

Centro Hispano

Juventud Questions

1. Is the agency willing to take a reduced amount and still add one more school? Which school would it be?

After studying school district demographic data we have determined that Wright Middle School would be the most appropriate location for a new Juventud site. It would not be economically feasible for us to add a site without additional funds.

2. What is the impact of MMSD decision to shorten school on Wednesday?

We have been working with MMSD and other partners since early this summer to see what the impact of early release will be on our programs. MMSD has identified Juventud tutoring as a component of after school services that should continue during early release times.

New Routes Adolescents Questions

1. What have been the outcomes over the past years of the program?

In 2009 94% of program participants avoided recidivism and further delinquent behavior after participating in the program.

In 2008 73% of program participants avoided recidivism and further delinquent behavior after participating in the program.

It is important to keep in mind that these youth are referred from the Madison Municipal Court or have been identified by school counselors as needing services from the program. Considering that these youth are at such high risk for delinquency we feel that these outcomes are very good.

2. How will the program structure change with additional money?

The current program coordinator, Mario Garcia Sierra, will serve as lead coordinator for the program. Mario will supervise the new program coordinator and Americorps member. With the additional funding we will expand Proyecto Lider, our leadership program for ComVida graduates, incorporate more after school tutoring into the program, and create more volunteer service projects for program participants.

On a day to day basis the new coordinator will focus on the youth referred to the ComVida program while Mario will focus on developing Proyecto Lider. The Americorps member will focus on tutoring and community service projects. We will also work with

volunteers from the community. In the end the additional funding will allow for a much more comprehensive program with increased program hours and provide many Latino teens a safe place to go after school.

3. How many new participants will be served with the additional funds?

With the addition of an additional full-time program coordinator and an Americorps member we hope to serve an additional 289 youth in 2011. This would more than double our program participants from 2009. By being able to expand Proyecto Lider we will be able to serve many more youth through positive leadership and identity building activities. Since Proyecto Lider will not be court referred (but will serve many ComVida graduates who were court referred) we will be able to include many more youth who will benefit from the program but who may not have been referred by the court or school counselors.

4. Why is there so little fundraising allocated to this program?

The New Routes Adolescents program is a vital service for the City of Madison through our effective work in reducing delinquency among Latino youth. We feel that it is appropriate for the majority of this work to be funded through grant allocations as the program is such an incredible service for the community. We raise money each year through our Annual Banquet and Fiesta Hispana. We will do even more work on fundraising in the coming years but with the current economic climate we cannot be certain of how successful we will be. We will allocate this money across our programs including New Routes Adolescents and hopefully will be able to allocate more fundraising than was designated in our proposed budget to New Routes for Adolescents.