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## Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Initiative

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### Main South Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Grant

#### **What is the Main South BCJI Project?**

It is a resident-driven initiative to reduce violence, increase positive programs in the area, and build a stronger and healthier community for all our families.

#### **Who are the project partners?**

The Main South CDC is the grantee. The Boys and Girls Club, Worcester Police Department, and Clark University are additional project partners.

#### **What are our current efforts?**

- Improving neighborhood appearance
- Programming at University (Crystal) Park
- Main South Youth Corps: 27 week program focused on job readiness, leadership skills, and neighborhood stewardship
- Youth Outreach Workers (building relationships with youth in our neighborhood)
- Opportunities for community engagement
- Youth-police dialogues
- Increased WPD presence in target area

#### **Why take these particular steps?**

When neighborhood residents feel safe and able to use public spaces, and when youth have access to recreation and resources for fun and success, it creates a positive environment where youth, gang violence, and crime are reduced.

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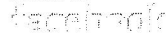
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