**Organization name:** After School Central  
**Project name:** Wisdom Exchange Program  
**Project time period:** September–June

### Need
(Explaining why your project is necessary)

- Many students are reading below grade level at PS 111
- Supporting Facts or Statistics: Standardized test results for reading in our district. Comparison with surrounding schools demonstrating that the reading scores at PS 111 are low.
- Senior citizens are in need of meaningful volunteer work opportunities
- Supporting Facts or Statistics: Quote from Surgeon General regarding correlation with seniors who volunteer and higher quality of life.

### Project description
The Project description includes information from Goals, Objectives, Methods, Staffing, Partnerships, Evaluation, and Sustainability.

### Goals
- Increase reading levels for students
- Provide meaningful, rewarding, volunteer work for seniors

### Objectives
- Recruit 20 students, grades 3 thru 6, who are below grade level in reading
- Increase reading levels of at least 75% of student participants to their grade level
- Recruit, train, and retain at least 20 seniors as tutors for one year

### Methods
- One senior citizen will tutor one student for 2 days a week for one year
- Tutors are trained volunteers from Madison Community Center and Centro Senior Center; students are from PS 111

### Staffing
- Project Coordinator to oversee project
- Reading Instructor (consultant) to provide training for seniors. Remains available as a resource throughout the project. Assists in the evaluation of the program.

### Partnerships
- Madison Community Center
- Centro Senior Center
- PS 111 School administration
- PS 111 PTA

### Evaluation
- A pre- and post-test to determine reading skills
- Student folders with progressive work samples
- Volunteers and staff meeting logs to evaluate and record the successful procedures and the obstacles encountered
- A survey for volunteering seniors regarding their learning experience, satisfaction, etc.

### Sustainability
- Donations will be solicited from individuals in the community
- Future support will be sought from United Way and from local government agencies