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Peace Games

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Why Peace Games?

What is Peace Games?

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Introduction

What is the definition of success?



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Why Peace Games?

- Non-profit Organization
- Youth Development
- Fairly recent incorporation
- Transformational Leadership





What is Peace Games? Beginnings

- The Peace Games Project and Dr. Francelia Butler
- Peace Games Festival
- “Children should be regarded as problem solvers [...] and that the best way for kids to learn about ‘peacemaking’ – cooperation, communication, and conflict resolution – was through games and other activities



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What is Peace Games? New Leadership, New Direction

- Phillips Brooks House Association (PBH) takes over operations of Peace Games
- Eric Dawson - Visionary Leader
- Enhancing the Peace Games Project – dramatic and interactive conflict-resolution school curriculum





What is Peace Games? - Inspiration

- Mission Hills Housing Development
- Peace, solidarity, and social action
- Re-designing Curriculum – semester long course and community service project component





What is Peace Games? - Issues

- Funding constrains implementation of new model
- Ill-prepared volunteers
- Insufficiently rigorous curriculum
- More training on Peace Games skills
- Applicability of the skills learned from Peace Games



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What is Peace Games? - Solutions

- Strategic planning process
- Reviewing evaluations
- Expanding the program out of Harvard
- Creation four new Peace Games curricula covering 2-year blocks, from 1st through 8th grade



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What is Peace Games? - Solutions

- Peace Games, Inc. circa July, 1996
- Board of Directors
- Grants to support administration
- Donations



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What is Peace Games? - Solutions

- Becoming an Executive Director
- Critical Oversight on schools
- Volunteer Matching
- Hiring of Operations Manager
- AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps VISTA



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What is Peace Games? - Solutions

- Mission Statement, March 1999:
Peace Games forms partnerships with elementary schools, families and young adult volunteers to empower students to create their own safe classrooms and communities
- National Expansion





Conclusion

- Is Peace Games a non-profit success-story?
- Is Peace Games under the leadership of Eric Dawson an example of effective Public Management?

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Conclusion

Thank you and have a great summer!!

