

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP RENEWAL AGREEMENT BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM

Proposed Partners: Incarnate Word Foundation, Lutheran Foundation, Catholic and Lutheran Elementary Schools in St. Louis City

Investment Outcome 3b. By June 30, 2009, at least 4,500 youth will avoid undesirable behavior and their consequences.

- **Partnership Target** By June 30, 2008, 360 of 3600 youth enrolled in 18 Catholic and/or Lutheran elementary schools in the City of St. Louis will avoid undesirable behavior and experience reduction in behavior referrals as a result of participation in *Peaceful Solutions*.

Purpose of Partnership: Continue to provide the comprehensive bullying prevention model, *Peaceful Solutions*, to 18 Catholic and Lutheran schools in the City of St. Louis.

Summary:

Peaceful Solutions was developed to assist schools in providing a safe learning environment with guidelines consistent with and supportive of the school's philosophy and mission. It allows the school to choose its own program model, materials, and counselors to address bullying concerns and is integrated into the school's existing curriculum. Instruction is provided for the students, and training sessions are provided for parents and teachers. The goals are to:

- Provide students with the knowledge, skills and support related to bullying that results in improved school behavior
- Provide teachers and school staff with the knowledge to recognize inappropriate behavior and provide appropriate intervention
- Provide parents with training on effectively using parenting skills that promote positive discipline and successfully manage inappropriate behaviors

Financial Commitments:

The total Mental Health Board budget would not exceed \$25,000. Incarnate Word Foundation will provide a \$10,000 match, Lutheran Foundation will provide a \$5,000 match, and in-kind expenses valued at \$10,000 will be provided by the Catholic and Lutheran schools for a total budget of \$50,000. The *Today and Tomorrow Foundation*, a third party non-profit organization that provides scholarships to students attending Catholic and Lutheran schools, will receive and distribute the funds from this partnership.

Duration: The proposed duration of the partnership will be one year from the date of the signed Memorandum of Agreement.