

## FY17 Local Management Board Awards from the Children's Cabinet Fund June 20, 2016

### Local Management Board of Allegany County, Inc. - \$462,798

- **Bridges to Opportunity** – This program features a 16-week Getting Ahead component to help individuals in poverty build resources. Provides participants with concepts, tools, and relationships to enhance self-sufficiency. Will also feature a Youth Engagement Strategy.
- **Family Navigation Services** – This program provides information and referral via a single point of access. It helps eligible families to complete applications for benefits and services; create individualized "family plans"; identify, link, and coordinate needed services and supports; and develop necessary skills to advocate effectively for the needs of their child.
- **K.I.D.S (Keep Individuals Directed Successfully)** – An out-of-school time program that targets low-income, at-risk youth and their families residing at two (2) low-income public housing complexes in Cumberland.
- **School-Based Substance Use Intervention Program** – This program provides substance abuse intervention services in all four middle schools and three high schools in Allegany County.
- **Project Yes!** - This is a truancy prevention program that will operate out of all Allegany County middle and high schools with staff providing supports and training to elementary school staff.
- **Workplace Stability and Support** – This program will work to stabilize individuals transitioning out of poverty by helping Bridges Out of Poverty graduates maintain employment. Provides a shared on-site Resource Coordinator at area businesses that have committed to hiring low-income individuals after they have completed the 16-week Bridges Out of Poverty program.
- **Planning Funds** – The proposed planning project will bring together community partners to analyze and map local data to identify specific problems and potential intercept points where programming would be most successful in reducing crime and its harmful effects.
- **Healthy Families America** – An evidence-based in-home visitation program that serves high-risk prenatal women and children up to three years of age. The intervention includes home visits to enrolled families to help parents forge a strong bond with their child despite challenges.

### Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth and Families - \$1,114,752

- **Systems of Care** – The strategy will build on the existing system which is a partnership between all child-serving agencies to meet children and families' basic needs in a cross system, collaborative model. The system includes crisis response, a 1-800 warm line, systems navigation, Earn Benefits Online, and three multi-disciplinary Care Teams (CRICT, Early Childhood CRICT and Silver CRICT.)
- **Behavioral and Emotional Support & Training (BEST)** – A promising early childhood intervention program targeted at the Judy Centers at Hilltop Elementary School (North County) and Belle Grove Judy Center (Brooklyn Park) where, according to participants in the needs assessment and center staff, many young, homeless parents present. BEST includes the use of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire assessment and the Parents as Teachers evidence-based home visiting program.

Eligible young parents will be referred to a disconnected youth program, funded by WIOA, for help with job training and support and can also connect with Open Book, a child and parent visiting program operated by the library and currently in place at Ordinance Road Jail.

- **Reconnecting Families** – This program is an extension of the county Mental Health Agency’s jail diversion project focused specifically on incarcerated parents and their children. The program assists with minimizing the impact of incarceration by providing specific services to assess, stabilize and treat persons with behavioral health disorders (whose last known address was Anne Arundel County) assist them in reconnecting prior to their release. Based at the Jennifer Road Detention Center, a diversion worker is in the jail and in the community to assess readiness for return to the community and then offer care coordination and basic supports. The program focuses on non-violent offenders who are Medical Assistance eligible.
- **Youth Empowerment Services (YES)** – A successful in-school mentoring program focused on youth from low income families who are at high risk of dropping out. Utilizing the evidence-based Reconnecting Youth curriculum, the program will be moved to the middle schools (Brooklyn Park and Lindale) in North County with the highest number of children impacted by incarceration.
- **Strengthening Families** – An evidence-based intervention to reconnect unaccompanied homeless youth and young homeless parents with their families.
- **Community Conferencing** – The program focuses on first time, minority, misdemeanor and felony offenders by diverting youth at the point of suspension either by removing the suspension or shortening the duration of the suspension.
- **JIFI Program** – The program focuses on disconnected and homeless youth recruited from North County, either to reconnect them to school or to the Disconnected Youth program for referrals and services, a homeless navigator for support with housing issues.
- **Community Planning** – Provides resources for a guiding coalition to evaluate implementation of recent planning and to further develop plans for the next two years, honing a population lens and pivoting efforts to other areas of poverty beginning with South County in FY18.
- **The Peak Youth Services Bureau** – Offers services to targeted populations in North County, including a recovery house for teens. Referrals will be made from each of our super-connector navigators for behavioral health services required by disconnected youth, homeless youth and youth impacted by incarceration.
- **Healthy Start North County** – This strategy builds on existing resources by adding resources to the Healthy Start/Home Visiting program, operated by the county health department, to focus on low income single mothers and their children who have been impacted by incarceration in North County. Healthy Start in Anne Arundel County is a two-generation approach to address identified risks in vulnerable, pregnant women, infants and children up to age three. Services include home visiting, ongoing care coordination and support, psychosocial, nutritional and smoking cessation counseling, childbirth, and breastfeeding. The evidence-based Parents as Teachers model is part of parenting support and education.

