

## **FOCUS AREA 2: BUILDING YOUNG TOMORROWS**

**BYT 1: CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL DEVELOP TOWARD A POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE ADULTHOOD.** Seven agencies provided programming toward this outcome: Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne, Boys and Girls Club of Passaic, Boys and Girls Club of Patterson, Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey, Operation Linkup, and Paterson YMCA.

### **Program Level Outcome 1.1: Children and Youth Succeed Academically in School.**

Four agencies participated in this program level outcome: Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne, Boys and Girls Club of Passaic, Boys and Girls Club of Paterson, and Operation Linkup. Five indicators were used to measure progress toward this outcome.

- Required Indicator 1.11: Number and percent of participating children/youth who demonstrate improvement in at least one academic subject by the end of the program period. All four agencies reported on this required indicator.

Of 4,108 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, 1,177 (29% sampling rate) had their report cards reviewed by program staff. Of those 1,177 participants sampled, 975 (83%) demonstrated measurable gains. Projecting this percentage onto the entire population (including those not measured) it is reasonable to infer that **3,403 children and youth improved in at least one academic subject by the end of the program period as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

The four agencies combined exceeded their target for the number demonstrating improvement in an academic subject by 278%. Specifically, Boys and Girls Club of Passaic (295%), Boys and Girls Club of Paterson (321%) and Operation Linkup (124%) both exceeded their goal while Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne achieved 93% of their projected number achieving the goal.

- Indicator 1.13: Number and percent of participating children who receive academic honors or awards during the program period. Only Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne selected this outcome indicator.

In this year, of 135 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, program staff sampled all by reviewing the honor roll report. Of those 135 participants, 79 (59%) of the children received academic honors or awards as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.

The agency achieved 56% of their target for the projected number achieving this goal.

- Indicator 1.14: Number of children/youth who are promoted to the next grade level. Boys and Girls Club of Passaic and Boys and Girls Club of Patterson selected this indicator.

**There are no results reported for this indicator. Report cards were not available until after June 15<sup>th</sup> when the agencies needed to submit their reports.** In addition, many of the children that attended during the year did not return for the end of the school year events or for summer camp. Therefore, the agencies were unable to determine how many students were promoted to the next grade level.

- Indicator 1.16: Average number and percent of children/youth who complete homework (and/or other academic enrichment materials provided by program) daily during program hours. Only Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne reported on this suggested indicator.

Of 135 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured using Power Hour summary records and Success Pyramid summary records. Of those 135 participants sampled, 131 (97%) demonstrated measurable gains. Projecting this percentage onto the entire population trained (including those not measured) it is reasonable to infer that **131 children and youth completed their homework and/or academic enrichment materials during program hours as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

The agency achieved 94% of their target for the projected number achieving the goal.

- Indicator 1.19 (write in): Number and percent of students enrolled at Syracuse University and Ramapo College of New Jersey this year who are still enrolled or graduated by the end of this grant year. Only Operation Linkup reported on this optional indicator.

Of 94 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured using college metrics. **All 94 participants were either still enrolled or graduated as a result of United Way's investment in the Operation Linkup program in 2008-09.**

The agency exceeded their target for the projected number achieving the goal (118%).

**Program Level Outcome 1.2: Young People are Prepared for Post-Secondary Education.** Operation Linkup was the only agency that participated in this program level outcome with two indicators measuring progress toward this outcome.

- Required Indicator 1.21: Number and percent of participants who demonstrate an increase in knowledge of the college/trade school application process.

Of 67 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured by staff reviewing participants' college applications. Of those 67 participants measured, 45 (67%) demonstrated increase in knowledge. Projecting this percentage onto the entire population trained (including those not measured) it is reasonable to infer that **45 youth demonstrated increased knowledge of the post-secondary education application process as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

Operation Linkup achieved 83% of their target for the projected number achieving the goal.

- Indicator 1.25: Number and percent of participants who apply to college or trade school.

Of 20 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured by counselor review. **Of those 20 participants sampled,**

**all applied to college or trade school as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

The agency achieved 87% of their target for the projected number achieving the goal.

**Program Level Outcome 1.3: Young People are Prepared for Employment.** Two agencies participated in this program level outcome: Boys and Girls Club of Passaic and Boys and Girls Club of Patterson. Three indicators were used to measure progress toward this outcome.

- Required Indicator 1.31: Number and percent of youth who demonstrate an increase in knowledge of one or more pre-employment skills (interview techniques, dress, resume writing, etiquette, etc.). Both agencies reported on this required indicator.

