

FREEDOM HOUSE, INCORPORATED

PROGRAM SUMMARY SHEET

PROGRAM:

Muriel S. Snowden Memorial Scholars Program: Project REACH (Road to Educational Achievement)

PURPOSE:

REACH is a youth development and scholarship program established to assist 50 Boston minority students per year, nearing the point of completing secondary school to develop themselves through pursuing a college education or post secondary training. The long term goal is to develop leaders committed to working actively in their communities to effect change

POPULATION SERVED:

African and Hispanic American high school and college students who are residents of Boston and show motivation and potential for future success, regardless of social, economic or academic background.

STAFF:

Executive Director, (FT); Deputy Director, (FT); Education Coordinator, (FT); Office Coordinator, (FT); Clerical Assistant, (FT); Budget/Scholarship Consultants, (PT); Academic Counseling Consultant, (PT)

VOLUNTEERS:

Adult Mentors from many fields, Computer Specialists, and parents.
Key Contracted Services: Efficacy Institute, Mews Grammar Seminars

RELATIONSHIP TO FH PROGRAMS:

During the summer & vacations periods, REACH works cooperatively & strategically with I Have A Dream, Algebra Center Enrichment & FH to provide comprehensive support services for students in the community.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMUNITY:

REACH scholars volunteer time in community service organization in and around Boston such as the American Red Cross, AIDS Action Council, Roxbury Boys & Girls Club, Boston Big Brother & Sister, Urban League, IHAD & FH.

BUDGET LEVEL:

50 students per class, Average grant of \$4,000 per student per year

MAJOR FUNDING SOURCE:

Stratford Foundation, Balfour Foundation, The Reebok Foundation, Boston Foundation, Digital Equipment Charitable Fund, Adopt-A-Leader Donors, Hyams Foundation, Polaroid Foundation

CHALLENGES:

Retention of students of color in higher education; building future leaders of color; channeling & guiding enormous student energy & potential; full organization planning for each new class; growth & development of African & Hispanic American male recruitment.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Expansion of the REACH model within local community agencies as well as in urban centers across America. A future commitment to the growth & development of communities of color by REACH scholars, the next generation of leaders.

CONTACT PERSON:

Albert Gentry, Executive Director; Blanche Pringle, Deputy Director; Juanda Johnson, Marilyn Bradshaw, Stacey Thomas, Program Support

DATE:

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