Drug and Violence Prevention Program will conduct the Strengthening Families Program. The program will target 60 African-American youth, ages 5-17, and their parents. Three 14-week sessions will target elementary, middle school and high school students. For each 14-week session, parents and students will meet once a week from 6-8 p.m. at Alkebu-lan Village in Detroit.

Project Title: Drug and Violence Prevention Program

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Arbor Circle

Grand Rapids

\$72,037

The Bridge program proposes to provide prevention services to 175 youth, ages 12-18, who are currently homeless, suspended and/or expelled. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a screening/assessment, Reconnecting Youth prevention curriculum, and community service projects. Successful completion will result in youth being eligible to return to school and feeling a stronger sense of connection to self, school, and community.

Project Title: The Bridge Program

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson

Jackson

\$47,266

The Big Brothers Big Sisters program plans to assist youth to reach their potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships with measurable impact. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson will provide one-to-one mentoring programs within the community to 89 at-risk youth, ages 5-18, including those who have an incarcerated parent. The mentoring program also assists the youth with academic and community service projects.

Project Title: Mentoring Program

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**Big Brother, Big Sisters of
Marquette & Alger Counties**

Negaunee

\$60,000

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Marquette and Alger Counties will serve 75 at-risk youth, ages 10-18, in four specific life domains: school, individual, community and family. The program, which uses mentoring to address attitudes toward substance abuse and violence, is a proven prevention strategy for addressing these issues. The "Mentoring Youth of Promise" program will serve children and families in Marquette and Alger Counties.

Project Name: Mentoring Youth of Promise

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Boys & Girls Club of Alpena

Alpena

\$90,000

The Boys & Girls Club of Alpena plans to conduct the SMART Prevention Program to 2,500 Club members, ages 6-18 at three sites. The program will be conducted through the entire year. Other services provided will be mentoring, academic enrichment, community service, violence and drug use prevention activities. Participants will benefit from a support system consisting of professionals and volunteers experienced in youth work, who know how to listen, respond, and serve as role models.

Project Title: S.M.A.R.T. Moves

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Boys & Girls Club of Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo

\$49,305

The SMART Moves Program is a resistance training model geared towards K-12 youth. Components include: (a). SMART Kids - skills development program for ages 6-9; (b). Start SMART - resistance skills program for youth ages 9-12; (c). Stay SMART - social skills program for adolescents ages 13-15, and (d). SMART Girls - gender specific program for girls. The programs plan to serve 150 at-risk youth at both Club Units and 2 outreach locations.

Project Title: SMART Moves and Delinquency Prevention

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Calhoun County Juvenile Home

Marshall

\$43,585

To address risk factors leading to substance abuse and violent behavior, the Calhoun County Juvenile Home will provide substance abuse and violence prevention programming for approximately 400 pre and post adjudicated youth residing in the facility between the ages of 11-17 using the Strengthening Families Program and Second Step: Violence Prevention curriculum. The programs focus on skill building activities that develop effective communication skills, increasing conflict resolution skills and goal setting abilities.

Project Title: Learning Skills 4 Life

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**Center for Occupational and
Personalized Education (C.O.P.E)**

Ypsilanti

\$71,000

Using Botvin's Life Skills Curriculum coupled with an individualized academic program, C.O.P.E. will offer drug and violence prevention and academic programming to 60 at-risk youth, ages 10-18, who are economically disadvantaged, school dropouts, expelled, victims of abuse/neglect, on court probation or have demonstrated at-risk behaviors. The youth will be enrolled in a curriculum of basic academic remediation, life skills training, and drug and violence prevention programming.

Project Title: C.O.P.E. Youth Prevention and Education Program

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Child and Family Services of the U.P.

Marquette

\$64,542

The Strengthening Families Program will serve families and youth, ages 6-11, for one 14 wk cycle in both Marquette & Menominee Counties. Youth ages 10-14 will be served for one 7 week cycle in Marquette, Menominee, Alger, & Schoolcraft. Child & Family Services will assist 70 families, targeting families within the specific age groups.

Project Title: Strengthening Families Program

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City of Garden City**Garden City****\$80,000**

The prevention program consists of the Strengthening Families Program and Life Skills Training by Botvin. These programs will address the violence and substance abuse prevention needs of 70 youth in Western Wayne County between the ages of 6 and 16. All youth, including out of school youth and youth referred by the courts, will be eligible to participate in the prevention programs.

Project Title: Strengthening Families Program

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City of Wayne**Wayne****\$41,000**

Wayne Youth Services will provide the Strengthening Families and SMART programs to 40 parents and 60 youth, ages 8-13, throughout the year. Suspended youth, youth referred by local police and the courts as well as those who exhibit chronic risk factors will participate in the programs. Programs will be held at the City of Wayne Community Recreation Building. This program is based on enhancing protective factors and reducing risk in the family environment.

