



Circle of Discipline, Inc.

A community transforming challenges into strengths

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Dear Committee Members:

Addressing and preventing community violence is at the core of what Circle of Discipline (The Circle) does. Our organization was founded in 1993 and since then we have worked directly with young people and their families in South Minneapolis and beyond. Briefly, the Circle aims to empower underrepresented community members ages 11-24 by providing greater access to opportunities that increase the knowledge and practice of 360 degrees of physical, spiritual and mental wellness.

The Circle provides holistic programming that is intended to reduce incidents of youth violence and delinquent behavior by providing one-on-one mentoring and support, in addition to engagement and intervention activities. The Circle has three core programs: 360 Advocacy, Pursuit of Discipline Group (POD), and Lifestyles FIT. Each of these programs seeks to build resiliency, self-reliance, and leadership qualities in youth through physical fitness, academic intervention and support, and ongoing personal development that is intended to offer alternatives to community violence. The Circle's programming has had and continues to have a tremendous positive impact on the community they serve.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Youth Intervention Programs Grant (YIP) has supported our programming throughout the years. With their support, we have successfully reduced juvenile crime, violence, and truancy, successfully increased the academic success of the youth and young adults we serve and developed young disciplined, responsible leaders who understand the importance of giving back to their community and teaching others how to become healthy, productive, active citizens making the community a safer, healthier place for everyone.

Full funding for YIP is essential for The Circle and other organizations to expand programming that supports youth in need. Positive outlets and relationships are crucial, and without funding, more youth may seek belonging in negative spaces. It's time to do the right thing for our youth.

Thank you for your support,


Sankara Frazier
Executive Director

Mission

Our mission is to empower underrepresented community members by providing greater access to opportunities that increase knowledge of and practice toward 360° of physical, spiritual, and mental wellness.