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Re: 2019 Grants Report

Dear Chief Clerks Fuller and Renk:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m), the Wisconsin Department of Justice shall annually submit a report to the Legislature regarding its administration of grant programs under Wis. Stat. §§ 165.95, 165.955, 165.96, 165.986, and 165.987. The report for 2019 is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric J. Wilson".

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Enclosure

Report on Grants – Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)
2019



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Introduction

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m), “beginning on January 15, 2015, and annually thereafter, the department of justice shall submit a report to the legislature regarding its administration of grant programs under Wis. Stat. § 165.95, 165.955, 165.96, 165.986, and 165.987. The report shall include, for each grant program, all of the following information:

(a) *The amount of each grant awarded by the department of justice for the previous fiscal year.*

(b) *The grant recipient to whom each grant was awarded.*

(c) *The methodology used by the department of justice to choose grant recipients and to determine the level of grant funding for each grant recipient.*

(d) *Performance measures created by the department of justice for each grant program.*

(e) *Reported results from each grant recipient in each fiscal year as to the attainment of performance measures the department of justice developed for the grant recipient.”*

Alternatives to Incarceration Grants, Wis. Stat. § 165.95

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(a) The amount of each grant awarded in the previous year.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(b) The grant recipient to whom each grant was awarded.

\$59,966	Adams County
\$222,993	Ashland County (includes Bayfield County as a partner)
\$38,962	Barron County
\$169,712	Brown County
\$111,964	Buffalo County (includes Pepin County as a partner)
\$125,000	Burnett County (includes Washburn County as a partner)
\$115,327	Chippewa County
\$204,124	Columbia County
\$108,030	Crawford County
\$214,931	Dane County
\$209,620	Dodge County
\$108,031	Douglas County
\$99,566	Dunn County
\$137,213	Eau Claire County
\$119,572	Grant County
\$65,046	Iowa County
\$31,000	Jackson County
\$174,020	Jefferson County
\$124,500	Kenosha County
\$156,885	La Crosse County
\$113,294	Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

\$142,396	Manitowoc County
\$150,000	Marathon County
\$125,557	Marinette County
\$100,082	Marquette County
\$98,148	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
\$380,981	Milwaukee County
\$12,000	Monroe County
\$178,343	Outagamie County
\$125,930	Ozaukee County
\$205,777	Pierce County
\$84,300	Polk County
\$124,975	Racine County
\$135,000	Rock County
\$123,144	Rusk County
\$126,733	Sauk County
\$93,079	Sheboygan County
\$146,517	St. Croix County
\$85,000	Taylor County
\$110,000	Trempealeau County
\$215,000	Walworth County
\$96,720	Washington County
\$139,680	Waukesha County
\$89,782	Waushara County
\$140,000	Wood County

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(c) The methodology used by the department of justice to choose grant recipients and to determine the level of grant funding for each grant recipient.

All projects are funded for a calendar year period. All groups listed above and the Drug Court projects identified in 165.955 enumerated in the next section applied for funding through a competitive grant announcement. Each application was reviewed by the state agency partners: Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Corrections (DOC), Department of Health Services (DHS), the Director of State Courts, and the State Public Defender. Each grantee responded appropriately to the Grant Announcement and was determined to meet the criteria for the competitive grant. The partner agencies recommended approval to the Attorney General and the Secretaries of DOC and DHS. DOJ thereafter accepted the recommendations and approved the grants.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(d) Performance measures created by the department of justice for each grant program.

DOJ's Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis (BJIA) developed performance measures, as well as outcome and impact measures, that incorporate the goals and objectives enumerated in Wis. Stat. § 165.95(3)(b) and (3)(f) for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program. The measures were based primarily on the Wisconsin Adult Drug and Hybrid Performance Measures, published in 2016, along with draft measures for Diversion Programs developed in 2018 under the Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative. Ongoing performance measures include participant-focused goals centered on efforts to reduce the use of alcohol or other drugs, facilitate gainful employment or enhance education or training, provide stable housing, reduce in-program recidivism, and ensure payment of child support. As a result of the program focus on reducing recidivism, a portion of the longer-term measures being tracked as part of the five-year evaluation include broader justice system goals. These include promoting public safety, reducing jail and prison populations, and reducing prosecution, and incarceration costs.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(e) Reported results from each grant recipient in each fiscal year as to the attainment of performance measures the department of justice developed for the grant recipient.