Of 126 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured by pre- and post tests. **Of those 126 participants measured, all youth demonstrated an increase in knowledge of one or more pre-employment skills as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

The agencies achieved 65% of their target for the projected number achieving the goal. Specifically, Boys and Girls Club of Passaic achieved 72% of their target while Boys and Girls Club of Patterson achieved 60% of their target.

- Indicator 1.32: Number and percent of youth who can correctly identify or demonstrate appropriate dress and/or behaviors for a job interview. Both agencies reported on this suggested indicator.

Of 126 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured by pre- and post tests. **Of those 126 participants measured, all youth could correctly identify or demonstrate the appropriate dress and/or behaviors for a job interview as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

The agencies achieved 65% of their target for the projected number achieving the goal. Specifically, Boys and Girls Club of Passaic achieved 72% of their target while Boys and Girls Club of Patterson achieved 60% of their target.

- Indicator 1.34: Number and percent of youth who demonstrate an increase in knowledge of where and how to look for job opportunities. Both agencies reported on this suggested indicator.

Of 126 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured by pre- and post tests. **Of those 126 participants measured, all youth could demonstrate an increase in knowledge of where and how to look for job opportunities as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

The agencies achieved 65% of their target for the projected number achieving the goal. Specifically, Boys and Girls Club of Passaic achieved 72% of their target while Boys and Girls Club of Patterson achieved 60% of their target.

**Program Level Outcome 1.4: Children and/or Youth Develop Individual Interests for a Well-rounded Life.**

Four agencies participated in this program level outcome: Boys and Girls Club of Passaic, Boys and Girls Club of Paterson, Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey, and Paterson YMCA. Five indicators were used to measure progress toward this outcome.

- Required Indicator 1.41: Number and percent of children who report participating in one or more positive hobbies or extracurricular interests during the program period. All four agencies reported on this required indicator.

Of 4,411 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, 2,581 (59% sampling rate) were measured by surveys or assessment tool. Of those 2,581 participants sampled, 2,549 (99%) demonstrated measurable gains. Projecting this percentage onto the entire population trained (including those not measured) it is reasonable to infer that **4,356 children participated in one or more positive hobbies or extracurricular interests during the program period as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

Overall, the agencies exceeded their target (123%) for the projected number achieving the goal. By agency, the percent of target achieved: Boys and Girls Club of Passaic (99%), Boys and Girls Club of Paterson (154%), Girl Scouts (111%), and Paterson YMCA (100%).

- Indicator 1.42: Number and percent of children/youth who demonstrate an increase in their level of knowledge or skill in one or more area of athletics (individual or team sports or activities, including bicycling and skateboarding). Paterson YMCA was the only agency to report on this indicator.

Of 450 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured by survey. **Of those 450 participants sampled, all demonstrated an increase in their level of knowledge or skill of athletics as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

Paterson YMCA met their target (100%) for the projected number achieving the goal.

- Indicator 1.43: Number and percent of children/youth who demonstrate an increase in their level of knowledge or skill in the arts (vocal or instrumental music, dance, theater, visual arts, photography, filmmaking). Three agencies reported on this indicator: Boys and Girls Club of Passaic, Boys and Girls Club of Paterson and Paterson YMCA.

Of 4,151 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, 1,183 (28% sampling rate) were measured by survey and pre- and post- skill tests. Of those 1,183 participants sampled, 897 (76%) demonstrated measurable gains. Projecting this percentage onto the entire population trained (including those not measured) it is reasonable to infer that **3,147 children or youth can demonstrate an increase in their level of knowledge or skill in the arts as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

Overall, the agencies exceeded their target (315%) for the projected number achieving the goal. By agency, the percent of target achieved: Boys and Girls Club of Passaic (404%), Boys and Girls Club of Paterson (353%), and Paterson YMCA (100%).

- Indicator 1.44: Number and percent of children/youth who demonstrate an increase in their level of knowledge or skill in at least one hobby (crafts, games, collecting, sewing, cooking, bird watching, etc.). Boys and Girls Club of Passaic was the only agency who reported on this indicator.

Of 1,484 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, 407 (27% sampling rate) were measured by survey. Of those 407 participants sampled, 406 (100%) demonstrated measurable gains. Projecting this percentage onto the entire population trained (including those not measured) it is reasonable to infer that **1,484 children or youth can demonstrate an increase in their level of knowledge or skill in a hobby as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

Boys and Girls Club of Passaic exceeded their target (493%) for the projected number achieving the goal.

- Indicator 1.45: Number and percent of participants earning one or more age appropriate earned recognitions (i.e. badges). Girl Scouts was the only agency who reported on this write-in indicator.

