

 The Community Foundation <small>Helping the community make a difference</small>	Youth Grantmakers Fund Grant Evaluation Form	
Grant Period:		

Organization: Recovery Innovations, Jefferson Transitional Programs

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

Award Amount: \$2,125

Grant Number:

- 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.

Recovery Innovations, Jefferson Transitional Programs outreached to over 100 young adults who receive mental health services in Riverside County. The event was held at a local Woman's Club free from any stigma and also within walking distance from local downtown bus terminal. Young adults invited from local group/foster homes and also Riverside County Department of Mental Health Children's Treatment Services, WRAParound Clinic, Jefferson Wellness Center, Blaine Clinic, and F.A.C.T. of Corona were introduced to the services provided by Recovery Innovations along with being introduced to community resources such as: University of California Riverside, Riverside Community College, PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Recovery Learning Center (RLC), Alternatives to Domestic Violence (ADV), Jefferson Wellness Center (JWC), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Teen Challenge, and Inspire Independent Living Program.

The young adults were encouraged to attend and have the opportunity to meet and get to know other young adults with similar lived experiences. *The Painted Brain* panel and also youth leader Eric Ellis were available for one-on-one connection with the young adults after their presentations.

There were 43 young adults in attendance. Five (5) young adults assisted in planning, promoting, and manning the event. This number was less than expected, see next section for lessons learned to increase attendance.

- 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 biggest challenge was not knowing the process involved with getting the information out to local high schools/colleges Disabled Student Service Programs so that they could invite their students, until after a date for the event was selected. It is now known that it is a timely process

beginning with contacting school boards, then principals of schools and counselors. In the future, we will ensure ample time is allowed for the notification process to increase attendance.

We learned through our networking efforts that going forward increased connection with Department of Public Social Services will be valuable to reach Transition Age Youth as a large percentage of the youth they serve do receive services through Riverside County Department of Mental Health for mental health diagnoses.

We believed that holding the event on a weekend would increase attendance, yet found that doing so posed other challenges as local agencies are better able to support with transportation and scheduling of staff to oversee young adults, during the weekdays. For our next event, we will schedule it during the week when Transition Age Youth are not likely to be in school.

- Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.

Transitional Age Youth Coordinator, Chanel Wark, has been contacted by Arlington High School and Ramona High School Disabled Student Services Programs as they learned of event and inquired about services offered at Recovery Innovations, JTP. They were excited to get their students enrolled, especially during summer months so that students would have a 'positive peer-run environment to build social supports and continue their education and growth'. TAY Coordinator was also contacted by University of California Riverside Student Affairs Case Manager who is enthusiastic about partnering Recovery Innovations and University of California Riverside students.

- Describe the overall effect this grant has had on your organization.

The mission statement of Recovery Innovations, JTP is "To create opportunities and environments that empower people to recover, to succeed in accomplishing their goals, to reconnect to themselves, others and to meaning and purpose in life" and this grant event did just that "...create[ed] opportunities and environments..."

This grant opportunity allowed various staff and participants in our agency to utilize their skills and bring our mission to life for the Transition Age Youth population we serve. We had staff from different programs in various areas come together to serve in this way. It was also a great opportunity to share with the organization the desire for us to reach out to our youth and increase the services that we can provide so that they can continue to share that with those they come in contact with.

Since this event had occurred we have had more excitement and interest in our youth services and we anticipate continuing to increase the services we provide.

- Tell us a few success stories that made an impact on your organization and/or community as a result of this grant.

On end-of-event evaluations, when asked 'What did you learn about mental health recovery that will be beneficial to either you or a friend?' young adults responded with:

- That I'm not alone.
- I learned that it (mental illness) can affect anyone.
- I learned how many mental health facilities there are in this community.
- That it (mental illness) is totally treatable.
- If you have mental health issues, you can still be successful.
- That there is HOPE for us all!
- I'm not the only one.

Also, young adults had a tremendously positive response to hearing the personal Recovery Success Story told by a young adult Eric Ellis. They also stated in the evaluations that their favorite part of the event was hearing 'The Painted Brain' panel of speakers along with Eric Ellis. We have seen an increase in attendance in our other TAY services since this event.

- Provide a financial report on the use of your grant funds (expenditures).

Youth Leader Stipends – 160.00

Event Fees (food, equipment rentals, presenters, DJ, door prizes etc) – 1,915.90

Transportation – 105.28

Total Cost = 2181.18

- ❖ 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:

Celia Cudiamat, Vice President, Grant Programs

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Or email to: ccudiamat@thecommunityfoundation.net

The Grass is Greener...

on the other side

(Today presents an opportunity for a brighter tomorrow!)

Are you between the ages of 16 and 25 years old? Are you searching for where you belong? Life pressures bringing you down? Have you or a friend experienced any type of behavioral/mental health challenges? Looking for support and resources in your community?

*If so, YOU are invited to celebrate your unique journey, **Sunday, February 17, 2013**, at **4092 10th Street, Riverside, CA 92501***

*Join your peers from 2pm to 5pm, enjoy a **FREE LUNCH** with refreshments and **CONNECT** with your community to learn about resources in your area.*

- *"The Painted Brain", a panel of your peers, will inspire you by sharing their personal stories from despair into hope.*

- *Resource Tables include:*

- Education - Addictions - Mental Wellness - LGBTQ

- *Live DJ with random dancing*

*Please **RSVP** Chancel Work by February 8 2013
members and support*





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Celia Cudiamat,
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Dear Celia,

We at Recovery Innovations are so happy to have had the opportunity to host an event where the Transitional Age Youth of Riverside County could come together sharing their lived experiences and promoting recovery from mental health challenges.

Thank you for affording us that opportunity by your generous donation. We look forward to partnering with The Community Foundation in the future.

Attached you will find our completion report for our event. We strongly support your commitment to recovery and we thank you. Please feel free to contact me at 951-686-5484 x 103 for any additional information.

Sincerely,

Chanel Wark

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