

## Youth Grantmakers Fund Grant Evaluation Form

## Grant Period: May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013

Organization: Concept 7, Inc.

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Grant Period: 5/1/12 to 4/30/13

Award Amount: \$2500

Grant Number: 2012282

- Describe the project's key outcomes, accomplishments results based on your goals and objectives. How many young people were involved? Was this figure more or less than expected? Please explain. The agency was successful in offering a six session series on Independent Living Skills. We were able to teach a group of youth basic skills that will help them to survive once they are on their own. We had 22 youth start the sessions, but only 11 completed the classes. This was much less than we expected. We wanted to serve at least 50 youth.
- What were the challenges and obstacles you encountered (if any) in attaining your goals & objectives? How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles? What were the lessons learned?
  - The main challenge was getting youth to the sessions. We offered the classes on the weekends and that allowed for most to attend, but some of our teens had family visitations and could not participate, others had transportation difficulties. We were able to assist some of our youth with transportation services, but we had other youth that we could not assist. We learned that we would need to invest more funds in transporting the youth to and from the sessions to ensure that we capture the most youth. The location of the sessions made it difficult for youth from our other locations to attend. Offering the sessions at the various office locations would also assist in increased attendance. Another challenge was trying to run the sessions with one adult and with one youth leader. In order to keep the youth engaged two staff members had to participate. This way smaller group activities could be done and a better staff to youth ratio could be maintained.
- Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant. The staff members leading the sessions were able to see the youth develop into leadership roles as the sessions progressed. Youth that were shy and not wanting to participate in the beginning were very active and contributed to the sessions.
- Describe the overall effect this grant has had on your organization.

  The grant made it possible for the agency to offer this training session for our youth. It is a needed addition to the services that we provide our youth, but aren't always able to provide them due to lack of funding.
- Tell us a few success stories that made an impact on your organization and/or community as a result of this grant.
  - One of the activities was for the youth to make a resume. All the youth had never made one. It was exciting to see that two of the youth actually used the resume they developed during the sessions to apply and get a job. Another youth that participated had attended other programs,

but felt that he gained the most from these sessions, because it was more hands on and practical. He just turned 21, is going to junior college, working, and has secured housing for himself.

- Provide a financial report on the use of your grant funds (expenditures).
   Please see attached.
- Please send copies of publicity and other promotional materials.
- All variances or time extensions must be approved by The Community Foundation's Grant Committee. Please contact us at 951-684-4194, ext. 114 immediately if a variance or extension becomes necessary.

## Please return the completed form to:

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