



Blueprint Approved Institute

Minneapolis Health Department

Overview

The Minneapolis Health Department has recognized an opportunity to support the work of community-based organizations and nonprofits working to end violence by providing capacity building services. MHD is working to develop a capacity building institute, called the Blueprint Approved Institute, to begin in early 2015. The institute would address issues relevant to violence prevention and general organizational capacity, such as human resource development, institutional organization, and networks and partnerships. As part of the institute, participating organizations will receive a small grant to implement a project or program following the training portion of the institute.

Goals

1. To ensure that community-based agencies and nonprofit organizations have the capacity to effectively and efficiently address youth violence prevention in Minneapolis.
2. To facilitate network and partnership development across organizations working to address youth violence in order to enable resource sharing and the development of referral networks.
3. To assist organizations in relevant youth focused fields to incorporate an intentional approach to the prevention of youth violence into their current work.

Capacity Building Focus Areas

The following areas have been identified as potential focus areas of the institute:

- Using data related to youth violence
- Using youth population census data
- Identifying and implementing evidence based practices
- Grant writing
- Networking
- Evaluation
- Referral network development for youth service providers
- Youth worker professional development
- Nonprofit management
- Board organization and development
- Contract requirements for the City of Minneapolis

Institute Details

Who

Small community-based and nonprofit organizations whose work addresses issues relevant to violence prevention (e.g. mentoring, out-of-school time activities, school engagement, etc.) and who have a need for organizational capacity building.

When

An application will be made available in early 2015. The institute would begin in the spring of 2015 and would culminate in a youth focused project or program in the summer or fall of 2015.

How

MHD will partner with other organizations and city departments to offer appropriate and relevant training sessions. Institute participants will be asked to commit to a series of training and networking sessions focused on capacity building topics. MHD will work with community partners to identify the most pressing capacity building needs.