

Columbia Heights Youth Club

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DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation

Who we are...

- Nonprofit Organization founded in 1954
- The first integrated youth club in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area
- Providing out-of-school time and summer programs to children and youth
- Dramatically impacting and improving the quality of life for all of our participants.



Services We Provide

- Academic Enrichment and Support
- Recreational Arts (Crafts, Culinary, and Creative)
- Intramural Sporting
- Parental Support
- Health and Wellness through Exercise and Nutrition
- Faith Based Programs
- Youth development and youth leadership



Establishing a Successful Partnership

- Shared vision and mission
- Comparable targets
- Clearly defined goals and objectives
- Driven by improving outcomes for our participants and stakeholders
- Collaborative effort to effect change and impact overall rates of success
- Strong commitment from each partner



Entering into Partnership Agreement

- Joint planning meetings
 - Programming
 - Staffing
 - Monetary resources
 - Building maintenance
 - Training and Professional Development
- Design of memorandum of understanding
- Support of key stakeholders and Council Members



Fostering Relationships with Local Site Staff

- Creating a unique climate and culture that includes all voices
- Supporting and trusting endeavors
- Staff buy-in
- Collaborative planning and decision making
- Collective trainings
- Unique sense of responsibility to develop the example



Relationship Unpacked...

- Seamless divide
- Cohesive programming that responds to the needs of our participants and families
- Comprehensive focus
- Proactive stance
- Responsive actions
- Critical Reflection



Strategies that Work...Making the Partnership Successful

- Strategic planning
- Consistent reflection and action
- Equity
- Effective and fair communication
- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- Openness and willingness to learn
- Monitoring and evaluation



Nuts and Bolts

- Responsible for all programming
- Permits are granted to outside entities upon request
- Business Smart
 - Lower overhead cost
 - More space to engage a greater number of young people

