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Programming open to DYRS and Community Youth

Run Hope Work is a non-profit organization that offers *Construction & IT* programs which provides District youth an opportunity to learn marketable industry aligned skillsets in the areas of construction an informational technology. Along with career readiness training, this program provides physical fitness training and post-traumatic therapy in order for youth to experience wholistic development. Throughout the duration of the program, the Run Hope Work team works to prepare youth to acquire certifications and excel professionally in their chosen fields of study.

*Casa DC (Court Appointed Special Advocates)* provides Girl Circle support groups that are proven to help reduce delinquency in the District. The program offers young ladies in the District a consistent, safe space to speak with peers and female facilitators about their experiences while engaging in skill building, creativity, and empowerment activities. The goal of Casa DC's program is to provide a safe and empowering environment for all individuals to express their diverse viewpoints.

*Music Academy DC* is a year round music production program created by Creative Solutions for Youth, a (501)(c)(3) non-profit organization. This program educates referred participants about the music and mass communication industry by teaching youth how to write lyrics, create hooks, make beats, market their work and to understand contractual agreements. At the conclusion of the program, youth will understand how to excel as professionals in the music industry.

**D.O.L.L.S and Dreams Inc.** is an organization that provides a mentorship program that offers gender-specific empowerment and skill-building opportunities along with unique and innovative work-readiness and entrepreneurship training. During the program, youth develop a professional career portfolio (i.e., resume, cover letter, reference list) and learn marketable skillsets to excel in their chosen career fields. These provided trainings work to empower, educate, and enhance the quality of life for District youth.

*The Barbering program* created by Edges Barber Shop is a vocational program that provides barbering training, entrepreneurship skills, and financial literacy training. It's curriculum is designed to inspire future barbers and to foster future community business owners through education. At the completion of the program, youth are awarded certificates, prepared for state board exams and equipped to be successful barbers.

*Tumaini DC* is a (501)(c)(3) non-profit organization which offers children grades k-12 a social and emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum that provides youth the social emotional tools needed to thrive wholistically within their communities. During the program, youth participate in creative activities such as poetry, painting, and music. These activities provide youth with creative outlets where they can develop emotionally and intellectually. In addition, Tumaini DC's program instructors cultivate inclusive and emotionally safe learning environments for all participant throughout the stint of the program.

**V.O.L.T Academy** is a rigorous, industry-aligned, 7-week vocational program that ensures trainees are prepared for in-demand careers. This academy provides youth with industry-aligned training to pass recognized industry exams, and employs experts in various fields to teach youth the necessary skill sets to thrive in their chosen area. Currently, vocational training is offered in the areas of tattoo artistry, film production and landscaping.

*Youth Overcoming Unique Realities (Y.O.U.R)* is an eight-week quarterly program that provides youth with Restorative Justice training through multi-disciplinary efforts that work to disrupt the current cycle of violence. The program includes education in restorative justice, intensive supervision, mental wellness, and community engagement.