

Fair Chance Partnership Application

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Fair Chance!

Organizations selected as partners with Fair Chance engage in a year long commitment (Sept 2008-Sept 2009) to capacity building. This commitment is an agreement that the organization will devote significant time to work with Fair Chance to strengthen their sustainability and increase their impact and results which in turn leads to improving the lives of children and families living in high poverty areas of Washington DC.

The Fair Chance mission is to strengthen the nonprofit sector by providing community-based nonprofit leaders with the tools and knowledge they need to thrive. Empowering and building expertise within organizations at the heart of change, Fair Chance seeks opportunities to help those organizations that do good, do better.

To be considered for a partnership with Fair Chance, an organization must:

- Be exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Be committed to serving children and families in Wards 5-8 in Washington, D.C.
- Currently operate a program for youth and/or families

In addition, we look for organizations with:

- Committed and capable leadership
- A mission focused on improving the lives of those living in Wards 5-8 in Washington, D.C.
- A vision tailored to a specific and demonstrable need
- Clear plans for growth
- Current funding
- A willingness to collaborate with other community groups

If you are interested in applying to be a Fair Chance partner, please complete the following application so that we may learn more about your organization, and email it to Ebony Ross at eross@fairchancedc.org . The application must be completed by the Executive Director of the applicant organization. If you would like more information on Fair Chance, please visit our website at www.fairchancedc.org .

Application Form for Fair Chance Partnership

Organization Background

1. Organization name and address
2. Executive Director's name and contact information
3. What is the mission of your organization?
4. How is your organization unique? How does your organization improve the lives of children, youth or families in Wards 5, 6, 7, 8?
5. Is your organization a 501(c)(3) nonprofit? If so, how long have you been incorporated?
6. What District Ward(s) do you currently serve?
7. Where is/are your site(s) currently located (please give a specific address)?
8. Are you the founder of the organization? If not, is the founder still actively involved in the organization?
9. Who do you serve (please specify age groups and other identifying characteristics)?
10. Do you have current funding? Please describe your current funding situation, cash on hand, reserves, pending grants or other income.
11. Are your current funding commitments sufficient to run your program(s) for six months to one year?
12. Please list all current staff and titles and indicate whether they are full-time, part-time or volunteers.
13. Please list your organization's most recent administrative/organizational accomplishments.

Programming

1. What are your current programs (please list only programs that are currently running) and their intended outcomes?
2. How long have these programs been in existence?
3. Describe the clients/participants served by these programs and the number of participants, on average.
4. How are these clients/participants selected? How do they find out about the organization's services?

5. On a scale of 1 - 5, how well do your program activities fulfill your mission? Please give a rationale for your answer with specific examples.

6. Please describe your organization's most recent program accomplishments. What have you done in the past year that makes you proud of your work?

Areas of Growth

1. Describe how you see your organization growing programmatically and administratively in the next 1, 3, and 5 years.

2. How do you see your organization strengthening over that period of time?

3. Do you have a success story to share about how your program participants have been impacted by the organization's work?

Commitments

1. Is the Executive Director able to devote 5 hours per week to the Fair Chance partnership?

2. Is the organization currently working with any other consultants or capacity builders? If yes, please describe briefly

3. Is your board of directors supportive of this capacity building partnership, and is it willing to contribute its support, time and effort as needed?

Please include the following attachments:

- Current organizational budget
- Previous year's organizational budget
- 501 (c)(3) letter
- Budget-to-Actual
- Most recent Form 990

Please submit your application by **July 15, 2008** in order to be considered for our September 2008 – August 2009 partnership cycle. Applications can be mailed, faxed or emailed to Ebony Ross using the contact information below. A Fair Chance staff member will contact you as soon as possible after receiving your application.

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