### **Family League of Baltimore City, Inc. - \$2,478,978**

- **Community Schools** – Supporting school coordinators at 21 local community schools who will work with stakeholders to build a network of resources, and to assist families in navigating that network.
- **Baltimore Partnership to End Childhood Hunger (Summer Meals Outreach)** – Supporting outreach efforts to encourage participation in summer nutrition programs that are specifically designed to replace the meals typically offered during the school year (breakfast, lunch and afterschool meals) at sites that provide educational, physical and recreational activities and keep children nourished, stimulated and engaged during these critical summer months.

- **Baltimore Hunger Project (BHP)** – Recognizing that many children in high-poverty communities do not have access to meals on weekends, BHP staff devised a strategy to bring meals to those children. BHP works with school staff to identify particular students. Then, BHP staff package a weekend’s worth of shelf-stable meals for the identified student, which they deliver to partner schools on Friday mornings.
- **Youth Services Bureaus** – Youth Services Bureaus are community-based, non-residential organizations that provide formal and informal counseling, case management, and crisis management services to youth. They serve a critical function in Baltimore by working to keep at-risk children and youth connected with their schools and communities. There are two YSBs in Baltimore City with services, tailored to their communities’ specific needs, including delinquency prevention, youth suicide prevention, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, and youth development services.
- **Home Visiting** – Supporting evidence-based home visiting, specifically the DRU/Mondawmin Healthy Families (DRUM) program, one of the five accredited Healthy Families America home visitation programs in the City. DRUM supports high-risk families in select west and northeast Baltimore communities.

### **Baltimore County Local Management Board - \$908,372.50**

- **Healthy Families Home Visiting** – Serves pregnant women and families through the delivery of the Healthy Families America evidence-based home visiting program, with specific linkages to connect families to work and/or school, and address the unique needs of families when a primary caregiver or financial provider is incarcerated.
- **Family Navigation** – Navigation services for families with children with intensive needs, including but not limited to family outreach; screening and assessment; information and referral; and family support as a means to prevent out-of-home placements for children diagnosed with behavioral, educational, developmental, or mental health needs that cannot be met through available public agency resources.
- **Functional Family Therapy** – An evidence-based, short term family therapy program that is designed for the prevention and early intervention of adolescent behavior problems such as conduct disorder, violent acting account, and substance use, as well as the family conflict that accompanies these behaviors.
- **Associated Catholic Charities Youth Services Bureau** – Preventing youth from either entering or falling deeper into the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, or the behavioral health system by providing mental health treatment services, and other support services for children, youth, and families.
- **Lighthouse Youth Services Bureau** – Preventing youth from either entering or falling deeper into the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, or the behavioral health system by providing mental health treatment services, and other support services for children, youth, and families.

### **Calvert County Family Network - \$249,422**

- **Youth Intervention & Engagement** – Expands the existing Youth Interventionist program to include a comprehensive approach including therapeutic interventions that address mental health needs, peer led groups to build resiliency and soft skills, and case management with opportunities for psychoeducational curriculum for families.
- **Reentry Case Management** – Funds a full-time Reentry Case Manager position for the Reentry Family Reintegration program which is targeted to disconnected youth and incarcerated parents. Also supports training to implement a Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) Simulation Tool developed by

George Mason University's Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence with three main functions: classifying programs for treatment matching and assessment; assessment of an individual's risk, need and lifestyle factors; and assessment of a jurisdiction's capacity to be responsive to risks and needs, using the RNR tool. The tool will also be used by behavioral health and detention center classification staff to assess inmates and match them with programs most suitable to assist in their transition to reentry.

### **Caroline Human Services Council, Inc. - \$563,425**

- **Child and Family Behavioral Support Program** – Home-based interventions, using an intensive behavioral support model, for youth with an incarcerated parent. A behavioral Interventionist will work with the child/youth/parent/teacher to design a behavioral plan to address any negative patterns of behavior. The program will provide re-entry services to incarcerated caregivers/parents in the detention center prior to release including assistance with visitation both in and out of detention and linkage to various community resources. Help will be provided to caregivers/parents to navigate the multiple systems of court, education, etc.
- **Lifelong Learning Centers After School Program** – A comprehensive afterschool and parenting education program at three sites (two middle schools and one elementary school) will include a locally-designed basic life skills curriculum that focuses on four areas directly related to nutrition, health and cooking:
  1. Math & Economics: You have Bills to Pay and You Need To Eat – Learning to do both on a Budget;
  2. Food Science & Biology: The science in growing and preparing food;
  3. Nutrition & Health: All Foods are Not Created Equal – Learning to Read Nutrition Labels and More; and
  4. Cooking Matters: What We Buy, How We Prepare It and How We Store It Makes a Difference –Classes will include store tour, farm tours, kitchen boot camp (food safety), canning & freezing.

