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Palmetto Peace Keepers
Oakridge Community Resource Center
Funding Request and Overview

Advisory Committee Board

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Mission Statement

The mission of Palmetto Peace Keepers Advisory Board is to:

- **function as facilitators of the synergy that exists within the network of agencies and individuals for the purpose of improving the social, educational, physical, mental, and spiritual character of our community**
- **eliminate overlap or duplication of services within those agencies**
- **identify needs for services not currently within the existing network and incorporate agencies serving those needs into the network**
- **create oversight of the network to insure safe, seamless service to the community of Palmetto**

**Palmetto Peace Keepers
Oakridge Community Resource Center Partners**

Palmetto Police Department
Community Redevelopment Agency
Manatee County Sheriff's Office
Manatee County Parks and Recreation Department
Manatee County School Board
Department of Juvenile Justice Probation/Detention
YMCA
Boys/Girls Club
Just for Girls
Manatee Children's Services
Healthy Start Coalition of Manatee County
Manatee Glens M/H –Substance Abuse/ Groups/ Mentoring
Manatee Substance Abuse Coalition
Faith-Based organizations (various)
Job Services (Jobs, etc.)
MTI
Meals on Wheels
Legal Services
One Stop Center (Services -211)
Manatee County Rural Health Department
Youth for Christ
Advance Talent Solutions

Goals

The Palmetto Peace Keepers' Board recognizes that character develops in and through community and that the norms of a community are a potent force in shaping character.

As such, we realize that the consummate sum total of community are the individuals. Therefore, our goal remains focused on creating a moral, ethical, and academic functioning community for every man, woman, and youth within the greater Palmetto community and more immediately within the Community Redevelopment Agency District.

As a result of efforts from over 30 agencies and individuals working through the Oakridge Community Resource Center, Palmetto Peace Keepers will facilitate a three-fold approach.

1. Empower non-English speaking individuals to learn English and become a contributing member of the local community. (Academic achievement from children in generational poverty can not be maximized without engaging the family. Parents must buy into goal setting and goal achievement).
2. Facilitate vocational training for adults and young adults (particularly males).
3. Provide continuous youth services through mentoring, sports, educational games, tutoring, and life coaches in order to reduce school drop out risks and gang involvement.

According to August 2010 Enrollment information obtained from Manatee County School District, Office of Family Literacy and Compliance, there are 126 students attending Palmetto Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School and Palmetto High School living within a four block radius of the Oakridge Community Resource Center. Palmetto Peace Keepers recognizes that significant individual and family risk factors exist for this student population and we will assist our community partners in remediating these risk factors.*

Palmetto Peace Keepers further recognize that both academic development and character developments are paramount for a successful community.

*See Risk Factors pages

Dropout Risk Factors and Exemplary Programs: A Technical Report

Table 4. Significant Individual Risk Factors by School Level*

Risk Category and Risk Factor	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
Individual Background Characteristics			
• Has a learning disability or emotional disturbance		✓	✓
Early Adult Responsibilities			
• High number of work hours		✓	
• Parenthood			✓*
Social Attitudes, Values, & Behavior			✓*
• High-risk peer group		✓*	✓
• High-risk social behavior		✓*	✓
• Highly socially active outside of school			✓
School Performance			
• Low achievement	✓*	✓*	✓*
• Retention/overage for grade	✓*	✓*	✓*
School Engagement			
• Poor attendance	✓*	✓*	✓*
• Low educational expectations		✓*	✓*
• Lack of effort		✓	✓
• Low commitment to school		✓	✓*
• No extracurricular participation		✓	✓*
School Behavior			
• Misbehavior	✓	✓	✓*
• Early aggression	✓	✓	

Table 5. Significant Family Risk Factors by School Level*

Risk Category and Risk Factor	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
Family Background Characteristics			
• Low socioeconomic status	✓*	✓*	✓*
• High family mobility		✓*	
• Low education level of parents	✓	✓	✓*
• Large number of siblings	✓		✓
• Not living with both natural parents	✓	✓	✓*
• Family disruption	✓		
Family Engagement/Commitment to Education			
• Low educational expectations		✓*	
• Sibling has dropped out		✓	✓
• Low contact with school		✓*	
• Lack of conversations about school		✓*	✓

Key: ✓ indicates that the risk factor was found to be significantly related to dropout at this school level in one study. ✓ indicates that the risk factor was found to be significantly related to dropout at this school level in two or more studies.

**Funding Request for Palmetto Peace Keepers
Oakridge Community Resource Center**

One Time Costs:

Building Security System Installation (Bellemare Security)	\$906.00
Event Calendar and Sign (Posted on exterior of building)	\$130.00
Formation of Not-for-Profit 501 C (3) Corporation	\$500.00
Total One time Costs (\$50.00 per month X 12 months)	\$1,536.00

Monthly Recurring Costs (12 months)

Security Monitoring (\$20.00 per month X 12 months)	\$240.00
Domestic furnishings, cleaning supplies, first aid items (\$75.00 per month X 12 months.)	\$900.00
Children's prizes, event handouts, volunteer support resources (\$75.00 per month X 12 months)	\$900.00
Reproductions costs (flyers, calendars, memo translation of publications) (\$50.00 per month X 12 months)	\$600.00
Bright House (Internet, phone) (\$100.00 per month X 12 months)	\$1,200.00
Total Monthly Recurring Costs (\$320.00 per month X 12 months)	\$3,840.00

Subtotal -All costs	\$5,376.00
Contingency	\$260.00
Total funding request	\$5,636.00