

Berkshire United Way 2011-2012 Community Impact Partners



Helping Children and Families Succeed: Young Adults Transition to Higher Education/Training			
Agency/Organization Name	Program Name	Program Objectives	Investment Amount
Barrington Stage Co., Inc.	Playwright Mentoring Project	PMP is an intensive, six-month, after-school activity that uses theatre as catalyst to help at-risk youth with the following objectives: teach life skills to aid in conflict resolution; reinforce self esteem/self image to build confidence; support positive decision-making and life choices which help them to become positive community members.	\$ 30,000
Berkshire Compact for Education	Berkshire County Goes to College	The program will meet two objectives: 1)Raise aspirations of Berkshire County sixth grade students to pursue postsecondary education in their future; and 2)Provide students with an understanding of what they will do in college and how they will benefit from a college education.	\$ 10,000
Berkshire County Arc, Inc.	Strengthening Pathways to Success for Youth & Families *	To provide direct supports to youth with developmental disabilities and their families to strengthen pathways to success through a wide array of supports such as family support groups, assessment and intervention, mentoring, social skills camps, autism sensory integration programs, respite, family trainings, leadership opportunities, networking, and community collaborations	\$ 15,000
Berkshire County Kids' Place and Violence Prevention Center, Inc.	Trauma Recovery Program *	Children and families will heal from the trauma exposure to show increased self-confidence and self-awareness. Survivors of domestic violence will change the circumstances that lead to their abuse. Berkshire County Kids' Place and the SAIN multidisciplinary team will ensure assistance to victims and families throughout the entire process.	\$ 40,000
Berkshire County Regional Employment Board, Inc.	Connecting Activities Internship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide work-based-learning opportunities to all Berkshire County youth ages 14-21 throughout the twelve public school districts; •Consistently recruit regional private, public and non-profit sector employers to provide work-based-learning opportunities; •Connect regional educators with the business community to enhance academic curricula by reflecting current industry knowledge and skills 	\$ 17,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berkshire County	Mentoring Program *	Provides a unique brand of one-to-one, professionally supported, high quality and safe mentoring for children with proven, measurable outcomes. Our vision is to provide successful mentoring relationships for all children who want and need them, contributing to brighter futures for children who are reinforced for social, emotional and physical growth.	Contract Extension from 2010-2011 Fiscal Year
Center for Peace through Culture - Greenagers	Greenagers *	Engage youth in outdoor, active work and volunteer opportunities that stress workmanship, skills development, and community building. In so doing, we can provide a meaningful, healthy, educational, and fun way for youth to connect with each other, with their community, and with the environment.	\$ 10,000
Dalton Community Recreation Association	Dalton Youth Center	The program is designed to help children achieve their full potential by doing well in school, avoiding risk-taking behaviors and setting life-time goals.	\$ 27,500

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Dalton Community Recreation Association	Leader's Club *	The key objective of this program is to develop our children into responsible, civic-minded, contributing young adults in our community by teaching them leadership skills, as well as respect for others, self-confidence, team work, and organizational skills.	\$ 5,000
Elizabeth Freeman Center	Berkshire Violence Prevention Center (BVPC)	Increase youth community's understanding of relational violence, prevention and healthy relationships and promote improved decision-making and shared sense of responsibility for ending violence. Develop youth leadership to take collective action for change. Create culture of respect and trust so that youth victims may come forward for help without shame and blame.	\$ 60,000
Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center, Inc.	ABC School Age Enrichment	Youth are provided out of school time child care with enrichment based programming to deter juvenile delinquency and involvement in risky behaviors. We encourage pro-social behaviors to increase the likelihood that the participants will develop into confident, healthy adults. The program helps families navigate schools and develop families' self-advocacy skills.	\$ 77,856
Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center, Inc.	Girls Inc. of the Berkshires	The programs are provided at the center and through outreach at schools and community agencies throughout the county. They are prevention based to give girls and young women the much needed knowledge and guidance to make wise and positive decisions and choices in their lives. Girls in our community need safe and positive havens where they can experience activities that teach positive self image and sound decision making and expose girls and young women to other opportunities that life offers beyond their limited experiences.	\$ 36,700
Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center, Inc.	Youth Empowerment Services - Teen Outreach Program	TOP is an evidence-based youth development program that engages teens in curriculum guided discussion and community service throughout the school year. At a crucial time in youth development where the brain is rapidly developing non-cognitive skills, the curriculum-guided discussions and activities support brain maturity as youth are engaged in thinking about their ideas, decisions, goals, and behaviors. The supports and opportunities provided through TOP clubs is significant. The development of supportive relationships and adult facilitators is a crucial part of the model, as are relationships with other peers in the program. Youth examine and practice decision-making skills and have opportunities for meaningful involvement through the planning and execution of community service activities.	\$ 20,000

