

Community Academic Reciprocal Engagement (CARE)

CUSTOMIZED EVALUATION
SUPPORTS (CES) PROFILES



ORGANIZATION NAME

Community Academic Reciprocal Engagement (CARE)

PROGRAM NAME

CARE Afterschool Program

STEPPING UP THEMES

- Health & Wellness
- Education, Training & Apprenticeships
- Diversity, Social Inclusion & Safety

PROGRAM TARGET POPULATION

- Racialized youth
- Newcomer youth

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Recruiting Black girls and university students
- Facilitating a weekly after-school program
- Developing an end of project exhibit of works produced

“The goal was to demystify post-secondary education, increase possibilities, and inspire hopes and dreams for these girls who have just been ignored by society.”

- FUNKE OBA, FOUNDER

The CARE (Community Academic Reciprocal Engagement) program seeks to inspire Black middle-school girls and promote reflexivity among social work students.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program engages graduate social work and allied students from Wilfrid Laurier and Black girls in grades 6-8 in an intervention that promotes benefits for both groups through an arts-based after school program. The after school program focuses on the creation of arts projects that have a social justice aim.



WHAT ARE YOUR EVALUATION HOPES AND DREAMS?

“We’re hoping to show the impact from the project, learn some insights from it, and long-term we want to develop a community toolkit that gives the social workers and healthcare professionals some reflective pieces about what are the best practices and ways to evaluate how equipped they are to work with racialized youth.”



WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVALUATION?

“Canada is taking in an unprecedented number of refugees right now, but how equipped are we to create an environment that helps them thrive, that will enhance their prospects of civic participation? We need to look to the racialized youth who are already here in order to learn how we can really integrate the new refugees. Our evaluation will help us do that learning.”



WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT COULD YOU USE FOR THE EVALUATION?

“We want it to be art-based but we are open to other forms of evaluation if people want to write scholarly articles and things like that. Because I want the youth to be involved, and in art space everyone can do the evaluation.”

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