### **Carroll County Local Management Board - \$513,102**

- **Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT)** – A structural, problem-focused, directive approach in treating conduct problems, associations with anti-social peers, early drug use and maladaptive family interactions. BSFT is an evidence-based intervention to prevent and addresses mental health needs, as well as substance abuse problems.
- **Get Connected Family Resource Center** – Provides information and referrals to requests made by callers, walk-ins and by email. Staff assess needs and connect callers to a community-based system of services. A navigator provides information and support to families of children diagnosed with intensive needs to enable the family to make an informed decision regarding the services.
- **Parents-As-Teachers** – An evidence-based two generational home visiting program that addresses the needs of the whole family. Provides parenting education and supports that build protective factors especially for those families most in need and addresses the physical, social and emotional well-being of children, promotes nurturing parenting skills and strengthens parents' self-sufficiency skills.

### **Cecil Human Service Agency - \$377,865**

- **Boys and Girls Club** – The Boys and Girls Club will combine the academically-focused programs of Power Hour (homework help) and Project Learn (fun, high-yield learning activities) with SMART Moves, a health and life skills program designed to teach youth resistance and refusal skills,

assertiveness, strong decision making, an understanding of peer influence and the practice of responsible behavior. Serves youth ages 9-15, primarily from Title 1 schools.

- **Generation Station** – An out-of-school time program that targets 6th-9th grade students the underserved area of Cecil County south of the C&D Canal. Provides support in the areas of academics, character development, socialization and recreation throughout the middle school years and through the first year of high school, to increase the likelihood that students will continue their education or find meaningful employment after high school.
- **My Family Matters** – Parenting program targeted to caregivers and children from Title I elementary schools who have been identified by school staff, school social workers or program staff as at-risk, who would benefit from extra academic and/or other supports. Provides non-judgmental skills around positive parenting, encourages open family communication, and support parents by offering the necessary tools and resources to address difficult issues with their children.
- **Children of Incarcerated Parents** – Multi-faceted approach that includes Botvin's LifeSkills program, individualized case management services that assess needs in various life domains, including family and peer relationships, school issues and free time activities. Targeted to school-aged children with an incarcerated parent to encourage regular school attendance and satisfactory academic progress.
- **Collective Impact Planning for Disconnected Youth** – To study the depth of youth disconnection in Cecil County, and to create dynamic partnerships between community agencies, local non-profit programs and the business community to create a network of services to meet the diverse needs of this population.

### **Charles County Advocacy Council for Children, Youth and Families - \$383,826**

- **Summer/Mobile Meals Program/Pathway to Nutrition** – A collaboration to feed children between the age of 3 through 18 and adults during the summer months when school is not in session. Provides a hot lunch at four sites and bagged cold lunches at the remaining 10 sites. Also includes the Passport to Nutrition curriculum for parents and children who access the program at the Westlake High School site. The curriculum was developed by Giant Foods and has six sessions on topics such as nutrients, MyPlate and food groups, hydration, senses and tastes, reading food labels and portion control, and energy balance.
- **Sherriff's Summer Youth Achievement** – This program targets middle school students age 10-14 years referred by school staff, local Department of Juvenile Services staff and other agencies for intervention and prevention services including supervision, social skills, and education and awareness components.
- **Functional Family Therapy (FFT)** – An evidence-based intervention to reduce out-of-home placement of children diagnosed with severe emotional and behavioral problems. FFT is a short-term (approximately 30 hours), family-based therapeutic intervention for delinquent youth at risk for institutionalization and their families.
- **Family Navigator** – Using existing infrastructure and resources to establish the Pathways to Employment/Education Program (PEP), the goal of which is to target disconnected youth, specifically those with an incarcerated parent, with the ultimate goal of assisting them to reestablish connections that facilitate education and employability.
- **Youth Services Bureau** – Will address the needs of the disconnected youth population using a combination of cognitive behavioral therapies to address factors related to mental health, substance abuse, crisis, and suicide. The Second Step and Reconnecting Youth curricula are used in group therapeutic settings.

