



## YOUTH WORKS MKE 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the summer of 2015 the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee piloted a program called **One Summer Plus** which is a Chicago model, and from that **Youth Works 1.0** was developed. It was a new approach to youth development programming that combined summer youth employment with mentoring and Social Emotional Learning. The targeted number of young men was 30 high school age minority males from James Madison High School.

The purpose of **Youth Works MKE 1.0** was to link teens at risk of criminal involvement with subsidized jobs and supportive services including Mentoring and Social Emotional Learning to increase employment skills and positive engagement while preventing participation in criminal and delinquent activities. Program outcomes goals were to reduce the rate of violence and juvenile justice involvement, increase community engagement and to have higher rates of stable and gainful employment. Our partners consisted of the following; Community Advocates, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Employee Milwaukee, Center for Youth Engagement and the National Council of Crime and Delinquency, Milwaukee Center for Independence. Our worksite partners were Boys & Girls Clubs sites, Urban Ecology and Milwaukee County Zoo.

In April of 2016, a total of 33 young men from James Madison High School completed the SEL **Youth Works MKE 1.0** program. The program instilled in these young men the foundation of SEL to ensure that they were able to build and transform their leadership skills through self-reflection and better decision making. The program was a great success with 97% of youth completing the summer experience with summer employment, mentor activities and social emotional learning. The impact was also seen by an overall increase in their school attendance and a decrease in their school suspensions. To date, 55% of the young men have obtained employment upon completing the program, and four of the young men graduated from James Madison in June and three will be continuing their education at Milwaukee Area Technical College in the fall. **Youth Works 2.0** began in June 2016, and we are currently serving 31 young men from three schools which are North Division, Washington and James Madison High School. The goal of the program remains the same of linking these young men with subsidized jobs and supportive services including Mentoring and Social Emotional Learning.

### Funding Needs

Personnel .....	\$37,960
Benefits, Taxes & Insurance .....	\$11,282
Summer Wages (30 youth) .....	\$31,500
MCFI.....	\$10,167
Admin .....	\$9,091
<b>TOTAL BUDGET .....</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>