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FAMILIES AND EDUCATION LEVY APPROVED PROVIDER OVERVIEW

Organization Name: Refugee Women's Alliance

Website: www.rewa.org

RFQ Area Approved (select all applicable):

College and Career Readiness

Expanded Learning Opportunities

Elementary Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Family Support

Middle and High School Social, Emotional, and Behavioral

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

(Check all applicable)

Seattle Area(s) Served:

Northeast

Northwest

Central

Southeast

Southwest

Grades Served:

Elementary (K-5)

Middle (6-8)

High (9-12)

Special Populations Served:

English Language Learners

Special Education

Other

Please specify:

Areas of Support:

Math/Science

Reading/Writing

Attendance

College/Career

Language Acquisition

Passing Core Courses

Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Family Support

Service Delivery:

Before School

After School

During School

Weekends

School Breaks

Current Levy-Funded School Partners (if applicable):

Key Program Strategies (Please provide a brief overview of program strategies including number of students served and program costs):

1. Community-based family support for elementary students: ReWA serves 40 1st-5th graders and their families each school year. Our Somali and Spanish-speaking family advocates work with parents and school staff to help address the linguistic and cultural barriers that often prevent our families from engaging in schools. Services include translation, transportation, connections to social services, support during parent-teacher meetings, and parent education workshops.
2. After-school tutoring and enrichment: ReWA provides after-school programs for students in the 1st-12th grades that provide structured academic activities and enrichment activities designed to provide socio-emotional development. Students attending ReWA's programs receive assistance in homework completion and literacy instruction in one-on-one or small group settings. Staff monitor student progress in school and guide youth to develop individual academic goals and identify impediments to success. Enrichment activities are designed to increase positive inter- and intrapersonal skills, feelings of belonging, sense of community attachment and leadership abilities.
3. Job training: For high school ELL students, ReWA provides job training and college and career counseling. Students learn essential skills for successful employment and post-secondary life. Our family advocates monitor and support students in high school to ensure that they are making progress towards graduation. Successful completion of the program includes a summer internship and an \$800 stipend.
4. Leadership groups: ReWA believes in empowering young people to assume leadership roles in their community. Our leadership groups develop the skills refugee and immigrant youth need to feel confident in their own personal identities. Girls' and Boys' groups allow students to explore the unique challenges and experiences of growing up within their particular gender context.
5. Summer programming: To prevent the summer slide, ReWA provides summer programming to its students. Activities include academic projects, book clubs, science experiments, experiential learning opportunities, community activism and more.

Results Achieved (Bullets or Brief Description): (results are from the 2013-2014 school year)

- 88% of all ReWA students improved their grades in at least one core academic area.
- 78% of all ReWA students increased their English literacy levels.
- Teachers of ReWA students reported that 96% of ReWA students improved the quality of their homework assignments, 92.7% increased levels of positive participation in class, and 83% improved behaviorally.

Additional Notes:

In addition to the services listed above, ReWA is looking to partner with schools to develop mentorship programs for refugee students who have been in the country for fewer than three years.