



SPECIAL SERVICES

OVERVIEW OF RECONNECTING STUDENTS
THROUGH PROGRAMMING AND EXTENSION OF
SERVICES

FEBRUARY BOARD PRESENTATION 2022

RE-IMAGINE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Real World
Application

Increase
opportunities for
peer connections
and activities of
interest

Re-Engagement
And
Reconnections

Exposure
mentorship,
independent living,
social skills, and
advocacy

Eliminating gaps by
providing
opportunities



DISTRICT WIDE PROGRAMMING

- + Founded by Dr. Natalie Coleman
- + After the Peanut is a solution driven company, focusing on the power of knowledge and education in the face of adversity and challenge.
- + The core foundation is to transform communities by increasing equity in K-12 STEAM education. This is accomplished by providing innovative, forward thinking, and real- world experiences.



After The Peanut

- + Provided Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) after school at the West and Central campus.
- + Students were engaged in activities that provided access points for guided student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.
- + Students were also introduced to STEAM career fields through guest speakers who are currently professionals in the field.

After the Peanut

1st Semester

- + Length of Program: 4 weeks
- + Location: West Campus
- + Two days a week from 3:15-5:45
- + Topics: Coding and Gaming, Robotics, Forensics and Medicine, and Urban Agriculture
- + Five students each session

2nd Semester

- + Length of Program: 8 weeks
- + Location: Central Campus (focus on AVAC/Transition)
- + Two days a week from 3:15-5:45
- + Topics: Coding without Robots, Forensics and Science, Food Science and Sports Medicine, Earth Space and Engineering, Financial Literacy
- + Max enrollment per session: 10-15

After the Peanut

Cost Specifics

- + Program Cost:
 - 1st semester: 16,000
 - 2nd semester: 23,000
- + District provided paraprofessional 2 hrs./2 days a week per staff
rate/hour: 440.32 (1st semester) 1,762.28 (2nd semester) eight weeks/two paraprofessionals

Future Partnerships

- + Extended School Year
- + Instructional Summer Programs
- + Lewis University STEAM summer classes

- + Our goal is to create friendships with no boundaries based on disabilities or campus. This is an opportunity to UNITE students in our AVAC/Transitional department with non-disabled students district wide.
- + These experiences have allowed students to develop leadership skills and cultivate meaningful relationships that will last a lifetime.

Buddies Unite



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- + Social and learning events planned each quarter during the school year. Two events hosted by the West Campus and two events at the Central Campus.
- + Communication went out to the entire student body and students were encouraged to complete the interest survey for participation.
- + To date over 80 students have participated in the first two events. We garnered more general education students that could partner with students in the AVAC/Transition program.

Involved, Inc. NFP organization strives to help such individuals become grounded in life. Through our programs and services,

They help clients to acquire skills necessary to overcome debilitating/stagnating memories associated with their past so that they can flourish emotionally and live stable, productive lives.



INVOLVED INC.

- + Involved INC works with students identified by the campus's Behavior Health Team to provide emotional wellness and healing, create safe, supportive and educational learning environments for students to share and encourage each other and skills that will assist them with advocacy, emotional regulation, and successful interactions within the school community.
- + Is a specialized social and emotional learning curriculum designed to empower students to cope with trauma, strive toward emotional wellness, and behave in a socially acceptable manner. Daily, Involved SEL Program facilitators will strive to help students identify sources of trauma and seek appropriate help. They will create a safe and supportive educational learning environment which is conducive to student emotional wellness.
- + Programming provided assist students with defining true power as it relates to the student and help them find their true purpose in life, as while as becoming true servant leaders. They focus on cultivating student's confidence, courage, self-esteem, and self-efficacy so that they can aspire to reach their full potential and experience personal growth and development despite the experiences that they have endured throughout their life.

Involved Inc.

Program Specifics

- + Length of Program: 12 weeks each semester
- + Location: Central and West Campus (semester 2)
- + Four Days a week
- + Program will resume the week of February 21, 2022

Cost Specifics

- + Four Groups/enrollment max= 15
- + Program costs for 12 weeks= 27,703.50

AFTER SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT RECOVERY (ASAR)

- + ASAR provides an opportunity to complete homework and make up assessments in a teacher supported after-school atmosphere.
- + Staff provide support to students with instruction, directions, and organization.
- + ASAR is available for walk in or on a teacher assigned basis.



