

About UTEC:
UTEC's mission is to ignite and nurture the ambition of our most disengaged young people to trade violence and poverty for social and economic success



\$25,000
(2014-2015 grant period) was awarded by the GLHA to hire a part-time Substance Abuse Counselor

UNITED TEEN EQUALITY CENTER, INC. (UTECE)

Preventing Substance Abuse to Help Youth Succeed

- Received funds were used to hire a permanent, part-time Substance Abuse Counselor position onsite at UTECE.
- This position was designed to transition away from third-party counselor strategies.
- The goal of the counselor was to address substance abuse that may have impacted the youth in four key outcome areas: Employment, Education, Crime-Prevention, and Civic Engagement.
- The counselor was responsible for ensuring that the 35 youth were supported through both therapeutic groups and 1:1 sessions, and that at least 50% of these youth attend 8 sessions.

Outcomes

- During the reported period, UTECE completed intakes for 68 youth.
- Of these, 26 were referred for additional screening by the substance abuse counselor. The screenings resulted in 2 referrals of enrolled youth for external substance abuse services, and 12 youth receiving 1:1 sessions with the substance abuse counselor.
- Further strengthened their longstanding collaboration with the Mental Health Association (MHA); the Substance Abuse Counselor had been hired from the MHA.