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Franklin Street DREAM Update April 2006

April has been an incredible month for UVM-Franklin Street DREAM and marks a huge success as the program winds up its first full semester of DREAM! The program has continued to have organized Fridays, strong parent communication, and tons of FUN building DREAM at Franklin Street!

Mentors prepared and carried out fantastic Fridays this month. It was really wonderful for them all to get outside and play on UVM campus as a group. In addition to group time, they began to split into small groups, allowing the mentors and children to get to know each other in a different, smaller, settings preparing for partnering up!

The mentors decided to take a trip to the bowling alley for their culminating experience this semester. In addition to bowling the group shared some healthy snacks and played creative games. It was a really fun treat for all and a terrific way for the group to spend their last Friday just as a group.

The following Friday they all joined in the festivities that the UVM-Elm Street local program had planned for Spring Thing. Here they were able to meet up with the other UVM program as well as the SMC-Franklin Square and Champlain College-Birchwood programs, listen to live music, play games (such as tug-o-war!), and have some burgers and hot dogs. It was a fun afternoon for the group -- a great opportunity to everyone to make new friends with DREAMers from around the state and to share excitement about the upcoming summer of Camp DREAM!

The Franklin Street LAB meeting this month was extremely successful. The parents discussed how the pick-up plan crated last month was working out, as well as upcoming events and general concerns, questions, and comments.

The DREAM Central Office has continued working closely with this group to develop children's programming for Fridays and continue to build upon already formulating parent/mentor relationships. Particular areas of development for the upcoming month include fall recruitment preparation, collaborations with other DREAM Local Programs, and an events planning for the children, families, and mentors.

The DREAM Office is also excited to be hiring and planning for the summer of 2006! After an incredibly competitive hiring process it is exciting to announce this year's DREAM summer interns include Kylie Edwards (a St. Michael's freshman and DREAM mentor) in addition to four other amazing interns who will be working with the Franklin Square community. Stay tuned for information about orientation, training, and summer plans at the Franklin Square community.

Camp DREAM is also currently undergoing construction, gearing up for the summer months of free residential programming for DREAMers across the state. This is the first summer that Franklin Street children will be able to attend to Camp DREAM and mentors, children, parents, and DREAM staff alike are thrilled to be able to share the experience with a new group of DREAMers! Central Office staff has been visiting DREAM families to invite all DREAM children over the age of 8 to attend overnight camp sessions.



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Out of the 134 children invited to Camp this summer from 8 different DREAM Programs, this year, 8 of them are from Franklin Street!

The UVM-Franklin Street DREAM Local Program is awesome! Next month will be their last event of the year, a family BB-Q and celebration at Franklin Street.

Keep DREAMing!
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