



Greetings!

Thank you for taking interest in the Teen Transition Program -- the signature project of the Junior League of Milwaukee in partnership with Kids Matter, Inc.

The 2011 - 2012 Teen Transition Program will commence in January. We are asking for your partnership in identifying teens that may be good candidates for inclusion in the program.

We are seeking teens (juniors or seniors in the 2011-2012 school year) that do not reside with their parents. This may mean they are in foster care, living with a grandparent or other relative, or living with friends. In addition to having a non-traditional living arrangement, these teens would also be **motivated, high-functioning students with the potential and desire to pursue some form of continued education after high school.**

Enclosed you will find basic information about this program. Please contact us through Kids Matter, Inc at adam@kidsmatterinc.org with your referrals, questions and suggestions.

Spring sessions:

- January 31, 2012 from 6 PM to 8 PM
- February 7, 2012 from 6 PM to 8 PM
- February 14, 2012 from 6 PM to 8 PM
- February 21, 2012 from 6 PM to 8 PM

All sessions will take place at the Kids Matter Inc. offices at 1850 N. Martin Luther King Dr. Suite 202. Please call 414-344-1220 if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your partnership and support!

Sincerely,

Junior League of Milwaukee,
Teen Transition Program Committee

Kids Matter Inc.



Teen Transition Program 2011 - 2012

WHO

The Teen Transition Program (TTP) is a program for high school juniors and seniors who are aging out of the foster care system or living in alternative living arrangements such as with grandparents, relatives or friends. Ideal TTP candidates are also motivated, high-functioning students with the potential and desire to pursue some form of continued education after high school. The program is the signature project of the Junior League of Milwaukee in partnership with Kids Matter, Inc. Junior League of Milwaukee is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. While the JLM is an organization of women, the Teen Transition Program is for both male and female youth.

WHAT

The TTP is made up of a series of self-sustainability workshops and other support activities for these youth. The workshops cover topics in **career assessment** and **preparation, financial literacy, financial aid, healthy eating** and **personal safety**. In addition, we coordinate activities to provide each student with an even greater level of support with:

- career interviews for each student in their desired field to provide them with a real-world glimpse into that career
- housewarming packages of essential home goods and a gift card reward for additional needs to those that have fulfilled all the TTP requirements

During the workshop portion of the program, we provide a meal, help with transportation to and from the program and allow teens with children to bring them at their own discretion.

WHY

We understand that the transition into full independence is thrust upon these youth and it often does not go smoothly. According to Kids Matter, Inc. youth in foster and kinship care have the worst health status of any population of children in America, drop out of high school at twice the national rate and are 12 times more likely to end up homeless than other young adults. The workshops and other support we provide are designed to better equip these youth for a more successful future.

HOW

Referrals may be sent through Kids Matter, Inc via email at adam@kidsmatterinc.com. Please provide as much information about the teen as possible, including how to contact him or her and any influential adult in his or her life. We will reach out to the youth directly as well as with any adult that may facilitate a strong connect and commitment to the program.