Project Title: Youth Services Prevention Program

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County of Branch**Coldwater****\$109,841**

The 15th Circuit Court, Family Division plans to provide the Aggression Replacement Training program to 17 youth, ages 12-16, and 40 parents/adults and siblings. The program will be conducted for five days a week, 10 to 12 hours a day. The program will include Aggression Replacement Training, academic instruction, substance abuse service, community service, family/peer relationship education and vocational exploration. These youth are wards of the court and have exhausted traditional services.

Project Title: Branch County Day Prevention Program

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Creating a Healthy Community**Detroit****\$50,000**

Creating A Healthy Community (CAHC) Program will provide services to 175 youth, ages 10-18 on probation and out of home placement through after school and summer programming and 50 adults in alternative education programs,. CAHC will utilize the Project Towards No Drug Abuse program to increase the program participants' attitude toward the perceived risk and harm of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

Project Title: Drug Prevention Program

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Detroit Association of Black Organizations**Detroit****\$57,000**

The Detroit Association of Black Organizations' (DABO) will implement Project Towards No Drug Abuse to 70 youth attending the Last Change Academy. The program will be conducted during the school year in 50 minute sessions within the vocational and academic curriculum. In addition to this program, youth will be provided academic and vocational skills, community service projects, mentoring and leadership skills.

Project Title: Show Some Sign Program

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Family & Children's Services of Midland**Midland****\$34,655**

Family & Children's Services will be serving 100 high risk youth, ages 14-19. Life Skills by Botvins will be provided to focus on social skills, substance prevention, communication skills, assertiveness as well as healthy decision making. Youth will be targeted at alternative schools, the Educational Services Agency, detention and juvenile care center and summer camps for high risk youth.

Project Title: Life Skills by Botvin

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Family Services & Children's Aid**Jackson****\$100,000**

The Families and Schools Together (FAST) program plans to serve approximately 195 at-risk individuals (60 parents and 135 children) through collaboration with Jackson area elementary schools. The program will conduct a 9-week cycle of FAST at Cascades Elementary School and will meet monthly with three FASTWORKS groups, which is the follow-up program to FAST, that are comprised of families who graduated from cycles of FAST at the following school partner sites: Cascades Elementary School, Lincoln Head Start, Jackson Arts & Technology Academy, McCulloch Academy of Science & Technology and Townsend Elementary School in Jackson.

Project Title: Families and Schools Together Program

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First Ward Community Services**Saginaw****\$56,754**

First Ward's Community Services Project PUSH & PULL program plans to reduce the incidences of initiation, experimentation and use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs including chemical inhalants to the urban/inner-city youth, ages 10-19. First Ward will implement, after school, the Strengthening Families Program and Project ALERT to 150 youth and 50 parents at three locations: First Ward Community Center, Cathedral District Youth Center and the Civitan Recreation Center.

Project Title: Project P.U.S.H & P.U.L.L.

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Gateway Community Services**East Lansing****\$50,000**

Gateway Community Services' Violence Intervention and Prevention Project will partner with schools and community organizations to provide the Aggression Replacement Training to 130 at-risk youth, ages 10-21. The violence prevention and anger management sessions will be conducted at schools, community centers, and youth facilities in the Greater Lansing area.

Project Title: Violence Prevention Program

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Ionia County Community Mental Health**Ionia****\$60,000**

Aggression Replacement Training (ART) will be provided to 160 youth who are in the sixth grade. The program will be conducted after school at eight schools within the district during the school year. Each group will be facilitated by a clinician and one school staff. The cross agency's service delivery will greatly improve the sustainability of ART continuing in each school district.

Project Title: ART Prevention Program

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**Manistee-Benzie Community
Mental Health****Manistee****\$60,000**

Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health SafeNet program will provide prevention / school success services to 190 youth in 5 school districts. A minimum of 50 youth in grades K-6 will receive the Second Step Violence Prevention curriculum after school and during the summer. This component of the SafeNet program will be aimed at preventing youth violence.

Project Title: SafeNet Prevention Program

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Muskegon County PRIDE**Muskegon****\$70,000**

Muskegon County PRIDE will utilize the Second Step and Project ALERT curriculums for 110 youth, ages 8-19 throughout the year. The program will be conducted at Steele and McLaughlin Schools and is designed to reduce impulsive, high risk, and aggressive behaviors and increase children's social emotional-competence and other protective factors.

Project Title: Muskegon Youth...Leading the Way

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North Midland Family Center**Midland****\$50,000**

The Cool After School program is a partnership among North Midland Family Center, Railway Family Center, Midland Public and Coleman Public Schools. The program targets elementary and middle school children in rural areas of north and west sections of Midland County. The program will serve approximately 200 youth in the after school and teen programs. This program focuses upon self-control, prevention of substance abuse and violence with Second Step and Life Skills curriculum training.

