Reducing Gang Involvement in Worcester, MA
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The Problem
Worcester, MA is more dangerous than 89% of the cities in the United States:
Violent Crimes: Murder, rape, robbery, assault
Property Crimes: Burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft
Total Crimes: Violent Crimes + Property Crimes

Risk Factors of Gang Membership & Youth Violence
Individual, Community, Peer, School, Family

Our Objective
To keep kids in Worcester off the streets after school, and direct them towards the multiple programs offered.

Did You Know...

Location of Schools in Targeted Neighborhoods

Programs in Worcester
Girls Inc.
Boys & Girls Club
Worcester Youth Center
YMCA (Central Community Branch)
YMCA (Greendale Family Branch)
YWCA
Friendly House
You Inc.

Our Goal
To create a transportation system that commutes students from the schools located in neighborhoods with high crime activity, to the various programs located throughout Worcester, and back home if needed. The problem isn’t that there aren’t enough effective programs in Worcester; the problem is that kids have no way of getting to these programs.

Steps Taken to Reach Our Goal
1) Contact programs to ask questions, and get viewpoints.
2) Create informative website to raise awareness of programs:
   Theguysinbowties.weebly.com
3) Propose problem and website to the Chief of Staff of Worcester.
4) Reach out to schools to expose website, and have parents fill out the website’s survey.

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