

Answers are applicable for both sites

How will you get teen parents to attend 23 sessions?

We proposed 23 sessions of 1 hour each for the teen parents, considering that they may find a two hour session to long. The alternative is to discuss with the participants, the possibility of holding a two hour class for ten sessions plus a graduation celebration. If the sessions are two hours each, we will give the teen parents a break with a light snack provided. We will also procure incentives to provide to teen parents, i.e. diapers, formula, small gift certificates for area businesses, etc.

Does program work with self-referred individuals, as opposed to individuals mandated to attend?

The program is offered to both populations: self-referred individuals as well as mandated ones. The Boys & Girls Club will assist in the recruitment of participants, by making the classes available to all members and their families. The stigma of having to attend the classes is removed when the classes are offered to all who want or need to attend.

What is source of participant descriptor information?

These numbers are estimates based on our current demographic information.

Does city funding for facility use cover expense (operating) outlined in this proposal? What is the nature of this expense?

In our current parenting class budget, our space/facility use costs are covered with general donation funds. The operating costs indicated are direct program costs, not related to space/facility use.

Should this be half Program Area VI, priority A-2 and half Program Area I, priority C-1?

Boys & Girls Club of Dane County does not feel that these programs should be submitted for separately because teen parents are an integral part of the family structure and we prioritize serving the entire family, including youth and parents. The intention of our parenting classes is to raise healthy children, regardless of the age of the parent.

How will the program actively engage parents?

We use strength-based approaches that have as a goal, bolstering the family's ability to care for themselves and produce strong members. This goal is accomplished by focusing on the individual's families, and community's strengths. Strength-based approaches help families to utilize their existing skills and to acquire new ones. Strength-based approaches build self-esteem and confidence within families. These approaches assist families in learning to use a variety of community resources to maximize their overall functioning. As we move forward with our collaborative program implementation, the FRC of Dane County and the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County will seek out additional resources, as specified by our participants, to motivate our program participants to attend the classes. Incentives and family activity nights are two ways in which we will actively engage our participants. The FRC of Dane County is running a similar group with Latino parents at Centro Hispano of Dane County. We were strongly encouraged to

find that the group of parents attending has doubled within 5 sessions. The teens continue to attend their own program because they are required to attend, but the parents have embraced their participation with admirable self motivation.

Please describe user fees for program.

Workshops will be free. Preference will be given to families of Boys & Girls Club of Dane County members. Annual membership to the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County is only \$5 per child.

On what did agency base 80% outcome measure?

Participants will be given a survey upon entry and completion of the program. Individuals learn differently, our outcome measure, bears that in mind. Our goal states, that on an individual basis, 80% of participants will exit the program having increased their knowledge of parenting skills and techniques, and how to connect with and which resources are available to their families.

Why are space costs figured into the budget?

We divide space costs across all program areas. We are not asking the city for any additional funding for space costs.

Current Boys & Girls Club youth programming requires parent pick up of children at the front desk, limiting parent involvement and parent relationships and contact with program staff. Will the effort of this parenting education proposal influence current policies and practices across Boys & Girls Club youth programs?

Current policies at the front desk are in place to ensure the safety of our members. Though the policies at the front desk will not change, we do intend to increase parent engagement through workshops like these, volunteer opportunities, Family Nights, and other parent events.

Does city funding for facility use cover the expenses outlined in this proposal?

In our current parenting class budget, our space/facility use costs are covered with general donation funds.