Project Title: Cool After School Program

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Omarkane: The Collective**Detroit****\$72,000**

OMANKANE: The Collective will utilize Life Skills, Project ALERT and Students Managing Anger and Resolution Together (SMART) curriculums. The after school anger management/conflict resolution/bullying prevention programs will be conducted for at-risk youth at the elementary, middle and high school levels throughout the year. Peer Mediation teams will also be developed to enhance the prevention programs.

Project Title: Shortcut to Saturday!

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Pathways**Holland****\$75,000**

The Strengthening Families program will be provided to 63 at-risk youth and 72 parents in Ottawa County. Services will be targeted to those youth whose parents are participating in substance abuse and/or mental health treatment, are at-risk for running away, becoming homeless and/or dropping out of school. Services will be targeted to underserved areas including Allendale, the core city of Holland, and at-risk youth in the northwest quadrant. The program uses family systems and cognitive-behavioral approaches to increase resilience and reduce risk factors for behavioral, emotional, academic, and social problems.

Project Title: Strengthening Families Program

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Prevention Works, Inc.

Kalamazoo

\$68,076

Prevention Works, Inc. will implement both the Project ALERT and Strengthening Families Programs (SPF) for high-risk youth and families in Kalamazoo County. This project will focus heavily on those youth who are underserved including youth with incarcerated parents, homeless/runaways and those in extremely high risk environments. Prevention Works will reach between 125-200 youth with Project ALERT and between 75-100 youth and families with SFP at subsidized housing complexes and alternative schools.

Project Title: Empowering Youth Program

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St. Clair Sheriff's Office (Summer Team)

Port Huron

\$24,000

Summer TEAM, administered by the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, will conduct the Aggression Replacement Training program to 25 sixth grade boys. This 5-week summer violence prevention program, conducted 4 days a week, will also provide educational enrichment and community service projects. Training will be provided to youth, ages 18-21 to mentor, guide, and motivate these at-risk TEAM students.

Project Title: Summer TEAM Program

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Save Our Neighborhood and Streets (SONS)

Port Huron

\$65,727

The SONS community outreach will serve approximately 1,000 youth throughout the year by conducting Botvin's Life Skills program, after school in six high-risk elementary schools, three middle schools, and two high schools. The program will also be implemented in the county juvenile detention center and day-treatment center and will receive referrals from the school district for those students who are expelled and suspended.

Project Title: SONS Community Outreach

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Starfish Family Services, Inc.

Inkster

\$70,000

Starfish Family Services will implement two prevention programs: PATHS and Botvin’s Life Skills programs. The Students Working All Together (SWAT) project will provide the PATHS program, after school to 80 at-risk 2nd-5th graders in the Wayne-Westland School District attending Hicks and Elliott Elementary Schools. The Assets program will conduct the Botvin’s Life Skills program to 175 homeless & runaway youth, ages 10-17, at Counterpoint Shelter & Crisis Center in Inkster.

Project Title: S.W.A.T. and Assets Prevention Programs

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Substance Abuse Council

Battle Creek

\$60,000

The Substance Abuse Council will conduct Towards No Drug Abuse prevention program to 30 high school youth in the teen pregnancy program and alternative education school, 75 in the Juvenile Home and 40 with the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy. The Strengthening Families Program will reach 15 youth and parents after school at the inner city school district. The Life Skills program will be provided to 40 youth in middle school. All programs and sessions will focus on at risk youth.

Project Title: Prevention Programs

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**Volunteers In Prevention,
Probation & Prisons, Inc. (VIPPP)**

Detroit

\$70,000

The VIPPP Mentoring Program will place 100 Detroit youth, who have a parent incarcerated, into one-to-one mentoring relationships with trained and screened adult mentors using the Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Model. Other activities provided for youth include opportunities to meet regularly in groups in a more structured format to discuss issues related to the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco and to facilitate improvements in a child’s exploration of healthful alternatives.

Project Title: VIPPP Mentoring Drug Prevention Program

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Wedgwood Christian Services **Grand Rapids** **\$65,000**

Botvin's Life Skills Training will be provided to 100 youth in alternative education, 40 youth in detention, 80 in after school programs in Wyoming and Godwin School Districts, and 40 youth with the Hispanic Center. The Aggression Replacement Training curriculum will be provided to 30 youth in detention, 60 after school youth in Wyoming and Godwin School Districts and 30 youth with Hispanic Center.

Project Title: Prevention Programs

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Winning Inc. of America **Benton Harbor** **\$70,000**

Winning Inc. of America will provide the Second Step and Botvin's Life Skills prevention programs at the Boys and Girls Club to 265 youth, ages 6-14, as part of an after-school and summer program. Adult mentors will be provided to teach literacy recovery, conflict resolution, and violence prevention programs. Other components include drug resistance skills, personal self-management skills, and general social skills.

Project Title: Second Step Curriculum Violence Prevention Program

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