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Milwaukee's Center for Self-Sufficiency is one of eleven organizations in the nation to receive award.

Grant provides for innovative approaches to significantly reduce the prevalence and impact of youth violence among racial and ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged at-risk youth.

Milwaukee – August 1, 2017 – The Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS) announced today that it is the recipient of a four-year \$1,665,303 Department of Health and Humans Services Minority Youth Violence Prevention II: Integrating Social Determinants of Health and Community Policing Approaches. CFSS will use funds to implement a coordinated, multi-discipline and innovative approach designed to significantly reduce the prevalence and impact of youth violence among a cohort of MPS High School youth.

“This is an awesome opportunity to provide supportive interventions to a cohort of 75 Milwaukee youth over a sustained period of time. This quality over quantity approach increases the likelihood that there will be substantive growth for the participants” –**Carl Wesley, CFSS President and CEO**

CFSS will partner with the Milwaukee Police Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison's Pre-College Enrichment Opportunity Program for Learning Excellence (PEOPLE), and Dr. Jerlando Jackson of JCF LLC, who will conduct an impact evaluation.

“The Milwaukee Police Department looks forward to working with the Center for Self-Sufficiency and other local stakeholders through this grant. This is another example of the community policing that our officers are involved in on a daily basis throughout Milwaukee.” –**Edward Flynn, City of Milwaukee Chief of Police**

CFSS and its project partners will provide services in the areas of Academic Education, Healthy Relationship Education, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, Mentoring, Work Readiness Capacity Building, Community Policing, and Holistic Case Management.

Visit our website, www.centerinc.org for additional information about CFSS.

The Center for Self-Sufficiency's mission is to provide a foundation for people to actualize their hope and motivation to access a good life. The organization provides family-strengthening programs to youth and adults to assist them in developing healthy life skills and making choices that will have long-term positive effects on them, their family and society.