



Spring 2013 Grant Cycle

Total Amount Awarded: \$71,900

Organization / Amount Funded

First West Counseling Center - \$40,000 (Year 5)

Project HELP 2012-13 (Healing, Education, Life Skills, Parenting) will provide funds to continue, refine, and expand health care services developed and implemented by Project HELP pilot project established in 2009. These health care services are primarily mental health; it is understood that physical, emotional, environmental, and academic health can heavily influence one's mental health and vice versa. Therefore, the project is designed to address and/or coordinate already established community services for a holistic comprehensive approach- maximizing the outcomes for the dollars spent and of those served.

A family coordinator and a team of counselors bring therapeutic, mentoring and educational services to campuses during school hours for students, care givers and school staffs in three elementary schools and one middle school (the feeder for the elementary schools): Lenwil Elementary, Riverbend Elementary, Riser Elementary & Riser Middle. This project also coordinates already established community resources for a holistic comprehensive approach- maximizing the outcomes for the dollars spent and of those served.

Finally, this project will provide Transitions Academy, a sixth grade psycho-educational and life skill program piloted in 2011 - an overwhelming success as reported by schools, students and parents.

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Seeker Springs - \$13,900 (Year 4)

The Team Up Adolescent Counseling Program will provide easily accessible school based group counseling for students who are at risk of, or experiencing mental health issues as evidenced by behavior problems, behaviors such as sexual acting out or use of drugs, change in academic performance, family struggles, truancy/tardiness, and/or general anxiety or depression. The program will be offered during school hours, on campus, to those who have been referred by their school counselors and whose parents agree to their child's participation.

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University of Louisiana at Monroe - \$18,000 (Year 5)

This proposal addresses need associated with the operation of the Riser School Dental Hygiene Clinic in West Monroe, LA. Funds are requested for supplies and to pay the salary of the part-time Dental Hygienist who will be supervising the students who are providing services to Pre-K through eighth grade students at Riser Elementary and Middle Schools.

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