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### **Wisconsin Fast Forward Program Announces Teacher Training and Recruitment Grant Recipients**

The Wisconsin Fast Forward Program has contracted with Literacy Lab and the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute (CHHI) to perform teacher recruitment, training and placement in public or private schools located in low-income or urban school districts in Wisconsin. Both entities received financial awards through the Wisconsin Fast Forward program to conduct teacher training efforts.

The Literacy Lab is a Washington DC-based non-profit that is dedicated to providing low-income children with individualized reading instruction to improve their literacy skills, leading to greater success in school and increased opportunities in life. The Literacy Lab will offer a "Leading Men Fellowship" in cooperation with the Milwaukee Education Partnership, Milwaukee Public Schools, Next Door Milwaukee and Milwaukee Area Technical College. The program will engage young men of color who are recent high school graduates in careers in early childhood education in Milwaukee.

CHHI is a Middleton, WI based non-profit that is committed to recruiting, developing, motivating and retaining teaching candidates "to the essential profession of transferring knowledge from one generation to the next." CHHI has proposed the "CHHI Coaching Program" to provide customized, one-on-one and team coaching coupled with teacher development, to recruit teachers for placement in Beloit Public Schools and the Racine Unified School District.

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