To support the expansion of TAD and the tracking of both performance measures and program outcomes, BJIA has developed a more complete tracking mechanism for participant-level data through the Comprehensive Outcome, Research, and Evaluation (CORE) reporting system. This secure, web-based system supports more robust and expansive data collection and reporting on participants including tracking key participant characteristics such as education, employment, housing stability, and child support status, both at the time of admission and discharge from the program, as well as various indicators such as demographics, risk level, drug/alcohol use, and related factors. In addition, the system tracks ongoing interventions throughout the program such as the frequency and results of alcohol and drug testing, participant attendance at status hearings, use of incentives and sanctions in response to behavior, attendance at treatment or other services, and changes in key areas such as education and employment.

The full rollout of the system with the TAD sites occurred in 2018. Additional improvements were made to the system in 2019, such as the implementation of a notification process, a mechanism to transfer participants across programs, and other site enhancements. The current work is focused on migrating historical data into the system and developing and publishing interactive reports for use by the local sites. The system will greatly enhance the ability to monitor program and participant progress on an ongoing basis. CORE also incorporates the performance measures for adult drug and hybrid courts that have been adopted for Wisconsin, as well as most of the draft performance measures that were developed for diversion programs.

Federal funding was also awarded in 2018 to assist with the development of additional performance measures for specific types of specialty treatment courts, including Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) courts, Veterans courts, and Mental Health/Co-Occurring Disorders courts. At the same time, BJIA has been working to develop more routine data reports for the TAD program based on the previous data collection method and the available data reported. There have been challenges with this due to the previous data collection method prior to CORE. The data is being cleaned and summarized to provide an overview of the participants across all TAD sites as part of the program evaluation and ongoing reporting, including characteristics of program participants such as demographics, program status, risk level, and related information. The work currently being carried out will support more

routine reporting of this information going forward. In FY19 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019), there were more than 1,300 participants admitted to TAD programs as reported to DOJ by local sites.

Drug Court Grants, Wis. Stat. § 165.955

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(a) The amount of each grant awarded in the previous year.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(b) The grant recipient to whom each grant was awarded.

\$28,470	Adams County
\$122,900	Green County
\$101,130	Green Lake County
\$125,000	Portage County
\$122,500	Richland County

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(c) The methodology used by the department of justice to choose grant recipients and to determine the level of grant funding for each grant recipient.

The methodology used by DOJ to choose grant recipients and to determine the level of grant funding for each grant recipient is the same as that for the TAD projects under Wis. Stat. § 165.95.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(d) Performance measures created by the department of justice for each grant program.

The TAD performance measures and evaluation process is being applied to these five grant awards.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(e) Reported results from each grant recipient in each fiscal year as to the attainment of performance measures the department of justice developed for the grant recipient.

The reported results from these grant recipients will be included in required reports as part of the TAD program. In addition, these programs will also use the CORE reporting system to track participants.

Child Advocacy Grants, Wis. Stat. § 165.96

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(a) The amount of each grant awarded in the previous fiscal year.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(b) The grant recipient to whom each grant was awarded.

\$17,000	YWCA of Rock County
\$17,000	Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
\$17,000	Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center
\$17,000	Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin – Kenosha
\$17,000	Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin – Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center
\$17,000	Family and Children’s Center – Stepping Stones
\$17,000	Family Service of Waukesha
\$17,000	Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin – Wausau
\$17,000	Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin – Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center
\$17,000	Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Inc.
\$17,000	Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin – Racine
\$17,000	Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin – Walworth
\$17,000	Green County Human Services
\$17,000	Marshfield Clinic – Child Advocacy Center

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(c) The methodology used by the department of justice to choose grant recipients and to determine the level of grant funding for each grant recipient.

