



## Program Descriptions

Founded in 2006 as a 501(c)(3) organization, the mission of Community Development Corporation of Northern New Jersey (CDC|NNJ) is to enhance the well-being of the northern New Jersey communities through education, outreach and collaborative partnerships. In 2012, CDC|NNJ decided to satisfy the organization's mission by offering a variety of “**Y**outh **E**nrichment **S**ervices” to improve the health of the minds, bodies and souls of youths in CDC|NNJ's service area. CDC|NNJ has endeavored to achieve this goal with “**F**OCUS”: **F**uture **O**ccupational **C**onfidence-building toward **U**nderstanding and **S**elf-awareness through education, enrichment, empowerment, engagement, and enlightenment. Under the “YES” brand, CDC|NNJ offers the programs described below.

**Sportsense** (April-June): Sportsense affords young people an opportunity to participate in community recreational leagues by providing financial assistance through an objective, competitive selection process. The program also offers Sportsense Scholars workshops on good nutrition and positive eating habits and the importance of regular exercise and activity.

**YES Camp** (June-Aug.): Licensed by the state of New Jersey since 2006, YES Camp offers a well-rounded, six-week, innovative summer experience designed to stimulate and facilitate fun, enrichment, leadership development, and wellness. One day per week campers swim at Streeter Pool and travel to fun, off-campus venues. Eighteen campers also have the opportunity to take formal swim lessons at the Greater Morristown YMCA.

**Dream Defenders Enrichment Academy** (September-May): In preparation for future leadership opportunities, Dream Defenders Enrichment Academy provides elementary aged students in grades 3 - 5 with a safe, caring, enriching and uplifting environment to flourish. Dream Defenders offers activities designed to bolster in-class academic success and cultural/historical knowledge. Through poetry, non-fiction research, public speaking, conflict resolution strategies and STEAM\* activities, students will be given the tools to excel.

Dream Defenders Enrichment Academy couples classroom learning with real world experiences, often the missing component in both academic and extracurricular activities. \*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math

**SAT Prep** (Jan.-April): Partnering with the Academic Resource Center, CDC|NNJ provides high school students a comprehensive SAT test preparation and review course. The course offers a parent orientation, 14 tutoring sessions, and three simulated assessments that are scored and analyzed by the Summit Educational Group. This program is offered singly or in conjunction with the YES Leadership Academy.

**YES Tutoring** (Sept.-June): Another collaboration with Academic Resource Center, YES Tutoring offers students in grades 1-12 one-on-one or group tutoring in all core subjects (*i.e.*, math, science, reading, language arts, English, history/social studies, and foreign languages except Latin). Tutoring can be provided singly or in conjunction with the YES Leadership Academy.