

SMIF Seeking Community Partner Sites

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's LEAP (Learning Early Achieves Potential) Initiative is seeking organizations to serve as an AmeriCorps Community Partner Site (CPS) for an 11-month term starting August 25, 2008 and ending July 31, 2009.



The LEAP Initiative has a powerful mission focus of social and emotional support for low-income families with children, ages 0-5. As part of SMIF's Early Childhood Initiative, LEAP will engage members in service to ECI coalitions, Head Start Centers and other collaborating community and faith-based partners. Its goal is to close the social/emotional school readiness proficiency gap and strengthen families by working to build capacity of early childhood development and education efforts.

We invite your organization to submit a proposal if the information presented in the attached application appears to be a good match with your organization's early childhood goals. Once accepted as a CPS, organizations may renew for a second and third year. Technical assistance is available from SMIF to help potential partners create strong proposals. Site application deadline is May 1, 2008 with notification of awards by May 15, 2008.

For further information, contact Barbara Gunderson, LEAP/AmeriCorps Director, at 507-455-3215 or barbarag@smifoundation.org.



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