## **Frederick County Office for Children and Families - \$393,603**

- **Local Access Mechanism** – The Western Maryland 2-1-1 system will provide a Single Point of Access 24/7 for families with human service needs in Frederick County. Trained phone counselors will be available to respond to the needs of callers – from resource and referral to more urgent mental health needs.
- **Out of School Programs** – Targets middle school youth who are deemed by referral source to be at risk for negative academic, social and/or legal outcomes. Comprehensive programming includes daily opportunities for youth engagement during the school year, as well as summer programming for youth deemed most at-risk for academic failure, behavioral/emotional problems and/or Department of Juvenile Services involvement.
- **Juvenile Entry Diversion Initiative (JEDI)** – The program provides services focusing on diverting juvenile offenders from the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) and redirecting youth identified as Children in Need of Supervision (CINS) away from DJS to community-based services. The JEDI program primarily serves first-time misdemeanor offenders as well as alleged CINS cases.

## **Garrett County Health Department - \$530,263**

- **Diversion for Youth and Family Navigation** – A strategy is for youth ages 11-17 that offers intake diversion services to juveniles referred to the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) for a first time non-violent offense in hopes of avoiding further DJS involvement. The program also diverts first-time minor moving violation offenders (up to age 17) from the local Sheriff's office from becoming a formal citation. Also targets families that need assistance with accessing and/or navigating health and human services and supports – especially families with multiple and/or intensive needs.
- **Early Care Healthy Families** – The program provides resources and support services to expectant mothers and families through ongoing home visits from registered nurses and trained para-professionals, as well as linking these women to health, education and support programs and services. Services continue until age five or the child transfers to another program. Provides care and support for low income, at risk mothers to have a healthy pregnancy, provide responsible and competent care for their children, and become more economically secure.
- **Partners Afterschool @ Oakland** – The program offers homework help, tutoring, academic enrichment, cultural enrichment, service learning, and recreation and is a targeted delinquency prevention strategy. Serves youth at Southern Middle School in grades 3-8 that reside in the Broad Ford Elementary School, Dennett Road Elementary School, Youth Glades Elementary School, and Southern Middle School attendance areas.
- **Healthy Communities/ Healthy Youth** – A youth prevention and diversion environmental strategy for all youth, including disconnected youth ages 16-24 years old and minor children of incarcerated adults that utilizes community based activities that are alcohol, tobacco, and other drug free. The activities are targeted toward school age youth and their families. Utilizes the evidence-based 40 Developmental Assets framework which is grounded in research in youth development, resiliency, and prevention.
- **Mobile Outreach Education Community Center** – Uses a refurbished bus to provide outreach education to improve outcomes for disconnected youth, reduce childhood hunger, and reduce the impact of incarceration on children, families and communities. The bus will be located in underserved, low income areas on a regular/rotating weekly schedule and will promote the health, education, and wellness of children and families.

- **Summer Youth Employment Supplement** – Provides quality summer work experience and career development programming for at risk youth. Fund approximately fourteen (14) additional Workforce Incentive Act Summer Youth Employment slots as an expansion of the Western Maryland Consortium’s Summer Youth Employment Program. Youth are employed for up to six weeks of supervised work experience with an optional week. Participants work in a variety of entry-level jobs at government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, nonprofits, small businesses, law firms, museums, sports enterprises, and retail organizations.

## **Harford County Department of Community Services Local Management Board \$482,994**

- **Local Access Mechanism** – The program will consist of family navigation services in which a legacy parent works to empower other families through the individual family-to-family support, education, advocacy, resource referral, and follow up.
- **Teen Court** – This program is offered as a positive experience to divert a first time teen offender away from a pattern of criminal behavior. Serves youth between the ages of 11 to 17 who have committed a minor criminal offense. The Harford County Sheriff’s Office Youth Services Division operates the program as a diversion plan to prevent certain juvenile cases from being forwarded to the Department of Juvenile Services and allows offenders to serve-out sanctions handed down by a jury of their peers.
- **CINS Prevention** – Children in Need of Supervision (CINS) prevention serves elementary-age and middle school youth that have been identified as exhibiting disruptive behavior or presenting behaviors such as acting out or withdrawing at home, in school, or in the community. The focus of the program is to intervene early when the identified issues are more amenable to intervention. The program promotes parent engagement in their child’s education, which in turn increases improved family functioning and school attendance.
- **CINS Diversion** – The goal is to provide services to students that will decrease their likelihood of any or further involvement with the Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Social Services, avoid an out-of-home placement and improve their overall well-being. Students and families served by the program need individualized services which are strength based, comprehensive, culturally competent, and empower the student and family to make positive, sustainable changes. A support group will also be open to all students enrolled in the school that have been impacted by incarceration. Coping skills, strengths building, and family systems will be discussed to help support the student whose parents is incarcerated and also provide support to their caregiver.

