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The Connection Community Consultants Projects 2019-2020 Academic Year*

Strategic Planning for Shared-Space Community-Serving Makerspace at Henderson Hopkins

Organization: [Bmore4Kidz](#)

Description: Bmore4Kidz provides a safe, nurturing and creative makerspace environment in the community to encourage children to learn and create while engaging their families. Bmore4Kidz currently provides STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & math) makers programs to 3rd - 5th grade students at Henderson Hopkins Elementary School, blocks from the JHU East Baltimore campus.

Bmore4Kidz was seeking to write a grant for Bmore4Kiz Young Makers and Community Makers Program. Two grants were identified and students worked to develop, write, and submit the grants to help the Young Makers Program.

Final product: The final deliverable was a grant requesting funds for the Bmore4Kidz Young Makers program that was ready for submission and a letter of intent for future use.

Team members: 3 JHSPH students, 1 SOM student.

Evaluating and Maximizing Volunteer Efforts at PLASE

Organization: [Project PLASE](#)

Description: Project PLASE (People Lacking Ample Shelter and Employment) addresses homelessness in Baltimore by providing temporary housing, permanent housing and supportive services to homeless adults and families. They serve the most vulnerable and underserved, including persons with mental illness, HIV/AIDS, addiction, developmental disabilities, and ex-offenders, etc. Project PLASE treats, restores and rehabilitates the whole person and empower each individual to function at the highest level possible.

Project PLASE needed to assess the changes implemented at Project PLASE, evaluate their efficiency and create a volunteer handbook to build capacity of the volunteer program to help PLASE in serving our clients. This will enable Project PLASE to utilize volunteer's skills and time.

Final product: The final deliverable was an updated volunteer handbook and volunteer coordinator handbook from research and collaboration with employees and volunteers.

Team members: 3 JHSPH students, 1 SOM student.