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In 2006, Frontiers International, Inc. - Seventh District (FII-SD) formed a partnership with the Center for Civic Education to customize and implement a pilot We The People program. The goals of the FII-WTP pilot program were: 1) Increase of minority participation in the study of the Constitution and civics, 2) Model a Frontiers youth program that could be adapted on a national level.

After a successful pilot effort, Frontiers International held its first We The People national competition in Indianapolis, IN in 2008. Subsequent competitions have been held in Birmingham, AL where the WTP experience was enhanced by trips to civil rights landmarks like the 16th Street Baptist Church, Kelly Ingram Park and the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum.

The FII-WTP program is an after school civic education program model used to teach the WTP curriculum. Frontiers clubs around the country recruit primarily urban students and facilitators to participate in the FII-WTP program activities. The students study and prepare as a team for the national competition, a simulated congressional hearing where they compete against other teams and are judged on their knowledge and ability to express their understanding of the Constitution.

The FII-CCE partnership is an overwhelming success and the FII-WTP program has experienced significant growth each year. To date, over 1000 students have participated. One future goal is to send FII-WTP student teams to Africa to participate in an international youth democracy dialogue with students from various African nations.