Wis. Stat. § 165.96 identifies the agencies that receive funding and sets the award at \$17,000 per agency.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(d) Performance measures created by the department of justice for each grant program.

Subgrantees must submit semi-annual program reports. The program reports must contain client demographics, number of victims served, milestones accomplished by the program, barriers to providing services, and any additional resources or technical assistance that would better enable the project to achieve its objectives.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(e) Reported results from each grant recipient in each fiscal year as to the attainment of performance measures the department of justice developed for the grant recipient.

YWCA of Rock County used funds to support its Child and Family Advocate at the CARE House. This position assists and facilitates child advocacy services, including interview coordination, victim/family intake, and assists the team in the interview process. CARE House continued to increase participation of professionals from multiple disciplines, which assisted in the improvement of services to child victims and the non-offending care giver. In addition, the Child and Family Advocate made 29 educational presentations on child maltreatment to the community and multidisciplinary team members.

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin – Milwaukee used funds for nursing staff to support medical peer review sessions and to offer continuing medical education sessions. A total of 50.5 staff hours were spent on medical peer review and education sessions. Medical peer review is practiced to ensure medical staff is using best practices in their medical evaluations, allow discussion of complex patients, maintain providers' knowledge of changes in the field of child abuse pediatrics, and facilitate coordination of patient care between inpatient, outpatient, and on-call child abuse medical providers.

Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center used grant funding for data collection and analysis to ensure those being served are tracked correctly within the agency. This was accomplished through a partially funded Administrative Manager position. This position is responsible for case coordination, tracking, and database systems. Outcome data is collected for both Safe Harbor cases and from community partners and later shared with the multidisciplinary team. Through this process, the multidisciplinary team can improve coordination and better serve the needs of children and families.

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin – Kenosha used funds to support peer reviews, supervision, community meetings, and case reviews for the Forensic Interview and Nurse Practitioner positions at the Kenosha County Child Advocacy Center. These activities are crucial for ensuring the delivery of quality services in line with best practices. Staff continued to provide high-quality, consistent forensic interviews and medical evaluations for children impacted by abuse and trauma. An increased number of forensic interview requests was reported during this funding period.

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin - Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center used funds to support their forensic interviewer and program manager to improve their multidisciplinary response through case review meetings, protocol work, and peer review. Enhanced coordinated response to child maltreatment cases leads to improved safety for children. Additionally, it continued to work towards a final drug endangered children (DEC) protocol for the Fox Valley community and made progress in this area.

Family and Children’s Center – Stepping Stones used funds for the Forensic Interviewer position and the Coordinator of Child Advocacy Center Services to ensure that children and families receive comprehensive services and support specifically designed to meet their emotional, physical, and mental health needs during the child abuse investigation and beyond. Funding also supported monthly multidisciplinary team meetings and further developed the team’s protocol for responding to alleged child abuse.

Family Service of Waukesha used funds to support three positions—a Family Advocate/Forensic Interviewer, Forensic Interviewer, and Program Director. These positions not only provide high quality, recorded forensic interviews to alleged victims of child abuse, but also educational presentations and program direction. The Program Director facilitates monthly multidisciplinary case reviews. Family Service of Waukesha continues to see consistent numbers while reaching its goal of serving the community and ensuring the emotional well-being of each child they see.

Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin – Wausau used funds to support two forensic interviewers who provide forensic interviews for children alleged to be victims of child abuse or maltreatment in Marathon County and North Central Wisconsin. These positions also participate in peer review, case review and multidisciplinary team meetings, provide advocacy to children and families including mental health and medical referrals, and provide training and technical assistance to multidisciplinary team members, professionals who work in the field, and the community. This project also focused on quality assurance through the provision and

monitoring of client satisfaction and responding to needs of the multidisciplinary team.

Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin – Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center used funds to support a full-time forensic interviewer who conducts forensic interviews and facilitates multidisciplinary team meetings. This position provides children and youth who may have been victimized with an opportunity to disclose their experience in a comfortable, child friendly, trauma informed environment. The facilitation of a cohesive multidisciplinary child abuse investigative and response team promotes the best care for children and their families during a crisis in their lives. Children and families benefiting reside in the northwestern part of the state of Wisconsin—primarily Eau Claire, Chippewa and Dunn counties, as well as an additional thirteen surrounding counties.

Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Inc. used funds for specialized local trainings for staff and multidisciplinary team members as well as monthly case review and bi-weekly peer review. Case review, peer review, and supervision ensures the continued improvement of services provided to children who have been abused or neglected. This project also covered the National Children’s Alliance (NCA) application costs to gain accreditation by NCA.

Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin – Racine used funds to support the forensic interviewer position to ensure a high level of internal and external collaboration. This included participation in weekly peer review and monthly supervision sessions. The forensic interviewer also attends and facilitates monthly multidisciplinary team meetings with an attendance rate of over 85 percent. These efforts provide a comprehensive and collaborative approach to serving youth and their families after an alleged victimization.

Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin – Walworth used funds to expand the scope of its case review process to include weekly peer review opportunities for interviewers and medical providers. This funding also supported the position of Program Manager, who provides multidisciplinary members with education regarding emerging issues such as child trafficking concerns. Staff continued to provide high-quality, consistent forensic interviews and medical evaluations for children impacted by abuse and trauma.

Green County Human Services used funds to support the center’s Child Advocacy Center Coordinator position. This position strengthens collaboration with the multidisciplinary team consisting of the District Attorney’s Office, medical, law enforcement, social services, and victim advocacy providers in response to allegations

of child abuse, domestic violence, trafficking, and child witness to crime. This coordinated effort ensures children receive services that are trauma informed, child focused, and conducted in a timely and professional manner. The Coordinator also preforms forensic interviews, manages training for forensic interviewers, facilitates case reviews and peer reviews, and attends Wisconsin Chapter meetings.

Marshfield Clinic – Child Advocacy Center used funds to support the Appointment Coordinator position that coordinates support services for child abuse victims and their families both in-person and via telephone. These services include: triaging the child abuse intake process, scheduling, sending correspondence via mail, and providing appointment support for medical, behavioral health, forensic interviewing, and community education. The coordinator is the first point of contact for the family and is an essential step in following best practices via a child-centered approach to services.

Beat Patrol Officers Grants, Wis. Stat. § 165.986

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(a) The amount of each grant awarded in the previous year.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(b) The grant recipient to whom each grant was awarded.

\$121,434	Beloit Police Department
\$121,434	Fitchburg Police Department
\$121,434	Green Bay Police Department
\$121,434	Kenosha Police Department
\$126,714	Madison Police Department
\$126,714	Milwaukee Police Department
\$121,434	Racine Police Department
\$121,434	Sheboygan Police Department
\$121,434	Wausau Police Department
\$121,434	West Allis Police Department

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(c) The methodology used by the department of justice to choose grant recipients and to determine the level of grant funding for each grant recipient.

As directed by statute, eligible grant recipients are identified based on the highest rates of violent crime index offenses in the most recent full calendar year for which data is available under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, among cities with a population of 25,000 or more. The statute permits cities to receive a grant for 3 consecutive years without submitting a new application each year. Funds may only be used to support the salary and fringe benefits of officers assigned primarily to conduct beat patrol operations. The amount of each award was originally established by the two largest eligible cities. Milwaukee and Madison were each awarded the maximum amount permitted in the legislation (\$150,000) with the remaining funds divided among the remaining eight eligible jurisdictions. Subsequent state budget reductions resulted in prorated cuts to each of the eligible jurisdictions.

Beat Patrol project eligibility for calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021 were established in 2018, using 2017 Uniform Crime Report data.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(d) Performance measures created by the department of justice for each grant program.

The Department requires each grant recipient to report on a quarterly basis the identity of the officers assigned to receive the funding from the grant award and attest that they are performing beat patrol activities.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(e) Reported results from each grant recipient in each fiscal year as to the attainment of performance measures the department of justice developed for the grant recipient.

Each agency reports crime and arrest data to the Uniform Crime Report program, but no specific performance data have been developed. As this program is based on violent crime rates and not linked to specific performance or outcome measures, no results are directly attributable to the officers funded by the beat patrol program.

