

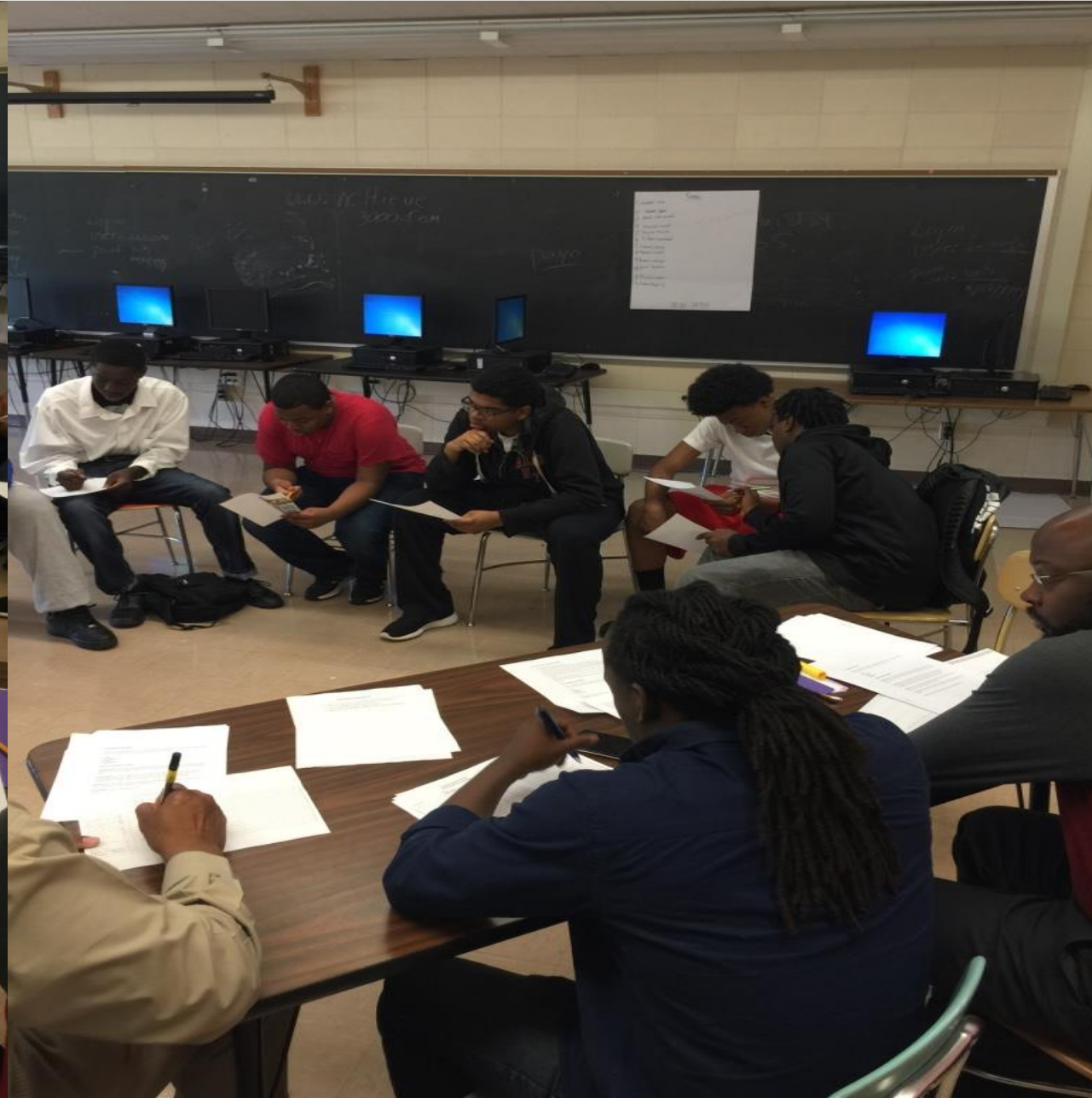
YOUTH WORKS – MIKE



PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Youth Works MKE was a pilot research program created to link teens at risk of criminal involvement with subsidized jobs and supportive services including Mentoring and Social Emotional Learning. The targeted number of young men was 30 high school age minority males from James Madison High School. It was designed to demonstrate the effectiveness that Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Mentoring and Career Development could have on reducing crime/recidivism.

THE INTERVIEW PROCESS



RETREAT

On June 18-19, 35 young men attended a group building retreat held in Lake Delton, WI. The purpose of the retreat was to help the youth connect with one another and purpose of Youth Works MKE . The young men went through an impactful self examination session presented by Kwabena Nixon and Muhibb Dyer. This session pushed the young men to explore for themselves what their “Truth Is” and to release their pain and anger and allowed them to be open and honest. This allows the young men to look deeply and intentionally at creating and living out a new truths that they design.





PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Career Development: Youth were placed at local Boys & Girls Clubs sites, non-profit organizations and/or private sector businesses for employment experiences of 20-25 hours a week. Youth also participated in an 8 week Job Readiness Training through Milwaukee Center for Independence in which they had 2 hours of class training and 4 hours of paid on the job work experience.



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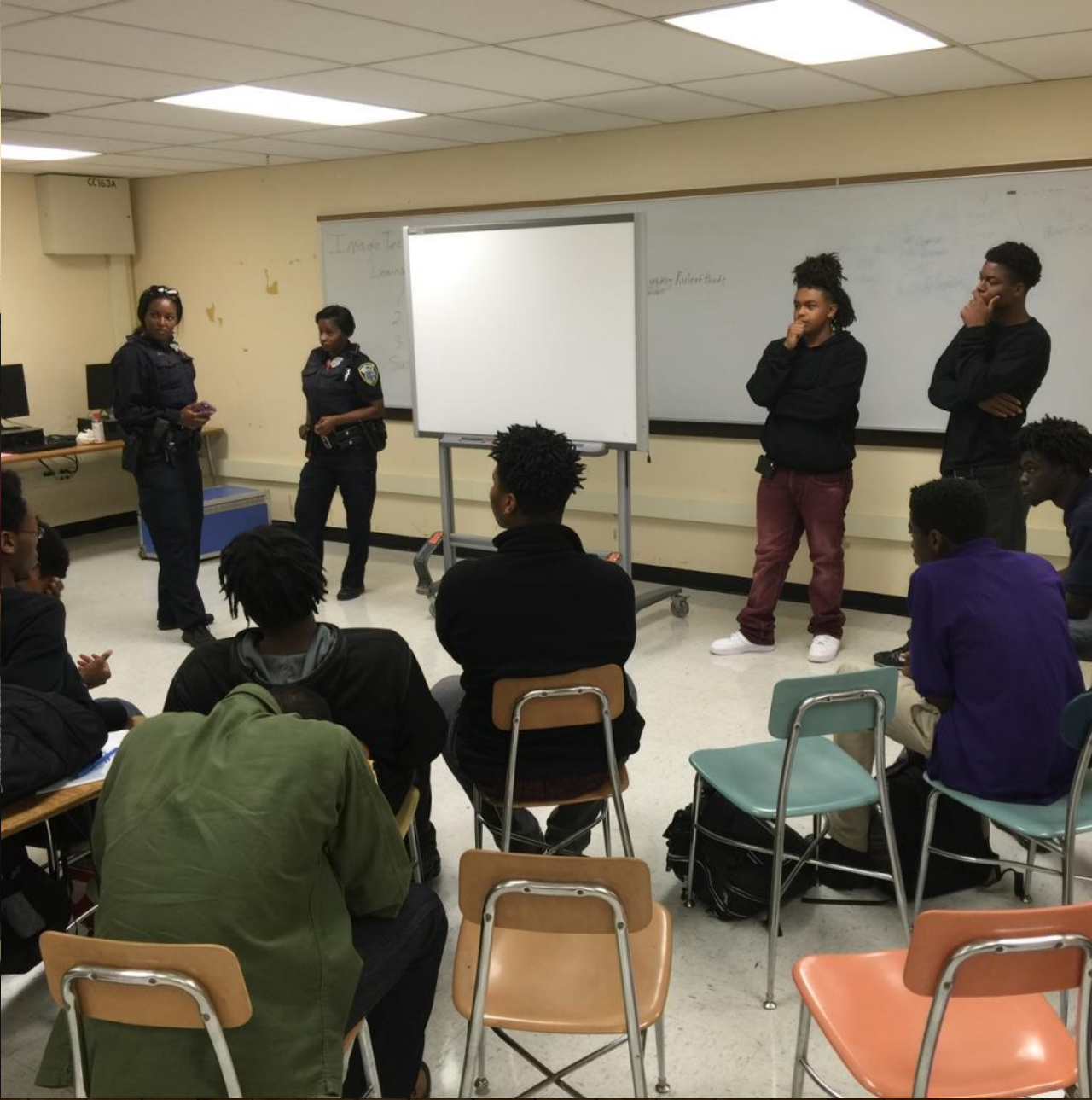