## **Howard County Local Children’s Board - \$448,049**

- **Planning Funding** – To build and strengthen the Board’s commitment to the work outlined in the Community Plan, develop a comprehensive plan that implements the Community Plan and creates accountability across the County’s child serving agencies.
- **Mentoring** - Provides mentors to youth that are at risk of disconnection from school.
- **PIT Count and Resource Fair** – Track and measure the number of unaccompanied minors up to age 25 living in Howard County. Conduct a point-in-time (PIT) count using the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines and conduct a resource fair.
- **Mobility Mitigation** – Funds will be used to provide intensive case management services to families with children. The focus of case management services will be to reduce and/or eliminate housing instability for families with children and thereby improve child academic achievement through

families' participation in a structured two year family wellness/anti-poverty program that provides a structured life skills curriculum.

- **Family Navigation** – Parent and youth support services include developing and linking with formal and informal supports; instilling confidence; assisting in the development of goals; serving as an advocate, mentor, or facilitator for resolution of issues; and teaching skills necessary to improve coping abilities. The providers of peer support services are family members or youth with “lived experience” who have personally faced the challenges of coping with serious mental health conditions, either as a consumer or a caregiver. These peers provide support, education, skills training, and advocacy in ways that are both accessible and acceptable to families and youth.
- **Strengthening Families** – An evidence-based family skills training program found to significantly improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse in children and to improve social competencies and school performance. Offered to parents of young school age children with a separate program for 10 to 14 year olds. An in-jail program is also offered to 6-10 year olds.
- **Mediation Center** – Implement the Restorative Practices program as part of the larger Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services model. Serves at-risk youth and their families who are referred through community partners such as the school system, the police, state’s attorney or Department of Juvenile Services.

### **Family and Community Partnerships of Kent County - \$376,358**

- **Check & Connect** – An evidence-based program to reduce truancy and drop-outs. The Check component assesses student engagement through close monitoring of student performance and progress indicators. The Connect component involves program staff giving individualized attention to students, in partnership with school personnel, family members, and community service providers.
- **Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative** – Focuses on providing counseling services to children and youth, and provides teachers with the resources and skills to better manage students experiencing the effects of trauma, mental illness and substance use in the classroom.
- **Healthy Families Mid-Shore Home Visiting** – An evidence-based program that serves low-income families eligible for Maryland Children’s Health Program or those who are uninsured and reside in Queen Anne’s, Talbot or Kent Counties. The program promotes health and development among first-time expectant parents and first-time parents with new babies under three months of age. Highly-trained Family Support Workers deliver high-quality, long-term (enrolled children are eligible through age five) home visiting services to families facing significant challenges. The workers use the *Growing Great Kids, Inc.* curriculum to build a committed relationship with the families, conduct developmental screens, make referrals for community resources and provide information regarding essential parenting skills.
- **Strengthening Families** – Supports the provision of case management services.

### **Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, Inc. - \$1,087,701**

- **Pathway to Services** – Montgomery County’s single point of contact for families and providers to access services for children with severe social, emotional, and behavioral problems. With partners from child and family serving agencies across the County, the Collaboration Council directs parents to the most appropriate services; leads efforts to bring fragmented resources together on both the

family and program levels; and builds effective, community-based programs—all contributing to the system of care.

- **Family Navigation** – Family members with extensive experience raising children with mental, emotional, behavioral, or other developmental challenges and who have first-hand knowledge of how services are provided in the community assess the needs of the family and determine their level of need—intensive, moderate, or supportive—and design strategies to address the needs of the family.
- **Youth Services Bureaus** – Aligned to the Communities are Safe, Children Complete School, and Healthy Children Results, Youth Service Bureaus contribute to the reduction of substance use prevalence, juvenile offense rates, and school dropouts. Providing access to treatment and referral services and improving overall mental, social, and emotional well-being, students are more likely to be engaged in school, reduce substance abuse, reduce violence, and solidify family support.
- **Community of Practice** – To strengthen the practice of youth development practitioners and ultimately improve outcomes for youth, the Collaboration Council will establish a Youth Development Community of Practice infrastructure for practitioners serving youth who are disconnected from school and work. Practitioners come together to share experiences and learn from one another, innovate and solve problems by building new knowledge, new practice, and policies, as well as establishing a collective and strategic voice. The need for solid practice and innovation has never been more crucial than when serving transition age youth and youth who are disconnected. Practitioners who work with youth either in child welfare, health care, juvenile services, workforce development, or behavioral health will benefit from cross-sector conversations, a core set of knowledge and skills, and access to shared performance measures.
- **Excel Beyond the Bell** – A collaborative effort to develop a county-wide system of out-of-school time (OST) opportunities for youth. It includes OST at seven middle schools and a comprehensive system of professional development. Programming provides academic enrichment opportunities that complement areas of study during the regular school day, as well as opportunities to develop positive Social and Emotional Learning skills that address issues related to bullying and harassment.

