

Project GRACE program with leaders from Project Momentum Inc., Opportunities Industrialization Center, Community Enrichment Organization, South Side Health & Vitality Studies, Little Bethlehem Apostolic Church, University of Chicago, and UNC Center for Health Equity Research (2016 - Present)

PROJECT GOALS

To provide meaningful youth employment and an accurate community resource database.

INTERVENTION COMPONENTS

1. Asset Mapping

Youth canvas their community and use mobile technology to capture data about assets.

2: Youth Development

Youth learn professional development skills and use the scientific method to complete a research study.

HOW IT WORKS

 50

High School Students

 15

College Mentors

 8

Research Assistants

A leadership pipeline with returning youth promoted to advanced roles.

Meaningful Active Productive Science in Service to Communities (MAPSCorps) hires high school youth and university students to collect information on the organizational assets in their communities.

Active Assets Mapped Annually



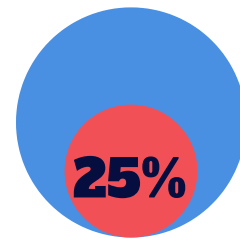
Assets

MAPSCorps defines an asset as a business or organization that provides goods or services to the public.

149 Public Health Assets



25% of assets we found cannot be found in mainstream information sources.



✓ YOUTH BENEFITS



✓ COMMUNITY BENEFITS



PARTICIPANT VOICES

"My community has a lot of valuable people. ...

We just need to work on saying where these resources are, giving them a stronger presence, and not just having this idea in our mind that we live in a bad place that doesn't have anything.

We may think that if we want to be something or do anything, we have to go 45 minutes out, and we don't.

We just need to come together and make our community stronger."

