

# Community Development & Dialogues Monthly Reporter



## July 2009

### Hopes Center Receives Grants

HOPES Center of Racine, Inc. was awarded grant monies from two different sources to assist it in its mission to provide mental health and substance abuse counseling to people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. The first award for \$15,000 was received as a part collaborative grant submitted by ten agencies from the Racine City and County Continuum of Care (COC) to the State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Homeless prevention Grant. This was the first collaborative grant ever submitted by the COC. The second grant was in collaboration with Homeless Assistance Leadership Council (HALO) to the Wisconsin Department of Commerce Projects for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH). HOPES Center was awarded \$37,000 for 2009/2010 grant cycle to provide Intensive Case Management to people who are chronically mentally ill and homeless.

### Racine County: Kicked Off Youth Employment and Training June 22 at UW-Parkside

*Courtesy of Racine News*

Racine County, WI - Racine County's Workforce Development Center (WDC) kicked off its Youth Employment and Training Program at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2009, at an event hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in the Student Center Ballroom. Partnering with more than 15 local agencies, including UW-Parkside, WDC developed a program that uses American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, along with local contributions, to provide "green" jobs to more than 225 young people ages 14 and 24 years at locations throughout Racine County and at the UW-Parkside campus.

Kick-off event participants included Racine County Executive Bill McReynolds, Racine Mayor John Dickert, UW-Parkside

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Chancellor Lane Earns, and Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht, as well as other leading figures in workforce development.

The keynote speaker was America's Passion Coach Darrell "Coach D" Andrews, author of the book "How to Find Your Passion and Make a Living at It." Andrews provided inspiration to the young people and their mentors during his keynote speech. The event also featured an interactive exercise demonstrating the interconnections the youth will make as a result of their green work experience.

This event began the Youth Employment and Training Program's two weeks of training, which emphasizes development of "soft skills" such as communication and teamwork. The program will then transition into six weeks of work experience at more than 30 work sites in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors. Racine County will measure the program's return on investment (ROI) to determine the actual funds it generates and/or saves. Following the summer, a second program will be launched focusing on the creation of an entrepreneurial green youth business to be self-sustaining after federal stimulus funding ends. Filmmaker and UW-Parkside Communication Lecturer Dan Banda and a group of students will produce a documentary on the work program. Director of Community Development and Dialogues Mark Gesner will lead a continuing education course at UW-Parkside as a complement to the summer program.

UW-Parkside is one of the program's worksites, hosting a cross-border team of youth from Kenosha and Racine. The university also hosts a June 30 program where the youth will learn about science and business courses that can potentially lead to more sophisticated green jobs in the future.

The university is among the 15 community partners planning and implementing the program. Others include Gateway Technical College, the City of Racine, Kenosha and Racine Unified School Districts, Racine County Cooperative Extension Office, Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce, the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency, the Racine County Human Services Department, and the Racine Family YMCA.



## Peace Learning Circles:

### TAKING A BRIEF BREAK

Peace Learning Circles is taking a brief break for the summer and laying down its editorial pen. We won't be at the beach though, PLC personnel will be hard at work on programming and development. And you can visit us online anytime at:

[www.peacelearningcircles.cfsites.org/](http://www.peacelearningcircles.cfsites.org/)

## Community Development & Dialogues Upcoming Events

**July 30** 2pm-4pm; Networking Your Way to Success Racine Workforce Development Center Classroom C [Click here to register](#)

**August 6** 9am-12pm; Career Assessment Racine Workforce Development Center Classroom C (Call 638-6429 or 638-6404 to register)

**August 18** 2pm - 4pm; Surviving Job Loss Racine Workforce Development Center Classroom C [Click here to register](#)

**August 22** Hopes Center 2nd Annual Rummage Sale (call 262.898.2940 for more info)

**August 26** 4-4:30pm; K.E.Y. Orientation

**September 9** 4-4:30pm; K.E.Y. Orientation

**September 17** 2pm-4pm; Discovering Your Skills Racine Workforce Development Center Classroom C [Click here to register](#)

**September 21-25** 3:30-5:30pm; K.E.Y. Workshops

**December 4** Save the date! The Third Annual Mentor Kenosha & Racine Mentoring Conference



## Sustainable Management

This fall UW-Parkside is collaborating with UW-Extension and three University of Wisconsin campuses-UW-River Falls, UW-Stout, and UW-Superior to offer the online Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Management degree completion program. The program is intended for students who have completed the first two years of a

bachelor's degree or have an associate's degree, these individuals may apply directly to the program. If students need to complete the first two years, they may do so through UW Colleges Online, at any of the 26 UW campuses, or (if approved) at other colleges or universities in Wisconsin or the United States. The Sustainable Management degree program is offered entirely online, giving students:

**Quality:** Sustainable Management courses are taught by the same distinguished University of Wisconsin faculty as those on campuses.

**Flexibility:** Online learning means studying when and where it's convenient for you.

**Student Support:** Advisers provide support and understand your needs.

Corporations from across the country helped develop the Sustainable Management curriculum, and they believe in the value it will bring to their employees and their companies. Internships and school-to-work opportunities are also being developed.

The Sustainable Management program will help students gain a comprehensive understanding of the ways in which natural processes, business structures, and social needs intersect. The curriculum includes courses in: Environmental studies, Accounting, Environmental policy, Management, Information systems, and Logistics, supply chain management, and sustainability, to name a few. If you would like to learn more about a degree in Sustainable Management please visit [www.sustain.wisconsin.edu](http://www.sustain.wisconsin.edu)

## K.E.Y. (Keys to Employment of Youth)

**Location:** Racine County Workforce Development Center  
1717 Taylor Avenue, Racine, WI 53403

**Times:** 3:30- 5:30pm

**Dates:** September 21, 22, 23, 24, & 25 -  
*\*\*Attendance required at all 5 sessions\*\**

Open to youth ages 14 to 19 who are serious about finding employment!

This 5 day workshop is designed to give youth the key skills needed to enter the workforce.

### Attendance at Orientation Session required for registration-

**-Wednesday, August 26th 4:00-4:30 pm  
Public Meeting Room**

**-Wednesday, September 9th 4:00-4:30 pm  
Public Meeting Room**

*\*\*Registration deadline - September 11, 2009\*\**

See website for full details

[www.wdc.racineco.com](http://www.wdc.racineco.com)

Contact: Maria Nabors

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### Topics include:

Presentations by Youth Friendly Employers  
Employer Expectations & Work Ethics  
Customer Service & Team Work  
Communication & Soft skills  
Applications & Interviews  
Career Stepping Stones & Workplace Safety

*\*Students who complete all sessions will be invited to a "Meet the Employer Event"*

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