

Small Engines-Big Lessons
2009 Eastern District Resource Management Grant
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The 2009 District Resource Management Grant received by Sheboygan County served our outreach purposes well. With the funds we received we were able collaborate with several new adult leaders within the city of Sheboygan and who are also members of the local Hispanic Community. These adult leaders worked with 4 Hispanic, male, older youth at least twice a week during the afterschool hours. They worked to repair a lawn mower, a motorized dirt bike and several other pieces of equipment with small motors.

Our objectives, as outlined in the original proposal were reached. Overall the youth participants reported an increase in skills in small engine repair and an understanding of using these as work skills in a future career throughout their experience. Specifically participant indicated an increase in skills related to identifying small engine parts, tools, and safety gear. The adult leaders also reported that they observed they young people grow in these skills. The small engines projects provided an environment where youth were able to develop relationships with caring adult leaders. While these participants did not quite have the availability to explore further small engine careers as anticipated, they did gain some valuable experiences and the adults volunteers were able to share their skills with youth and develop an understanding of the value of youth contribution to the community.

The funds from this grant cycle were used as start-up funds and materials and equipment were purchased which will help this program continue into the 2010-2011 school year.