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Lee Youth Association	Before and After School Programming	The key objectives of this program are that children receive high quality, safe out of school time care, that parents can work out of school time hours and maintain their employment, that children receive homework help and test preparation assistance and improve test scores, that children learn appropriate social skills and that children have a healthy breakfast before school.	\$ 9,064
Lee Youth Association	Teen Programming *	To provide youth with positive role models, to get teens involved in community service and volunteerism, to help prepare youth for college and the work force and to provide activities and positive guidance during out of school time hours (the hours that hold the highest potential for at risk behavior). I will also be working on a community committee whose goal is to have "all" organizations working with us and the school to strengthen all areas of youth health.	\$ 19,000
Railroad Street Youth Project	Youth Development Programs *	The overarching goal of RSYP is to support the creation and expansion of innovative youth development programs that meet the clear, stated, unmet needs of youth ages 14-25 residing in South Berkshire County.	\$ 30,000
The Brien Center	Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program	The goals of the program is to reduce risk-taking behaviors, increase decision making skills, delay age of first use, provide education about drugs and alcohol, and assist with seamless referral to treatment so that youth can thrive in school and make positive contributions to our community.	\$ 55,000
The Salvation Army	Bridging The Gap Between Youth and Community Services *	Bridging the Gap provides a relevant and up-to-date curriculum which addresses personal growth, social skills, and academic progress with no re-offenses, and self-sufficiency. The key to the programs success in open and on-going communication with the teens and families after completion of the 12 week mandated program.	\$ 20,000
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Berkshire County, Inc.	UCP Educational Advocacy Program *	The objective of this program is to provide families with the knowledge and resources to support their child's educational development, in conjunction with school personnel, by being able to express their concerns and successes, negotiate stronger educational plans and to remain actively engaged and supportive to insure optimal educational outcomes for their child	\$ 5,400
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Berkshire County, Inc.	UCP Skills Building Program for Children with Physical and Developmental Disabilities	The "Fun Club" program helps to promote self-esteem, pro-social behavior achievement, fun, education, teamwork, self-development and independence so that children and youth can be exposed to new experiences to develop their life skills in a setting that stresses "abilities" not disabilities. Adapted cooking, nutrition, health and wellness are incorporated.	\$ 20,000
Berkshire Children and Families, Inc.	Family Literacy/Strong Families Strong Kids	Parents (1) improve their educational levels and/or English language skills to prepare for employment or higher education (2) increase their knowledge of child's development (3) improve parent/child relationships and interactions. Families stabilize through connections to needed resources; support each other to reduce isolation. Children progress in all developmental areas.	\$ 45,000

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Berkshire Children and Families, Inc.	Redfield House Services	Young parents and their children (1) live in stable, clean, safe homes, (2) parent and child health needs are met, (3) parents maintain work or school attendance (4) parent/child relationships improve, (5) families access the right community service or treatment (6) parent's manage daily challenges, including financial and community relationships.	\$ 86,000
Child Care of the Berkshires, Inc.	Adolescent and Young Parent Services	The key objectives of the collaborating programs are to support high risk pregnant and parenting women (mainly adolescents), and their families by offering a wide array of support services in order to improve parenting skills, promote healthy and positive development of the children, promote educational attainment or job skill training, and prevent child abuse and neglect.	\$ 70,000
Elizabeth Freeman Center	Child Safe Program	Promote healing for children exposed to violence; Promote child's sense of safety, stability and self and provide tools for understanding feelings and acting on them appropriately; Increase child's success in relationships, in school, in community, at home; Increase community's ability to identify and help children affected by violence.	\$ 35,000

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