



## Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2010

### Youth Development Initiatives, Inc.

### Item III.A.2

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**Recommended Action:** Staff is recommending transferring the Youth Development Initiatives FY 09-10 remainder allocation of \$155,057 to Martin Luther King, Jr. Center (NFC)

**Issue:** To ensure greater efficiencies, small contracts are being consolidated within nearby Neighborhood Family Centers.

**Program:** Youth Development Initiatives

**Budget Impact:** Increase Martin Luther King Jr. Center's FY 09-10 allocation from \$362,596 to \$517,653. Decrease Youth Development Initiatives FY 09-10 allocation from \$155,057 to \$0.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** Increase efficiency

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**Background:** The mission of Youth Development Initiatives which, combines Precious Pearls and the Alpha Institute programs, is to promote educational development, self-esteem enhancement, health & wellness education, cultural appreciation, community service, the prevention of drug and alcohol use and avoidance of violence among community youth. The program provides services to adolescent girls (Precious Pearls) and boys (Alpha Institute) in the north county area. Services provided include seminars, workshops, leadership retreats, teen summits and educational activities. A tutoring component specific to FCAT testing has been added. The goal of the program is to educate youth about the harmful effects of high-risk behaviors, while encouraging and providing positive activities in the community.

Staff is recommending that Martin Luther King, Jr. Center administer and manage the contract which aligns community and faith-based programs with nearby Neighborhood Family Centers.