### **Prince George’s County Commission for Children, Youth and Families \$1,432,511**

- **After School** – After school services are provided at eleven different sites based on best practices and standards outlined by the Maryland Out of School Time Network (MOST), a statewide youth development organization dedicated to increased and enhanced opportunities during the out of school hours for all of Maryland’s young people.
- **Gang Prevention** – The Phoenix Gang Prevention Program targets students at the highest risk for gang involvement in two County high schools. The program engages students in a minimum of twenty-five (25) sessions inclusive of benchmark outcome evaluations.
- **Kinship Care** – The Kinship Care program is designed to provide counseling and supportive services to families caring for relative children. Program goals are to provide emotional support to families; help develop a sense of independence; prevent out of home placement; and encourage family unity.
- **Truancy Reduction Program (CHOICE Program)** – Serves students at Martin Luther King Middle School and Laurel High School in Laurel; and Charles Carroll Middle School in New Carrollton. The goal is to improve school attendance and attitude toward education in youth by providing intensive case management and educational support/advocacy.
- **Teen Court** – A juvenile justice program managed by teens for teens with appropriate levels of supervision and oversight. It is an alternative justice system that offers teenage offenders an important opportunity to learn from their mistakes without acquiring a criminal record.

- **Family Navigation Services** – Assesses families/children that self-refer or are referred for assistance to determine the gravity of their situation and then provides information, referral and assistance to help them access and coordinate available public and private services and supports that address all of their needs.
- **Multi-Systemic Therapy** – A juvenile crime prevention program to enhance parenting skills and provide intensive family therapy to teens and delinquent teens ages 12-17 who have a very long history of arrests. The program empowers youth to cope with the family, peer, school, and neighborhood problems.

## **Queen Anne’s County Community Partnerships for Children and Families - \$335,286**

- **Partnering for Youth Afterschool Program** – Students at Centreville and Stevensville Middle Schools, who are at risk of failure due to academic and behavioral concerns are targeted for participation. Multi-week sessions are held twice per year for 3-4 days per week and include academic support, enrichment classes and positive youth development. The program follows best practices for out-of-school time programs to enhance academic and social skills, plus school engagement.
- **Character Counts!** is a national character development initiative that utilizes the six pillars of character; includes weekly volunteer character coaching in schools, community capacity building, and social marketing of character development. This program utilizes volunteer coaches who provide weekly character lessons in targeted classrooms throughout the year.
- **Youth (CommUNITY) Mentoring** – Matches volunteer part-time mentors with students at greatest risk of school absenteeism, dropping out of school or being referred to the Department of Juvenile Services. Mentors work one-on-one with identified youth in grades 6-10 on a weekly basis and at the student’s middle or high school. Students are supported with academic tutoring, plus opportunities to visit colleges or explore vocational experiences.
- **Achievement Mentoring** – Provides intensive case management services at four middle schools to connect youth and family members to behavioral, academic, and social resources. The target population is middle school students assigned to the Alternative School who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system.
- **Healthy Families Mid-Shore Home Visiting** – The target population is first time teen parents who are eligible for Maryland’s Health Insurance Program and who are at risk for poor parenting due to several factors including juvenile delinquency. Trained Family Support Workers meet with young families in their homes on a weekly to a monthly basis, depending on need and progress toward goals.
- **Chesapeake Helps!** – A single point of access for Queen Anne’s County residents including an information and referral line and website for children and family services with screening for level of need. There is a special emphasis on connecting youth and families to basic need resources such as housing and other support resources.
- **Family Navigation** – Families are guided and encouraged to access resources and to build upon their strengths. Family Navigation builds on existing resources by connecting families with greatest needs to local or regional resources.

