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Investing In Girls Alliance A Year in Review 2020-2021

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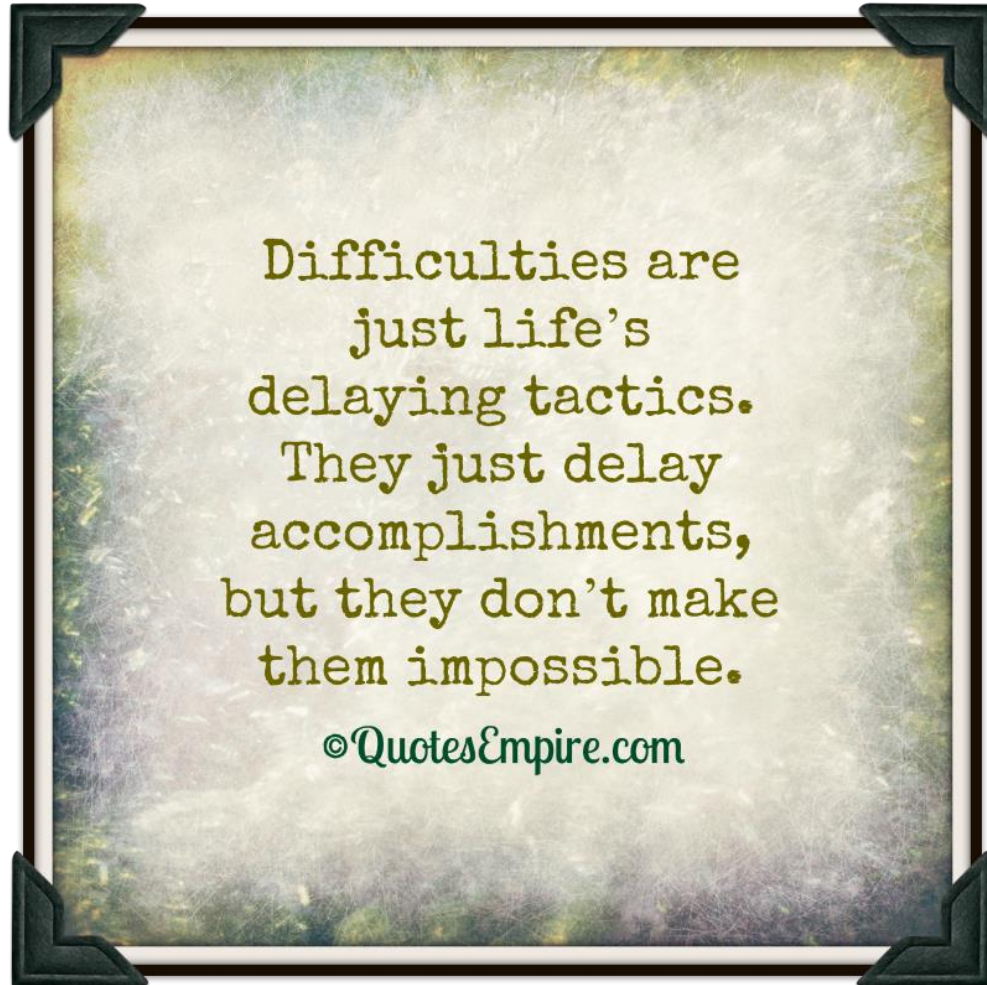


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We Made It Through!



A Review of our Accomplishments

The work goes on....

- ▶ Ongoing monthly virtual Leadership meetings
- ▶ Co-Sponsorship of LIFT's Human Trafficking Day
- ▶ Ongoing support of programs and members around COVID-19 responses
- ▶ Comprehensive Sexual Health Curriculum passed by Worcester School Committee!!!!

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Increasing funding for girls!