Beat Patrol Overtime Grants, Wis. Stat. § 165.986

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(a) The amount of each grant awarded in the previous year.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(b) The grant recipient to whom each grant was awarded.

\$100,000	Beloit Police Department
\$90,000	Fitchburg Police Department
\$100,000	Green Bay Police Department
\$100,000	Kenosha Police Department
\$90,000	Madison Police Department
\$150,000	Milwaukee Police Department
\$100,000	Racine Police Department
\$90,000	Sheboygan Police Department
\$90,000	Wausau Police Department
\$90,000	West Allis Police Department

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(c) The methodology used by the department of justice to choose grant recipients and to determine the level of grant funding for each grant recipient.

As directed by statute, eligible grant recipients are identified based on the highest rates of violent crime index offenses in the most recent full calendar year for which data is available under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, among cities with a population of 25,000 or more. Funds may only be used for additional overtime funds to support police personnel for community policing work, or beat patrols targeting specific local crime issues. Beat Patrol Overtime project eligibility for calendar year 2019 was established using 2017 Uniform Crime Report data and distributed through formula allocation amounts based on these data.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(d) Performance measures created by the department of justice for each grant program.

The Department requires each grant recipient to report on a quarterly basis narrative reports to attest that they are performing overtime activities for community policing work or beat patrols targeting specific local crime issues.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(e) Reported results from each grant recipient in each fiscal year as to the attainment of performance measures the department of justice developed for the grant recipient.

Each agency reports crime and arrest data to the Uniform Crime Report program, but no specific performance data have been developed. As this program is based on violent crime rates and not linked to specific performance or outcome measures, no results are directly attributable to the officers funded by the beat patrol overtime program.

Youth Diversion Programs Grants, Wis. Stat. § 165.987

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(a) The amount of each grant awarded in the previous year.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(b) The grant recipient to whom each grant was awarded.

\$96,200	Boys and Girls Club of Green Bay
\$96,200	Kenosha County Department of Human Services
\$320,400	Community Relations-Social Development Commission (Milwaukee) Youth Services Gang Diversion Program
\$281,600	Community Relations-Social Development Commission (Milwaukee) ATODA and Mental Health Services Program
\$96,200	Racine Family YMCA
\$63,400	City of Racine Police Department (Mayor's Gang Collaborative)

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(c) The methodology used by the department of justice to choose grant recipients and to determine the level of grant funding for each grant recipient.

The recipients of these grants have historically been established in the legislative process. The legislation establishes the original amount to be awarded. Subsequent budget rescissions resulted in a pro-rated reduction to each project as reflected in the award amounts identified above.

Wis. Stat. § 165.25(10m)(d) Performance measures created by the department of justice for each grant program.

Minimal performance measures are established for each project funded under this program area. Examples of performance measures established for this program include the total number of youth participating/completing the program, the number

of youth exhibiting a decrease in substance use, and the number of youth exhibiting improvements in school attendance, employment, and/or family relationships.

165.25(10m)(e) Reported results from each grant recipient in each fiscal year as to the attainment of performance measures the department of justice developed for the grant recipient.

The **Boys and Girls Club in the City of Green Bay's Brown County Ties Project** is a gang diversion initiative focused on Brown County youth that involves collaboration between local youth service agencies and law enforcement. The Boys & Girls Club of Green Bay's professional youth development staff identify at-risk youth and link them to structured programs that provide positive social and activity outlets. As a result of this grant, self-reports from project teens provide evidence that the project has made Brown County and its residents a safer place. Specifically, 84 percent of teens reported that they feel like they belong while participating in the program, and 90 percent said that they feel that they can do many things well. 100 percent of youth indicated that their behavior improved as a result of participating in the program.

Along with decreasing teens' susceptibility to risk behaviors, the project has contributed to the community by positively engaging its high-risk youth and increasing their sense of belonging and influence. In the last fiscal year, 2,620 youth have benefited from participation in Brown County Ties programming that has kept high-risk youth engaged in constructive activities. Only 12 youth had a new offense during this reporting period, while the vast majority of these teens avoided juvenile justice system involvement. Youth have received graduation support, developed employability skills, prepared for college, increased leadership skills, and have become positively engaged in their communities.

