Community Grant Outcome Report

Name: Preventing Substance Abuse Among LGBTQ Youth in Wisconsin

Grantee: Diverse and Resilient, Inc.

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Program: Development

Grant Duration: 05/01/2007 to 09/30/2008 (17 months)

Expenditures: $48,760 (100% expended)

Use of Funds: Build knowledge base, develop coalition

Description: This project was designed to increase the knowledge, awareness, resources, and capacity to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug use among LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning) youth in Wisconsin.

Results: To provide oversight, the project staff expanded the Wisconsin LGBT Youth Health team, one of the community teams participating in the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute’s program, and developed a new Wisconsin LGBT Youth Coalition. The project completed a literature review of evidence-based substance abuse prevention programs for youth. Project partners then developed and implemented a prevention program adapted for use among LGBTQ youth in Wisconsin.

The project also increased knowledge of risk behaviors of LGBTQ youth. This was achieved by adding questions on sexual identity and behavior to the Youth Behavior Risk Survey (YBRS), analyzing YBRS data, and disseminating results in the Status Report on LGBTQ Youth in Wisconsin.

Met Objectives: Project completed

Baseline Progress on State Health Plan Objectives: Not measured

Academic Partner Role: Advice and guidance, literature review, assisted in data analysis, linked community partners to other faculty in UWSMPH.

Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind): $8,537

Dissemination:
- Press releases and web-based articles
- Meetings with LGBT Youth Health Coalition
- Meetings with Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- Release of the Status Report on LGBTQ Youth in Wisconsin

Sustained: Partners are currently seeking funding for implementation.