2018 Impact Report

Stronger Leaders • Effective Nonprofits • Life-Changing Outcomes

Fair Chance strengthens the sustainability and performance of community-based nonprofits to achieve life-changing results for children and youth living in poverty. We select nonprofits ready to take their leadership and organizations to the next level and provide them with a customized 6-24 month work plan aimed at strengthening the nonprofit's impact, sustainability, and performance -- free of charge.

Stronger Leaders

Inner City-Inner Child (ICIC) provides arts-based literacy programs for children in DC's most economically disadvantaged communities. During the Fair Chance Partnership, ICIC worked on improving their fundraising plan and developed a tool to evaluate their programming. By the end of their Fair Chance Partnership, the majority of ICIC's funders doubled their donations.

"Before our Fair Chance Partnership, I was wearing so many hats: I was a teaching artist, a program manager, the director of development. I did everything. After my work with Fair Chance, we were able to expand our staff. Now I can really lead to the best of my ability and Inner City-Inner Child can provide the best services possible."

-Ingrid Zimmer, Executive Director

Effective Nonprofits

Fair Chance has three programs to meet the unique needs of individual nonprofits. In 2018, we served four organizations in our traditional Praxis Program. We opened up the Pathways Program to applicants for the first time and selected four organizations. We also concluded the pilot of Impact Academy and will report on data from the cohort in 2019.

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Fair Chance also worked with seven nonprofits in the DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Youth Innovation Grant Program on the fundamentals of high-performing nonprofits. Fair Chance saw our services expand regionally when we were selected by Venture Philanthropy Partners (VPP) to provide capacity building services to four nonprofits in Prince George’s County, Maryland as part of the Ready for Work Nonprofit Capacity Building Initiative.

22 Nonprofits Served in 2018

- Praxis
- Pathways
- Impact Academy

**DOES Youth Innovation Grant Program**

- National Housing Trust
- DV LEAP
- William C. Alston Foundation
- Inner City Child
- Bethany, Inc.
- William O. Lockridge Community Foundation
- Project Create

**VPP Ready for Work Nonprofit Capacity Building Initiative**

- Joe’s Movement Emporium
- AME Foundation for Advancement of Music & Education
- Wanda Alston Foundation
- BIW
- Maya Angelou Schools
- End Time Harvest Ministries
- 1st Generation College Bound

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**Life-Changing Outcomes**

2017 Praxis Program Graduates

- **Data Collection**: 83%
  - Nearly 83% reported an improvement in their ability to collect data and report on outcomes

- **New Funding**: 66%
  - 66% reported securing new funding during their Partnership year

- **Increased Budgets**: ↑55%
  - The cohort saw their budgets increase 55% after their Partnership year

**Survey of Praxis Program Alumni (2013-2016)**

- Median increase in children served: ↑163%
- Median increase in budget: ↑134%
- Total number of children reached by those surveyed: 45,745

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