

Project Summary/Abstract

Project Title: **Building Brighter Futures**

A Community Centered Demonstration Project for Youth in Greater Los Angeles

Applicant: The Dibble Institute for Marriage Education

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The young people of Los Angeles are more likely to live in poverty, more likely to be born to an unmarried mother, more likely to have an unemployed parent, and more likely to drop out of high school than their peers around the country.

The Dibble Institute in partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Century Center for Economic Opportunity –YouthBuild (CCEO-YB) will bring relationship skills education with reinforcement through new media for high school youth (Allowable Activities I and II), and relationship skills education with intensive employment services (Allowable Activity III) for young adults in a proven, highly-effective community centered model.

Over a three year period, the objectives of this grant are to work with: **1)** the LAUSD to reach 13,000 high school youth with 11 hours of researched-based, relationship skills education that will increase healthy behaviors, foster sound decision making, and form positive, stable relationships; and **2)** reach 300 teens and young adults (16-24) through CCEO-YB with 90 hours of relationship, parenting, and financial management education within an intensive career and job advancement program including case management and other supports that teach at-risk youth how to become better partners and providers.

By providing this essential instruction, we will help at-risk young people throughout Los Angeles build the skills necessary for healthy relationships and strong families as well as increase labor force attachment and economic stability. Our goal is to build brighter futures for children and youth in the Los Angeles.

