

Theory of Change

Long Term Goal

Encourage Expansion and Integration of Neighborhood Assets, Facilities, and Services

Community Need/Problem

A significant portion of the neighborhood population is composed of children, teenagers, and young adult. Need to seek out opportunities for engaging young people in civic, educational, recreational, and entertainment venues

Lack of parks, green space, and recreation facilities, work with the City to pursue these possibilities.

Statistics: Over 30% of females in the Gateway under the age of 18 years with limited recreation program offerings and space

Intervention Activity

Girls on the Run program-physical activity based positive youth development program with experienced-based curriculum, with creatively integrating running , youth development with for females in 3rd – 5th grade

Evidence of Intervention Activity (Cause-effect relationship)

Girls on the Run is the only national physical activity-based positive youth development program for girls with compelling evidence of program impact.

In 2016, an independent study led by Dr. Maureen Weiss, University of Minnesota, evaluated the impact of Girls on the Run on positive youth development. The findings provide strong evidence that Girls on the Run is effective in promoting season-long and lasting change in competence, confidence, connection, character, caring, physical activity, and life skills. In addition, Girls on the Run makes a stronger impact than organized sports and physical education programs in teaching life skills such as managing emotions, resolving conflict, helping others, and making intentional decisions.

Intended Outcome

It is PARTNER's mission to build strong communities, organizations and people through innovative family self-sufficiency, real estate development and community enhancement strategies work with the City and Perth Amboy Schools to develop recreational spaces and programming which are limited by improving neighborhood playgrounds and seek out new park development.