Meeting with Women's Funds of Massachusetts

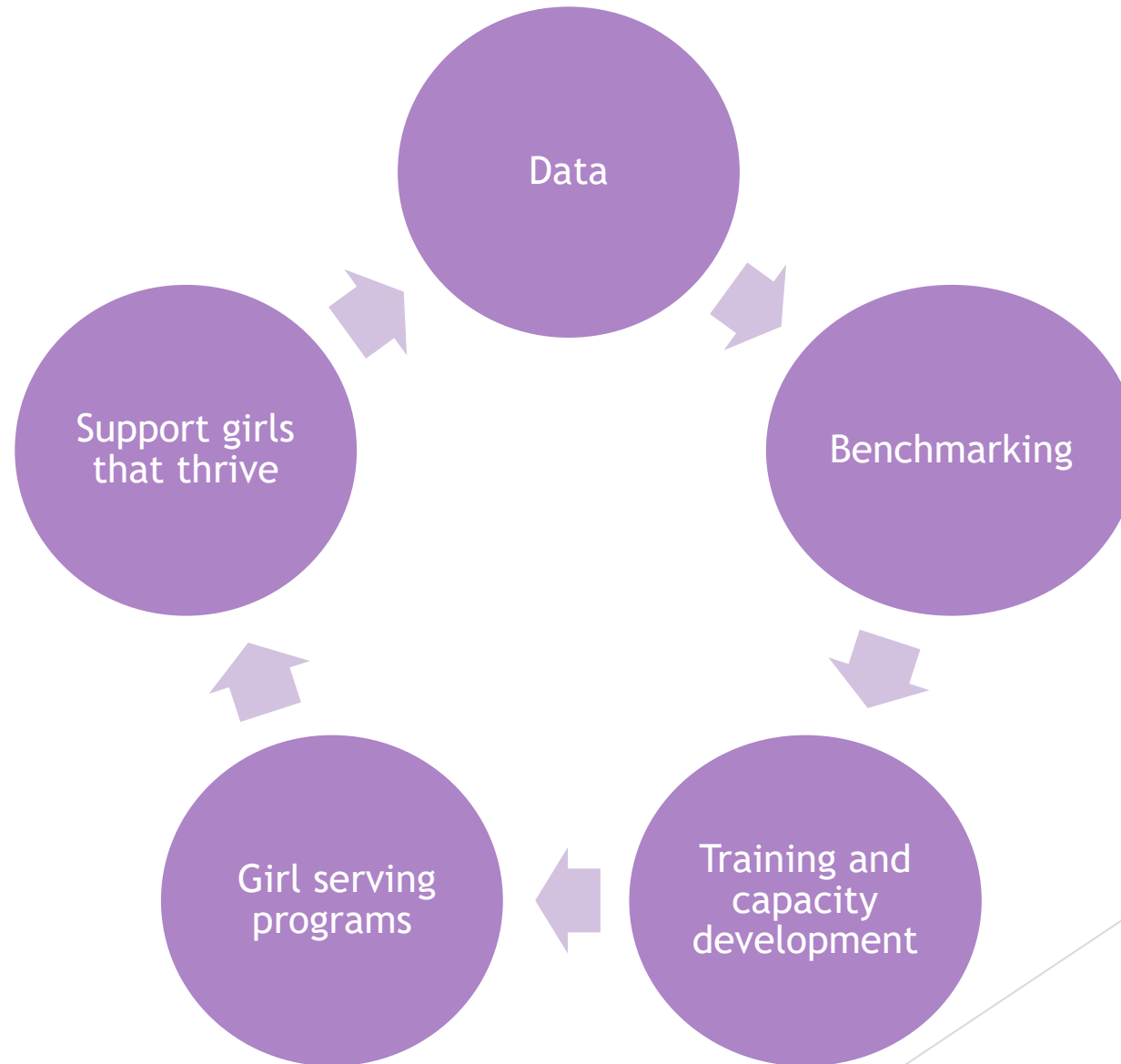
- ▶ Initial meetings with Western Mass, Metro West, Women's Initiative, Boston, Southeastern Mass.
- ▶ Follow up meeting with MetroWest in the rollout of their Needs Assessment

Supported innovative citywide Worcester Cares 4 Kids Babysitting Course

- ▶ Contributed \$6000 to cover \$80 stipends to 75 girls who completed the course. 300 youth have completed the course in one year.

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Successful
new grant
allocation
from the FHD
Foundation.



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Ongoing data collection to support our work

- ▶ Designed and rolled out surveys to collect data ongoingly as programs implement the programmatic benchmarks
- ▶ Accessed and disaggregated data from Worcester's Division of Youth Opportunities- RecWorcester's survey summer 2020
- ▶ COVID postponed the Worcester Division of Public Health implementation of the YRBS- to resume in Fall 2021

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Programmatic: Benchmark trainings and peer sharing

Four Benchmark Trainings

- ▶ Physical Health
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Conflict Resolution
- ▶ Career Readiness

57 attendees

- ▶ 4 states
- ▶ 16 Girl-Serving organizations
- ▶ 22,000 local middle school girls

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From a Benchmark Peer Group Discussion

“After the IIGA Thrive Benchmark training on Career Readiness, one of the girls in my program was talking and said she wanted to be an actress as her future career. Because of the training, I was prepared to ask her questions to get to understand the attributes of that career that appealed to her and open a conversation. Before this training I might have inadvertently dismissed her career goals and because of the training I was able to encourage, broaden her plans, and get her curious about what her future might hold.”

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Organizational: Discussions with Leadership

- ▶ 6 focused discussions of the organizational benchmarks among leadership of Worcester area girl-serving organizations
- ▶ Support for program delivery staff to build programs with intentionality around benchmarks and creating girls who thrive
- ▶ Grant writer training to support organizations using benchmarks, foundational research and benchmark impact data to show impact
 - ▶ 16 attendees

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Organizational Benchmarks

Benchmark: Girl serving organizations intentionally and regularly engage in programs and services uniquely designed for girls, informed by research and built on best practices.

Benchmark: Girl serving organizations act on data to identify and respond to the current critical and specific needs of girls in their programs.

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Focus Workshops

Follow up to Benchmark Trainings:

- ▶ June 9, 1- 2:30 pm - Supporting Positive Mental Health for Middle School Girls
- ▶ June 23, 1-2:30 pm - Supporting Self Advocacy and Conflict Resolution Skills for Middle School Girls

Planning for the Future

- ▶ Blended Statewide Meeting is being planned for **October 6, 2021: Focus on Benchmarks**
- ▶ Continue to roll out Benchmark training with expansion to measurement tools
- ▶ Benchmark Document - Updating based on training with research added
- ▶ Expand benchmarks to include foundational research and impact data”

Planning for the Future

- ▶ Follow-up with Women's Funds, Division of Public Health, Women's Commissions
- ▶ Fall - Lessons Learned from Summer Camp 2021
- ▶ Continue data collection
- ▶ Leadership meetings
- ▶ Increase IIGA's presence in social media
- ▶ What else?

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A Big Thank You to All of You!

