



Making a Difference for Youth, Families and Communities

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CDBG Youth Council Grant continues to offer new experiences for Milwaukee's youth

Center for Self-Sufficiency's efforts focus on crime reduction among Milwaukee's youth

Milwaukee – August 1, 2016 – The Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS), announced today that it is the recipient of a \$30,000 Community Development Block Grant, Youth Council award. This one-year grant, awarded for the *Safe Summer 16* campaign. CFSS will use funds to enhance services offered to youth in Milwaukee to include group mentoring, outdoor experiential learning and healthy relationship education. All three components are designed to help participants skillfully handle emotions and thoughts, direct and sustain attention, cultivate compassion, and truly listen and communicate to one another.

Safe Summer 16 was developed in response to the growing existence of Milwaukee's inner-city, youth violence. A trend we hope to curb by creating spaces that afford participants access to positive people and activities that offer a connection to safe places and experiences, something some or many may have never experienced.

Individuals enrolled in *Safe Summer 16* may also be eligible to participate in the CFSS Face Forward 2 program through which they could receive remedial education, including GEDs, and training and certifications with employers in such areas as culinary arts, manufacturing, construction and healthcare. Visit our website, www.centerinc.org, for additional information.

CFSS's mission is to provide a foundation for people to actualize their hope and motivation to access a good life; with a vision of community revitalization through individual transformation; and values of flawless integrity, evolve immediately, realization of power and audacious hope.

