

PROJECT NAME: Oasis Project

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TIMELINE: 2010-2011

CONTENT AREA: Re entry services, community engagement

FUNDER: Jackson County COMBAT

CLIENT: 100 Men of Blue Hills
Social justice and re entry services

AUDIENCE:

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: Technical Assistance

In 1997, a group of concerned men formed 100 Men of Blue Hills to address the drug houses, prostitution, and crime that were putting the communities at risk. Through community organization and decisive and direct intervention, the problems began to improve. With community violence once more on the rise, 100 Men of Blue Hills is focusing directly on prevention of violence. Examples of service areas addressed by 100 Men include:

- One-on-one mentoring
- crisis intervention
- healthy and safe activities
- promoting educational and vocational experiences

OVERVIEW: The Oasis Program provides a class and resources for individuals convicted of sales or abuse of illegal substances. The goal of the classes is to increase self-esteem and self-sufficiency; and decrease the dependency toward consuming and/or selling narcotics. RDI will work with program staff to create, at a minimum, the following instruments:

- Evaluation survey for Oasis group sessions;
- Participant Survey to be conducted at program end; and
- Participant Survey to be conducted at “reunion” gathering.

RDI will work with staff to establish a process to collect, and store outcome data from each of the participating sites in a manner that will facilitate the transfer of that data in a de-identified format to the evaluators in an efficient and cost effective way.

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