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Latino Network provides transformative opportunities, services, and advocacy for the education, leadership and civic engagement of our youth, families and communities

Summer Academia 2019 PSU Community Greenworks Capstone Partnership

Program Description

Latino Network will deliver the Summer Academia program for Latino youth currently receiving services through the Community Healing Initiative. This includes adjudicated youth, as well as family members of those youth. The purpose of the Summer Academia is to combine pro-social activities, and self- and cultural-identity development for youth who are in need of positive summer alternatives.

The program will serve approximately 40 youth, ages 10 to 18, for eight weeks in June, July and August. The timing will coincide with the traditional “heating up” period for gang activity in the summer. Youth will attend the Summer Academia three days a week for six hours each day. The Summer Academia will be physically located in East Portland’s Rockwood area.

The curriculum for the Summer Academia is tailored specifically to the group, including leadership, team building activities, a focus on an exploration of Latino history, culture, spirituality, conflict resolution, and social themes. Summer Academia will also include a variety of pro-social activities and outdoor activities. One day will be spent exploring natural resource areas in partnership with Metro. The remaining time will be spent on a curriculum that

Throughout the program, a strong focus will also be placed of providing strong mentoring for youth through the presence and participation of culturally competent staff and community partner mentors. Adult role models will be bilingual-bicultural adults experienced in working with youth. The Program Managers and Summer Academia staff, will organize and facilitate formalized mentorship, team-building, and pro-social skill-building activities during the Academia to foster positive mentor-mentee relationships and guidance for the youth.

Latino Network’s Summer Academia can engage a class of up to 15, in roughly 3 groups of 5, Portland State Community Greenworks Capstone students to act as informal mentors and positive adult role models for youth participants. Capstone students will participate in facilitated activities, serve as group leaders, and be asked to assist in other duties (i.e., taking photos, etc.). The three to six Capstone students will be asked to be available to come as a group for some sessions they attend, as this is a central element to the development of a team atmosphere.

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Details

Program dates & times: 10 am to 4 pm Tues/Weds/Thurs, June 18 through Aug 8, culminating in a back to school picnic at Blue Lake Park on Aug 9.

Capstone student days/times: **TBD**

Site Visit: Afternoon Thurs July 1st

Location: 312 SE 165th Ave , Portland, OR 97233