With the FSU College of Social Work’s commitment to community service in mind, Dean Nick Mazza moved forward to develop an arts-and-athletics-based community outreach program for local area youth. Collaboration among faculty members, community-based service providers, leaders and supporters in the greater Tallahassee area helped define the needs CSW Arts & Athletics program would address. Further cooperation among the College of Social Work, other FSU academic disciplines and a variety of Leon county agencies and organizations made CSW Arts & Athletics a reality in 2012.

Now entering its fourth consecutive year, the CSW Arts and Athletics two week summer camp is set to offer experiences in the arts, athletics, and higher education to promote positive youth development and peer relationships for youth in under-resourced areas in the community. Youth will be transported daily to the FSU main campus for the activities.

**2015 Program: June 8-19, 2015**

**Mission**
To foster well-being and prosocial development among youth through arts, athletics and community-based projects.

**Primary Objectives** (Community Development)
- Increase social competence
- Increase interest in college opportunities
- Empower Youth to make prosocial decisions
- Enhance youth sense of community

**Secondary Objectives** (Personal Development)
- Gain experience in university life and goal-setting for educational attainment
- Expand knowledge and appreciation of the arts as a function of life and personal development
- Learn the team-building process of sports
- Increase perceptions of athletic and artistic competence
- Increase community involvement

**Collaboration**
The CSW Arts & Athletics program will collaborate with the following entities:

**Community**
The Tallahassee Housing Authority

**Florida State University**
- FSU Athletics Department
- FSU Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement
- FSU College of Music
- FSU College of Fine Arts
- FSU Intramural Sports Program
- FSU School of Dance

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