The **Kenosha County Department of Human Services** used funds to support its **Gang Reduction Project**, which provided gang-involved or at-risk youth with incentive-based educational, recreational and social activities. 72 youth participated in the program, and 65 (90 percent) of the youth did not commit an offense while in the program. Of the 39 youth that successfully completed the program, 97 percent did not increase their gang risk score, 69 percent improved or maintained their attendance at school, and 40 percent of the youth increased their GPA. Given the

gang influence that Kenosha County faces from both Chicago and Milwaukee, the relative containment of gang activity is viewed as a success of current project efforts.

The **Community Relations-Social Development Commission's (SDC) Youth Services Gang Diversion Program** implements best practices and evidence-based models to benefit under-resourced youth who are involved or at-risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. Gang diversion activities are designed to address the risk factors underlying gang recruitment and gang involvement. The program provides youth with anti-gang and violence diversion strategies. SDC implements individual and family-centered approaches to decrease the number of youth who engage in delinquent behavior or who have used aggression to handle a conflict. During this period, services provided to youth included educational and recreational services, as well as prevention, education, and training opportunities in the area of financial literacy, problem gambling, media influence, pre-job readiness training, college awareness workshops, teen pregnancy prevention, life skills, conflict resolution, and bullying.

SDC served a total of 1,764 youth during this project period. 977 youth completed programming, and 1 youth had a new offense while being served. 124 youth demonstrated a decrease in substance abuse, while 606 youth demonstrated an increase in school attendance. 61 youth exhibited an improvement in employment status, and 208 youth reported improvement in family relationships.

The **Community Relations-Social Development Commission's (SDC) ATODA and Mental Health Services Program** focuses on youth considered at-risk due to drug use, and provides outpatient treatment services for Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Abuse (ATODA). The program's central goals are to educate youth and parents/guardians about ATODA issues and provide them with effective coping skills. The program provided prevention, intervention, and treatment resources to the community, youth and their families that increase positive family relationships and community commitments to remain alcohol and drug free. 1,483 youth participated in programming and none of them committed offenses during their involvement. In addition to youth, 250 parents were served and provided education about substance abuse prevention. More than 160 youth reported that they were able to reduce or stop using all substances while participating in programming.

The **City of Racine** used grant funds to continue gang diversion work currently being conducted under the **Mayor's Gang Collaborative**. Funds were used to partner with Safe Haven of Racine, RUSD, Why Gangs LLC, Racine Vocational Ministries and the YMCA (Bray Center) to provide specific intervention services to

mitigate the adverse impact of gang membership (and gang affiliation) in the City of Racine. A total of 307 youth participated in programming during the project period. 149 completed the programming, and 4 youth had a new offense during the time they were served. 114 youth exhibited a decrease in substance abuse, and 129 youth reported an increase in school attendance. 169 youth exhibited improvement in employment status, and 105 youth reported improvement in family relationships.

The **Racine Family YMCA** used grant funds to support the **Young Leaders Academy (YLA)**, with goals of increasing academic achievement and improving the behavior of at risk, inner city minority youth. YLA is a year-round program consisting of three components dedicated to reversing the negative trend of low academic achievement and negative behavior of youth ages 7-18 from low-income communities in Racine. YLA participants have demonstrated the ability to reach goals by exhibiting positive behavior and obtaining passing grades in all core subjects. Parents were also involved with program activities and meetings. Parent participation was noted to increase with the addition of family engagement activities during this reporting period.

1,253 youth participated in programming and 2 youth had a new offense. 326 youth exhibited an increase in school attendance during the reporting period and 798 youth exhibited an increase in school attendance. 90.7 percent of 182 parents surveyed reported that youth behavior improved at home. 96 percent of 25 teachers surveyed reported the same in the school setting. Lastly, 30 teens indicated that the program helped them find external employment.