- + HealthMatters™ Program is an evidence-based health promotion program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their supports in health-friendly communities. Through the HealthMatters™ Program, we engage people with IDD and their supports to have access to research, education and training, service learning, and evaluation tools to improve their health where they live, work, learn, and play.



Health Matters Program

Program Specifics

- + Six staff members will participate in training this month after school.
- + 12 -week Program
- + Meets three times a week for two hours
- + Exercise class (60 minutes, 3 times per week)/Health education class (30-60 minutes, 3 times per week)
- + Program evaluation (before and after the program)

Cost Specifics

- + Program awarded through ISBE
- + Max. Participation=13-15
- + Certified Staff Member/three days a week=39.00/hr.
- + Classified Staff Member/three days a week=per their pay rate/hour

- + Redeemed Connections Ministries is a not-for-profit organization provide valuable opportunities for our communities and volunteers by providing various training and support programs making connections to a brighter future.
- + The organization instills hope, **"There is no medicine like hope the expectation that it can get better today, and that tomorrow will be better than today."**

Redeemed Connections



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- + Redeemed Connection Ministries N.F.P to provide an eight-week paid job preparation training and lawn maintenance summer job training for identified students receiving services within the district.
- + Students that participate in the program will become better equipped for employment opportunities through the job, and basic business start-up training provided by the program.
- + The Job Preparation Training and Lawn Maintenance Summer Program will create new job training opportunities in the city of Joliet and surrounding areas for students at JTHS.
- + At the conclusion of the program, students will receive a letter of reference outlining their training, participation, and completion of the job preparation training and lawn maintenance summer program.

1. To provide job training opportunities to students enrolled in JTHS.
2. To increase job training opportunities within the Joliet community and the surrounding areas
3. To provide opportunities to create connections with students that have experienced despair and social-emotional disparities directly related to lack of training, work experiences, and financial concerns within the home.
4. To provide participants with skills and information that will allow them to obtain and maintain employment as well as become potential entrepreneurs.

Redeemed Connections

Cost Analysis

- + Internship Stipend: 2,112 (4)
- + Student Assistant Teacher Stipend: 2,112 (1)
- + Consultant and Maintenance Fees: 12,8000
- + Total Cost: 23,360

Number of Participants

- + 2018-2019= 9 students
- + 2019-2020=program cancelled
- + 2020-2021=5 students
- + 2021-2022=15 students

Additional Programs and Activities

AVAC SPORTS TEAM EXPERIENCE

- + Students participated in no contact drills, stretching and sport specific fun.
- + As a department, we focused on giving students a fun, structured, mentoring, and safe experience.
- + Students learned specific sport rules, fundamentals, and sportsmanship. This also was an opportunity for students to create peer connections, while abiding by all safety guidelines.
- + Practices included football, cheer and dance, volleyball and basketball.
- + Associated Costs: \$39 per certified staff
Classified staff: per their pay rate/hour

JJC Culinary Experience

- + We partnered with JJC to offer a vocational culinary experience class with our Transition Center students at our new site. A JJC culinary instructor comes to our campus and works with a group of 10 students once a week for 2.5 hours. This 13-14-week course has been developed to give the students a variety of experiences in the culinary world including cleaning sanitation, cold foods, hot foods, basic measuring and cutting skills and more. This is a current replacement option for our students who were attending JJC courses on campus pre COVID
- + Associated Costs: 2,860.00 per semester

Program Resource	Funding Source
After the Peanut	IDEA and ARP IDEA Consolidated ESSER III
Best Buddies Unite	IDEA and ARP IDEA Consolidated ESSER III
After School Recovery Program	IDEA and ARP IDEA Consolidated ESSER III
Involved Inc	IDEA and ARP IDEA Consolidated ESSER III
Health Matters Program	IDEA and ARP IDEA Consolidated ESSER III
Redeemed Connections	STEP Grant and IDEA
Additional Programs and Activities	IDEA and ARP IDEA Consolidated ESSER III

Funding Source



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