

City of Lawrence
Social Service Agency
Bi-annual Report
2012

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Casey Toomay, Budget Manger at ctoomay@lawrenceks.org. Reports on activities from January to June are due on July 15th. Reports on activities from July through December are due on February 15th.

Agency Name:

Reporting period:

January - June
(deadline July 15)

July - December
(deadline February 15)

1. Give a brief narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above.

55 at-risk teens and young adults have been hired to work in Van Go's JAMS and Arts Trains program during this reporting period. Youth have received social services, employment training, tutoring, healthy snacks, and a number of life and soft skills lessons. They have also completed a new mural ("Emergence") and are currently constructing and designing wooded benches for 22 clients.

2. Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives.

90% of youth in the JAMS program met the goal of improving their workplace evaluation scores from week 2-8. Additionally, daily attendance averaged over 90% and 100% of youth completed the spring program. The Arts Train participants continue to work towards the goals on their Individual Life Plans and are currently working at offsite locations. Over half of the 32 life skills lessons included in the grant have been held.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

Citizens of Lawrence have been impacted by Van Go's programming through the employment training provided to youth in our community. Van Go has hired youth, most of whom would be unlikely to find summer employment, giving them the job training they need for future successful employment. Additionally, Van Go will spend over \$100,000 on wages to youth in our community this year, nearly half of which has already been paid out. This money stays in Lawrence, helping to promote the overall economy.

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered?

We have not encountered barriers.

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

100% of our first allocation has been spent.