



E-Update

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DC Mayor Embraces CNE Violence-Free Zone Initiative:

Washington, DC Mayor Adrian Fenty announced February 21 that the DC government will contract with the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (CNE) to implement the CNE Violence-Free Zone program in two DC public schools in an effort to reduce youth violence. Fenty and DC's Chief of Police Cathy Lanier praised the project for what it has accomplished with private funding in the past, and Fenty indicated that after it is demonstrated in two schools he wants to see it implemented in all DC schools. The Center and its community partners East Capitol Center for Change and Peaceoholics will carry out the VFZ program in Ward 8's Johnson Junior High School and Anacostia Senior High School under a \$800,000 contract with DC's Metropolitan Police Department. This marks the first time the DC government has allocated funding for the Violence Free Zone school initiative. The community-based VFZ program was previously executed by CNE and East Capitol Center for Change in five DC schools with excellent results and high praise from the principals and staff of those schools. Those efforts were mostly supported with private funds, including a \$1 million grant from Chevron, but the staff had to be withdrawn from most of the schools when grant funding was expended. In addition to ECCC's outstanding record dating since 1999, the Peaceoholics have been recognized for their work in a number of DC schools and for brokering more than 50 truces between some of the toughest crews in the Nation's capital. For news coverage, go to our website:

http://www.cneonline.org/pages/CNE_In_The_News

High School Riot Sets Stage for Discussion of CNE/Milwaukee Violence-Free Zone:

Virtually all the major Milwaukee foundations and funders came to a luncheon presentation on CNE's youth violence reduction work January 31 hosted by Bradley Foundation President Mike Grebe. Ironically, there was a major fight between two high school groups at a basketball game the previous evening that resulted in an all-city police alert and injuries to four police officers. Milwaukee School Superintendent William G. Andrekopoulos joined Grebe in urging the funders to support the CNE Violence-Free Zone initiative, noting that police, security guards, and school staff were not enough to stop the conflict. The Superintendent added that he had checked out CNE's results in other cities, and was impressed. The Milwaukee Public School system has committed to putting up \$600,000 to enable CNE and its community partners Latino Community Center and the Running Rebels Community Organization to go into at least two schools. The Bradley Foundation has pledged \$200,000 and is spearheading the effort to raise private funding to support the CNE Violence-Free Zone in two additional schools, which would bring the total in Milwaukee to four schools.

HSBC Asks CNE to Partner Again in 2007:

CNE signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with HSBC North America to manage the 2007 Adult Financial Literacy program using HSBC's Your Money Counts curriculum. Under the agreement, the Center will partner with community-based organizations in its network and deliver 130 five-hour workshops and 20 six-part seminars in 19 states. The states are: Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

CNE Will Host 4th Annual Weed & Seed Summer Youth Leadership Camp:

The U.S. Department of Justice Community Capacity Development Office has turned to CNE once again to continue its Youth Leadership Development activities. CNE will convene the 4th Annual Summer Youth Leadership Camp July 22-28, 2007, at Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.