

APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

Legal Applicant: Camp-hill Association of North America, Inc

Application ID: 13ED146353

Program Name: Camp-hill Association of North America

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

Reviewers' Summary Comments:

- (+) Employment data cited by the applicant clearly shows that the employment rate among people with developmental disabilities (DD) (27.6%) is significantly lower than the employment rate for the general population (75.1%), with employment often being limited to part-time, entry-level or low-wage jobs. Furthermore, it is clear that the target community of 516 individuals is economically disadvantaged in that more than 90% of them receive social security.
- (+) Citing a passage from a presidential address, the applicant presents a compelling reason for serving the target population--to assist individuals with DD overcome the tremendous barriers that prevent them from enjoying the same rights to dignity, respect, and community participation as their fellow Americans.
- (+) Member activities are aptly designed to achieve the supports, and include providing transportation to school/work, facilitating small group instructional work, and providing one-on-one personal care assistance.
- (+) The applicant requests 100 full-time MSYs to accommodate increasing demand at the 11 sites. By allowing staff at the local sites to determine the numbers of MSYs for their site based on their needs, Members will be effectively utilized.
- (+) The applicant outlines a detailed plan to measure the impact over the three-year grant period through the use of pre- and post-surveys administered to supervisors of the individuals with DD. The surveys will track personal outcomes in a multi-dimensional QOL consisting of eight domains--personal development, self-determination, interpersonal relationships, social inclusion, rights, emotional well-being, physical well-being, and material well-being. Performance targets are clearly specified--the applicant expects that 300 people with DD will receive individualized supports from Members; 75% of supported children and young adults with DD will experience an increase in at least three domains; and 50% of supported adults with DD will experience an increase in at least three domains.
- (+) In the previous grant cycle, the applicant exceeded its target for the number of individuals receiving one-on-one

support by 18%. They also met the intermediate outcome of 40% of individuals served to make gains in home and work activities.

(-) The applicant's explanation for its inability to meet the goal of 75% of served individuals maintaining stability in social life, personal care, home care, and classroom/work activities in the previous grant cycle is not very clear.

(-) The applicant provides limited information on the level of functioning, the nature of the disabilities, and the specific barriers faced by the 516 individuals that the program serves.