



Title: Opportunity Youth Coordinator (VISTA), Milwaukee Succeeds

Project Start/End: August 2017 - August 2018

Goal of the Project: Milwaukee Succeeds (MKE-S) is a community-wide partnership, grounded in collective impact, whose aim is to ensure success for every child, in every Milwaukee School, cradle to career. Our partnership is comprised of representatives from over 300 local organizations, working in networks to identify, align and scale strategies that move the needle on educational outcomes. This includes ensuring all young people use postsecondary education or training to advance their opportunities beyond high school and prepare for a successful career. In the past year, the scope of this goal has been refined to include a citywide strategy to support out-of-school / out-of-work youth and young adults, referred to as Opportunity Youth. As a community we are asking the following question: For those youth who fall through the cracks, what must we do to ensure they get back on track?

The Opportunity Youth Coordinator will work closely with Goal Managers, network leaders and local subject matter experts on researching effective interventions, developing proofs of concept, organizing and deploying pilot projects, measuring impact and developing strategies for sustainable scaling.

Project objectives include:

1. Complete Milwaukee Succeeds and VISTA onboarding
2. Research the community context related to Opportunity Youth in Milwaukee, review the collaborative process up to this point and explore next steps for the partnership
3. Guide partners in a collaborative process to collectively analyze/assess the current state of support for Opportunity Youth in Milwaukee and work toward a shared vision for re-engagement
4. Develop, implement and scale innovation strategies that support Opportunity Youth to re-engage with either school and/or the labor market

Project Objective #1 (August 2017 - September 2017)

Complete Milwaukee Succeeds and VISTA onboarding.

Member Activities:

1. Attend Pre-service Orientation or PSO Blend
2. Complete MKE-S onboarding plan, which will include meeting key stakeholders associated with this position, attending network and enterprise-wide meetings, and one-on-one meetings with supervisor focused on onboarding
3. Complete Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF) onboarding meetings with department heads in order to better understand GMF's mission, its place in the community and understand how community foundations operate

Project Objective #2 (August 2017 - October 2017)

Research the community context of Opportunity Youth in Milwaukee, review the collaborative process up to this point and explore next steps for the partnership.

Member Activities:

1. Research the current Milwaukee landscape, including partners, history and best practice for developing and implementing effective strategies related to supporting Opportunity Youth
2. Research national trends and best practices for collective impact initiatives focused on Opportunity Youth. Identify bright-spots that are working to effectively re-engage more young people and evaluate how Milwaukee can learn from their success
3. Review materials compiled by previous VISTA, which highlights progress of the initiative since August 2016
4. Based on the research findings and understanding of the collaborative process, identify strengths and weaknesses of the city's current programming and create a possible direction to address weaknesses, including researching benchmarks for replication

Project Objective #3 (August 2017 - August 2018)

Guide partners in a collaborative process to collectively analyze/assess the current state of support for Opportunity Youth in Milwaukee and work toward a shared vision for re-engagement.

Member Activities:

1. Maintain existing and build new partnerships with agencies, institutions and CBOs that work with Opportunity Youth
2. Maintain, revise and communicate the Opportunity Youth Network's shared vision for re-engagement in our city
3. Manage and facilitate the Opportunity Youth Network monthly meetings, with support from Goal Manager and network partners
4. Organize and convene work groups or guiding teams between monthly network meetings, as needed, to move collaborative efforts forward
5. Explore new ways to involve current and former Opportunity Youth in the collaborative process, specifically in partnership with Employ Milwaukee and the co-convened Opportunity Youth Council

Project Objective #4 (October 2017 - August 2018)

Develop, implement and scale innovation strategies that help Opportunity Youth re-engage with either school and/or the labor market.



Member Activities:

1. Develop partnerships with local organizations to develop collaborations that create and implement strategies that address current barriers to supporting Opportunity Youth
2. Create community-wide indicators that monitor the state of Opportunity Youth
3. Develop pilot projects that test best practices
4. Identify and deploy strategies for scaling best practices

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Terms: Permits working at another job during off hours, Car recommended, Permits attendance at school during off hours

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