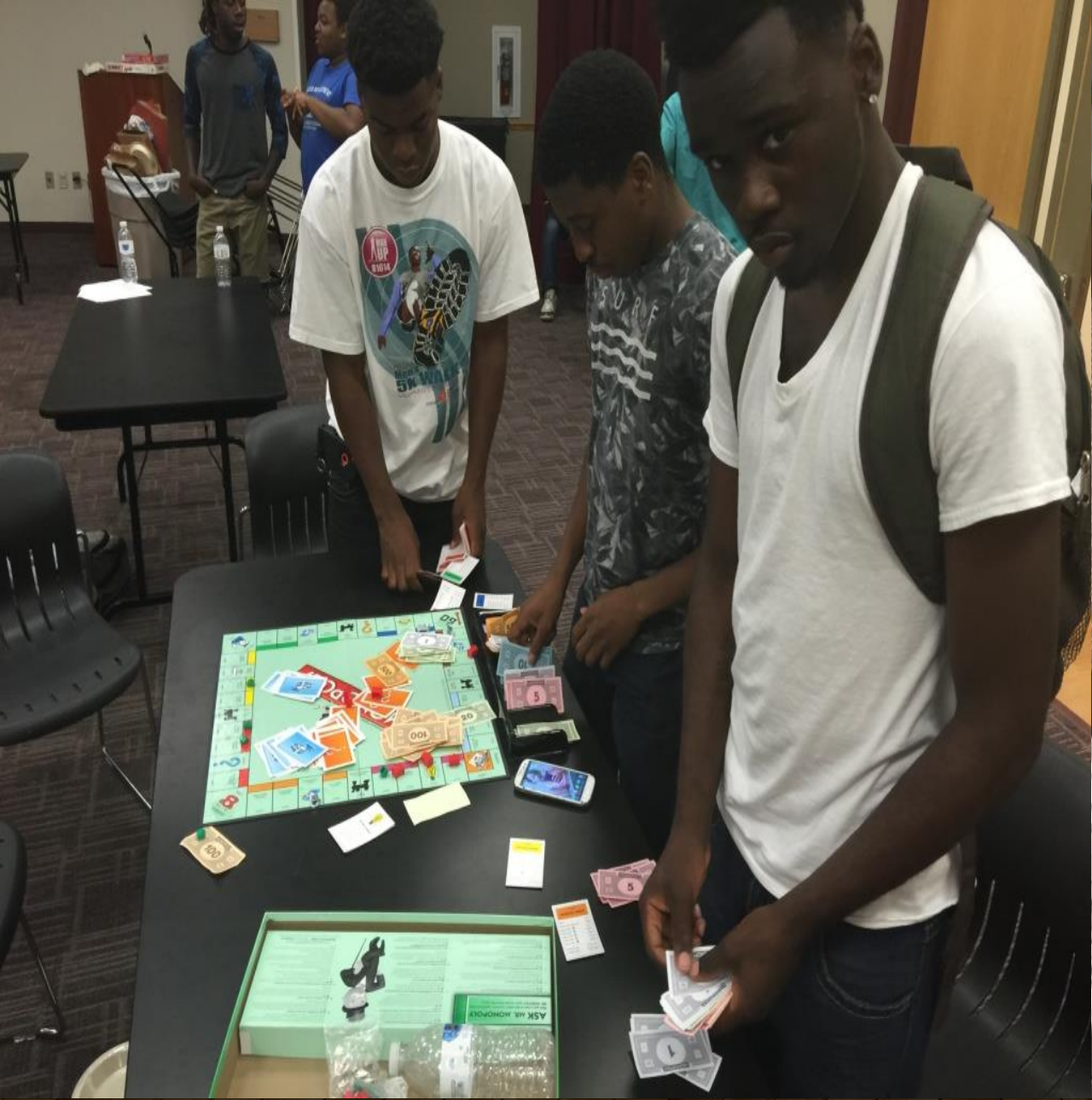
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Social Emotional Learning: During the summer 4 hours of their work week was dedicated to Social Emotional Learning using the Botvin Life Skills & Brother, Sister Leader Curriculum. During the school year, the youth continued their Social Emotional Learning and mentoring for up to 10 hours a week.



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Mentoring: Youth also received weekly contact with a Male mentor from the community in which various group activities took place to effectively teach them how to develop positive relationships with other men.



Partnerships

Milwaukee Public Schools, James Madison High School, The Black Male Collaborative (300 Strong), We Got This (500 Tuxedo), Milwaukee Bucks, Center for Youth Engagement (Mentor Training), Milwaukee Center for Independence (Job Readiness Training), I will Not Die Young Campaign (Retreat) and the Urban Ecology Center (Subsidized Employment) and Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board (Summer Subsidized Employment).

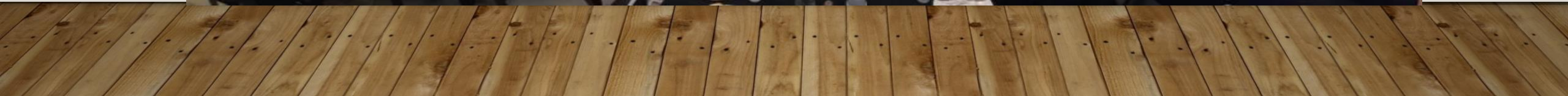


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WE GOT THIS TUXEDOS EVENT



PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- 33 young men from James Madison High School completed the SEL **Youth Works MKE 1.0** program.
- 97% of youth completing the summer experience with summer employment, mentor activities and social emotional learning
- 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 MKE 2.0



RETREAT



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