



Participant Success Stories

Coming Home Project

Program Overview

The Coming Home Project is a community-based, after-school and summer program that promotes positive self-esteem, good decision-making, and positive peer relationships. The program targets minority youth, ages 8 to 18, with program components including outreach, service, creativity, and employability with a focus on fostering positive youth development.

Who We Serve

The majority of youth served in the Coming Home Project are Southeast Asian or Latino/Hispanic, however, any youth between the ages of 8 and 18 residing in Brown County are welcome to participate.

2009: 410 youth served; 52 youth received intensive individual services

A Story of Success

Jessica is an 11-year-old Hmong middle school student who began attending the Coming Home Project with a friend from school. As our staff got to know her, they learned that she had completed her last semester of school with mostly C's, and was currently failing the majority of her classes.

Coming Home staff talked to Jessica, and then contacted her parents to offer individual assistance to help her improve her grades. A family meeting was held to explain the assistance that would be offered, including tutoring sessions during study hall, ongoing contact with Jessica's teachers, and progress updates to her parents on a regular basis. Jessica's parents were grateful for the assistance, as they did not read or write English well and felt unable to help her with her school work.

Jessica's Youth Worker stayed in contact with her teachers and made sure that she completed homework every night at the after-school program. Her parents assisted by setting aside a "homework place" and time at home on the weekends.

Her parents have been thrilled to have increased communication with the school through their Coming Home Project Youth Worker. After just three months, Jessica was on target to pass all of her coursework and is excited about school again knowing that she has the support she needs to succeed.

The Coming Home Project's youth site is located at Trinity Lutheran Church, 330 S Broadway Street in Green Bay.

The above story is an example of the type of children, individuals and families we serve. Names, ages, and other personal information have been changed to protect the client's confidentiality.

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