



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is Community Youth Mapping?**

Community Youth Mapping™ (CYM) is an evidence-based youth engagement strategy that has been effectively engaging young people since the early 1990's. CYM was created in 1991 by the New York City Department of Youth Services as a way to provide information needed for a citywide information sharing phone line called a YouthLine. Young people from across New York City canvassed their own neighborhoods in search of places to go, things to do, and opportunities for young people, children and families in the city. Since 1995, CYM has been promoted and utilized as part of civil society, education, health and community building initiatives in over 150 communities across the U.S. and more than a dozen other countries.

### **What is 'Map My Maryvale' about?**

Starting in mid-June, approximately 30 teens will participate in a community mapping project of health and social services, activities, and resources various businesses and organizations offer to young people in the Maryvale neighborhood. Accompanied by adult field supervisors, the teens will interview business and community members, collecting detailed information about the nature of their services. The teens will note any gaps in services or resources and make recommendations for changes in the community.

This project offers the opportunity for youth to become active participants in their learning as well as work in partnership with adults to lead community development projects.

### **What will teens be doing as youth mappers?**

Teens will collect information from youth-friendly resources in the Maryvale community, including local businesses, recreational opportunities, social service organizations, and more! A Youth Mapper will perform duties under the supervision of an adult Field Supervisor and will work in a team with other Youth Mappers. Work involves a considerable amount of public contact in providing and in collecting data.

Once all the data is collected, teens will sort and categorize the information and enter it into a grid mapping program called Atlas GIS (Geographic Information System). This database will be used as a foundation to create an app for Maryvale teens that will provide information ranging from college scholarships to the location of the nearest public basketball court. A third party consulting group, Block By Block, will build the app and provides the structure for the youth mapping project.

### **What kind of training will teens receive?**

Teens will receive a 2-day orientation and training at the start of the project that will cover topics in life and soft skill development, world of work skills, team building, and specific strategies to successfully collect, enter and analyze data.. Weekly



enrichment training also will provide teens additional opportunities to develop skills in areas such as financial literacy, stress management, teambuilding, healthy relationships, communication and nutrition.

A Parent Orientation will be held June 12, 2018 from 5:30-7:00pm. Location to be determined.

### **What will the work schedule be? Where will the project take place?**

The project runs June 13 - August 3, 2018. Youth Mappers will work Monday – Friday 8:00am - 2:00pm and be based at a location to be determined in the Maryvale area. There will be numerous indoor breaks available to minimize exposure to summer heat. Friday will be an Enrichment Day with speakers and presentations.

### **Who can apply to be a youth mapper?**

Teens age 14 to 17 with diverse backgrounds and abilities who are looking to grow their job skills, build relationships with local professionals, and connect with their community are encouraged to apply. Candidates should be available to work the 6-week project period June 13, 2018 to Aug. 3, 2018. Due to the nature of the project, applicants living in or attending school in the Maryvale area are desirable, but not required. Bilingual English/Spanish skills also desired, but not required. A more detailed job description can be found [here](#). Applications are due May 14, 2018.

### **Are youth mappers paid?**

Youth Mappers will receive a \$1,200 stipend in the form of a Visa gift card for successful completion of the project.

### **What is the role of a Field Supervisor?**

Field Supervisors will coordinate and supervise a group (minimum of 10 youth) in the mapping of services, people and organizations in the Maryvale neighborhood. Field Supervisors will be overseen by the Community Youth Mapping Coordinator. Field Supervisor applicants (age 18 and over) must complete a background check performed by Maricopa County Department of Public Health prior to hire. More information on this position can be found [here](#).

### **Who is supporting the project?**

The 'Map My Maryvale' project is being coordinated by Maricopa County Department of Public Health and members of the Phoenix Community Youth Mapping Advisory Board.

### **When will applicants be notified? Who can I contact for more information?**

Applications will be evaluated as they are received. Candidates selected to move forward will be contacted for an in-person interview. All applicants should receive notification about their application status by mid-May. For questions, contact Cindy Quintero, Community Youth Mapping



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