Of 110 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured by observation using standardized checklist. **Of those 110 participants measured, all earned age appropriate recognitions as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

Girl Scouts exceeded their target (113%) for the projected number achieving the goal.

All suggested indicators for this outcome were selected by at least one agency.

**Program Level Outcome 1.5: Children and/or Youth Develop and Maintain a Healthy Lifestyle.** Three agencies participated in this program level outcome: Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne, and Paterson YMCA. Three indicators were used to measure progress toward this outcome.

Required Indicator 1.51: Number and percent of participating children/youth who demonstrate an increase in knowledge in one or more healthy lifestyle factors (nutrition, exercise, sleep, risk avoidance, safety, etc.). The three agencies reported on this required indicator.

In this year, of 3,094 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, 2,927 (95% sampling rate) were measured by American Red Cross tests and surveys. Of those 2,927 participants sampled, 2,271 (78%) demonstrated measurable gains. Projecting this percentage onto the entire population trained (including those not measured) it is reasonable to infer that **2,401 children or youth can demonstrate an increase in their knowledge of healthy lifestyle factors during the program period as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

Overall, the agencies exceeded their target (156%) for the projected number achieving the goal. By agency, the percent of target achieved: Boys and Girls Club of Clifton (191%), Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne (93%), and Paterson YMCA (100%).

- Indicator 1.53: Number and percent of participating children/youth who can pass an age-appropriate physical fitness test. One agency reported on this indicator: Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne.

Of 135 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured by physical fitness assessment. Of those 135 participants measured, 124 (92%) demonstrated measurable gains. Projecting this percentage onto the entire population trained (including those not measured) it is reasonable to infer that **124 children or youth can pass an age-appropriate physical fitness test as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne did not meet their target (89%) for the projected number achieving the goal.

- Indicator 1.54: Number and percent of participating children/youth who exercise for at least 30 minutes per day three or more times per week. One agency reported on this indicator: Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne.

Of 135 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, all (100% sampling rate) were measured by daily schedule of gym activities. **Of those 135 participants measured, all (100%) participating children and/or youth exercised for at least 30 minutes per day for at least three times per week as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

Boys and Girls Club of Hawthorne did not meet their target (96%) for the projected number achieving the goal.

The following suggested indicators for this outcome were not selected by any agency:

- Number and percent of participating children/youth whose BMI is between 17 and 24.

#### **Program Level Outcome 1.6: Children and/or Youth Develop Positive Life Skills.**

One agency participated in this program level outcome: Boys and Girls Club of Clifton. One indicator was used to measure progress toward this outcome.

- Required Indicator 1.61: Number and percent of participants who report increased confidence in themselves and/or their ability to be successful in life. Boys and Girls Club of Clifton reported on this required indicator.

In this funding year, of 1,313 participants in United Way-funded programming to meet this objective, 1,180 (90% sampling rate) were measured by Smart Moves pre and post tests and coaches' report forms (includes scorebooks to track player participation). Of those 1,180 participants sampled, 827 (70%) demonstrated measurable gains. Projecting this percentage onto the entire population trained (including those not measured) it is reasonable to infer that **920 participants can report increased confidence in themselves and/or their ability to be successful in life as a result of United Way's investment in 2008-09.**

The agency slightly exceeded their target for the projected number achieving the goal (102%).

- Number and percent of participants who perform service to the community (either as part of the program or outside of it).
- Number and percent of participants who demonstrate increased leadership skills or attitudes.
- Number and percent of participants who demonstrate increased decision-making skills.

### **INPUT INFORMATION:**

In this funding year, 63.25 staff and 264 volunteers worked in these United Way-funded programs.

### **ACTIVITY INFORMATION:**

United Way's investment in this focus area helped provide **859 days of afterschool care, 345 new spaces were created with the UW grant, 234 days of summer camp, 5,020 mentoring contacts, and 4,962 hours of group activity.**

### **OUTPUT INFORMATION**

**During 2008-09, approximately 7,367 unduplicated individuals (87% of target) and 2,069 families (87% of target) were served through United Way's investment in this outcome.** Of those 7,367 individuals, 2 were from Bloomingdale, 2,355 were from Clifton, 2 were from Haledon, 138 from Hawthorne, 29 from Little Falls, 1,590 from Passaic, 3,101 from Paterson, 7 from Prospect Park, 21 from Totowa, 18 from Wayne, 3 from West Milford, 74 from West Paterson, and 27 from other locations. Of those 774 individuals for whom income data was tracked, all had incomes at or below the Federal poverty level. Of the 7,367 served, 71 were pre-school (aged 3-4 years), 6,028 were school age (aged 5-12 years), 1,222 were teens (aged 13 – 19 years) and 46 were not counted.