## **St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services - \$401,718**

- **After-school program** at Green Holly Elementary School, one of the County's four Title-I schools. 51% of the students who will attend the program will be children of parents that are currently or once incarcerated.
- **Flow Mentoring** – 51% of the students who participate in the program will be children of parents that are currently or once incarcerated. These youth are more likely not to be engaged in school during this time period because the trauma associated with absence of the parent and lack of guidance provided in their current living situations, which has been shown to lead to the youth becoming disconnected from work and education. The Mentoring program will serve as the pilot mentoring project for the Family First Southern Maryland.
- **Navigation/Youth Engagement** – Navigators will provide the guidance and help essential to completing one's education, finding a job, etc. The navigators are essential in addressing the mental health and physical health needs of young people who are disconnected.
- **COVE DFZ** – Funding primarily supports transportation to substance abuse treatment programs.
- **The Youth Services Bureau** – A Youth Interventionist provides delinquency prevention, youth development, and family support services to youth up to age 25 and their families. The focus is on the provision of formal and informal counseling to youth who are engaging in high risk behaviors that could lead to academic failure, failure to graduate, and lack of employment

## **Somerset County Local Management Board - \$288,755**

- **Active Parenting** – Provides free, regular parenting classes in Princess Anne and at the Somerset County Detention Center and Eastern Correctional Institute to support family change in a class setting to build inmates parenting skills and strengthen their relationship with their children. The target population for the community-based program is families in the greater Princess Anne area who have been referred by the court system or social services and are in need of specialized parenting support. Families with emotionally disturbed, behaviorally disordered, victimized or resistant youth, and parents who are age 16 to 24 and are not in school or working will be targeted for the program.
- **Children's Safe Initiative** – Comprehensive crime reduction, substance use and anti-bullying education, intervention and community outreach program designed to enhance the safety of children in the Town of Princess Anne. This is achieved by providing increased police presence and enforcement at the elementary schools and other locations frequented by young children through Community Policing efforts, Keepin' it REAL curriculum and other substance abuse education programs, and facilitating positive youth interaction with law enforcement through outreach activities.
- **Safeguarding Children of Arrested Parents** – The program will provide an array of resources and support programs tailored to address the unique needs of children of incarcerated parents, their parents and caregivers. Will engage incarcerated parents at the Somerset County Detention Center and Eastern Correctional Institution in family mediation services and re-entry coordination and building resource connections for children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers. Additionally, the program will provide training and resources for law enforcement to mitigate trauma to children present during their parents' arrest and follow-up on cases involving children of an incarcerated parent.
- **Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol** – A promising practice aimed at reducing the availability of alcohol to minors by decreasing public support for underage alcohol use, affecting policies and ordinances, engaging in community outreach and increasing police enforcement of

current laws. The program targets youth age 21 and under who attempt to or do purchase alcoholic beverages, licensed merchants selling alcohol within Somerset County and communities identified through tips hotline or other means as areas of suspected underage alcohol usage during parties or other events.

- **Sustainable Somerset** – A new initiative designed to reduce the impact of childhood hunger in the community, through a series of evidence-based smart cooking, child nutrition and sustainable small agriculture projects. The program will provide weekly healthy cooking classes for a child and parent duo at sites in both Princess Anne and Crisfield, and will support a community garden project in conjunction with the federally-funded Local Foods, Local Places initiative in Crisfield that includes a harvest market, youth summit community-supported fishery, and an agricultural-based business incubator facility.

### **Talbot Family Network - \$333,643**

- **Healthy Families Mid-Shore Home Visiting** – A prenatal through age 5 home visiting program for high-risk families that supports the development of healthy, stable, economically self-sufficient parents by capitalizing on the worker/parent relationship and leveraging this trust to engage the mothers in self-development and behavior change.
- **Community Nutrition and Gardening Education** – A nutrition and gardening education to the community and provide coordination of the Talbot County Hunger Coalition. Will train volunteers to deliver nutrition and gardening education programs for the community. This program will empower families to move toward self-sufficiency, become food secure and safe and economically stable.
- **Healthy Habits** – Will reduce hunger by delivering nutrition education via well-established afterschool programs, to students in schools with Free and Reduced Meal rates at 50% or greater. Targets 175 children at two sites with research-based nutrition education and after school meals.
- **Mentoring and Support Group for Children with Incarcerated Parents** – A program that provides expanded mentoring services including individual needs assessments, case management services and a trauma informed therapeutic support group to address the attachment, stigma and mental health related issues experienced by children of incarcerated parents. Enhanced training will be provided for mentors of children affected by incarceration.
- **Bridges Out of Poverty/Getting Ahead** – Educational and practical training provided to resourced and non-resourced community members regarding poverty and methods of moving out of poverty.
- **Conversation on Race Sunday Suppers** – Community conversations on race over a shared meal facilitated by mediators trained by Mid-Shore Mediation and the Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity Beyond Diversity Community Workshop. Also, a 2-day workshop on racism, equity and action.

### **Washington County Office of Community Grant Management - \$674,447**

- **Clinical Services & Community Outreach to Reduce Teen Pregnancy/STI** – Provides a minimum of 20 hours per week of free clinical services for teens with the intent of addressing risk behaviors. Services provided by the clinic include STD/STI testing and treatment, contraception, and pregnancy testing. A wide-ranging and far-reaching community outreach component has been successfully added that provides education and support aimed at strengthening the overall health of local teens.
- **Early Childhood Advisory Council Coordinator** – Provides support to the Early Childhood Advisory Council whose goal is to maximize federal, state, and local resources through collaborations, consistent coordination, and building infrastructure across the County to ultimately establish a county-wide early childhood service delivery system that will make a “collective impact” on school readiness in the County. Activities of the Coordinator include providing educational outreach to

parents and care providers and developing the framework to create an information sharing network which will assure greater delivery of services to young children and their parents.

- **Family Centered Support Services** – Funds services offered at The Washington County Family Center- a community based family center serving over 100 parents and children by providing on-site early childhood education, parent education, developmental screenings, adult education services (high school credit, ESL, GED), pre-employment readiness skills, basic life skills, and peer support. The program incorporates evidence-based models to achieve the ultimate goal of giving young parents the tools they need to be self-sufficient and responsible parents, while providing their children a safe, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate environment.
- **Rural Out of School Time Initiative (ROSTI)** – The program provides safe, nurturing, school-based environments that offer supervision along with alternative activities for a minimum of 15 hours per week to at-risk elementary, middle, and high school students in three rural communities of Washington County – Cascade, Hancock, and Williamsport. The ROSTI is a locally developed program that utilizes the Maryland Out-of-School-Time Quality Standard Framework.
- **School Based Mental Health Program** – The program provides short term mental health services consisting of crisis management, screening, therapeutic assistance and/or referral for additional services to students attending every public middle and high school in Washington County. These services are provided by licensed clinical social workers.

### **Wicomico Partnership for Families and Children - \$764,487**

- **Local Access Mechanism** – Assist families in gaining access to services and through the identification of needed services. Targets the Safe Streets area and provides targeted mobile resources to ensure familiarity with services available. The City of Salisbury's Safe Streets program addresses high incidences of crime in the city and surrounding areas.
- **Disconnected Youth Job Readiness Program** – Certified Junior Achievement Job Coaches will provide guidance to disconnected youth on: steps to take after getting the job, lessons on developing supports using natural features of the work site, including co-workers; and develop strategies to support workers to interact in socially expected ways to enhance job success. Job Coaches will be required to spend at least 2 hours a week with the youth.
- **Family Education/Parenting** – Active Parenting Publishers' curriculums are the basis of providing parenting workshops and materials to families and participants. The Active Parenting model has been listed by the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP), a service of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- **Impact of Incarceration - Project SEEK** is designed to impact the risk and protective factors associated with delinquency and criminal behavior at both the individual and family levels. Services are flexible in scope and duration. Also provides afterschool support services will be offered through a collaborative effort of the established network of sustainable and affordable out-of-school time sites, programs, and clubs that are enhanced by a common set of network providers.

### **Worcester County Initiative to Preserve Families - \$537,947**

- **Youth as One** – Implements Say it Straight & Youth Mental Health First Aid. Say it Straight promotes social skills, self-confidence and awareness, responsibility while preventing risky behavior such as substance abuse, violence, or risky sexual behavior. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches community members how to help youth experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. The training helps with identifying, understanding, and responding to the signs of substance abuse or a mental health issues.

- **Integrated Services for Child Maltreatment** – A collaborative partnership between Worcester County Health Department and Worcester County Department of Social Services. Integrated Services is a co-located, integrated approach to working with families receiving assistance from the child welfare system and also needing substance abuse treatment.
- **Service Center** – A walk-in single point of access facility serving as a consumer portal for integrated and coordinated healthcare. Clients are provided a coordinated system of services and resources that encourage healthy and productive living.
- **Community Connection Coordinator** – Allows individuals with a need to contact the provider agency by telephone, walk in, or receive referrals from another agency. Navigators provide more intense assistance to families identifying their strengths and needs through the utilization of Child Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment.
- The **CRICKET Center** is a non-profit child advocacy center. It is a friendly, safe, and supportive environment for abused and neglected children. A team approach is used to coordinate investigations and interventions for each case, expediting the child's time in the legal system. Services for Child Maltreatment provides co-located services and joint team outreach to families who have a report of child neglect or maltreatment in order to reduce time in the system to minimize the trauma experiences for the youth and non-offending care giver.
- **Comprehensive Parenting** includes Nurturing Families, Nurturing Fathers, Guiding Good Choices, and Parenting Wisely - programs aimed at reducing child maltreatment by improving parenting skills.