

Children, Youth, and Family Services

FUNCTION

The mission of Children, Youth and Family Services is to promote opportunities for children to grow up safe, healthy, ready for school and for families and individuals to be self-sufficient. This mission is realized through the provision of protective, prevention, intervention, and treatment services for children and their families and through education, support and financial assistance for parents, caretakers and individuals. These services work to build on the strengths of both the individual and the community in addressing issues of child development, abuse, neglect, health and economic security.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Children and Youth Community Services

This program shifted to Child and Adolescent Services in FY06.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	2,204,640	0.7
FY06 Approved	0	0.0

Child Welfare Services

This program provides preventive, rehabilitative, supportive, protective, and remedial services for children who are maltreated and for their families, foster parents, and adoptive parents. Child foster care, adoption, protective services, and in-home aide services are also provided through this program. Family Preservation Services provide social services to families with children who are at risk of removal from home due to neglect or abuse.

FY06 Changes

- Enhance service at the Children's Assessment Center with more clinical and administrative support (increase the hours of the contract physician and provide funding for the director and an administrative assistant).
- Add a new Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the State Department of Community Services Administration to fund two contractual positions at the Montgomery County Child Assessment Center to pay for services to child victims of abuse. DHHS will partner with the Primary Care Coalition (PCC) to provide the new services of a mental health professional and a child victim advocate.

Program Summary

	Expenditures	WYs
Children and Youth Community Services	0	0.0
Child Welfare Services	16,877,630	195.3
Conservation Corps	756,910	26.4
Linkages to Learning	3,775,860	6.5
Community Partnership	2,084,520	10.0
Juvenile Justice Services	1,735,180	17.1
Quality Enhancement of Early Childhood Services	3,691,910	18.8
Parent Support Services	594,730	0.0
Services to Children with Special Needs	1,945,320	7.8
Child Care Subsidies	14,281,300	27.6
Income Supports	11,513,790	132.5
Child and Adolescent Services	2,926,970	3.3
Service Area Administration	305,380	3.0
Totals	60,489,500	448.3

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	15,801,560	193.6
FY06 Approved	16,877,630	195.3

Conservation Corps

This program seeks to increase the employability of out-of-school, at-risk 17 to 24 year-old youth by providing opportunities for personal growth, education, and training. Corps members earn their high school equivalency diploma and perform conservation, landscape, and carpentry projects. Program participants also build trails, homeless shelters, handicap access ramps, and run a recycling program.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	725,790	27.8
FY06 Approved	756,910	26.4

Linkages to Learning

This program is a collaborative effort of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County Public Schools, and various private agencies which provides services to students and families to improve performance in the school, home, and community. Children and their families can obtain integrated social services, health, and mental health care, in addition to educational support at MCPS sites.

FY06 Changes

- *Expand Linkages to Learning, a school-based health, mental health, and social services program at 22 sites to: provide contract staffing for Highland and Summit Hall Elementary Schools (ES); launch service at two additional sites (Weller Road and Wheaton Woods ES); fund site coordination, case management, and mental health services at Gaithersburg ES, our newest school based health center.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	3,100,210	6.6
FY06 Approved	3,775,860	6.5

Community Partnership

This program provides services to children and their families locally and strives to avoid out-of-home placement. It also includes family preservation services preventing the unnecessary out-of-home placement of children and preserving the family unit.

FY06 Changes

- *Transfer the administration of, and funding for, the Community Partnership Grant to the Montgomery County Collaboration Council. The Collaboration Council now receives funding for this initiative directly from the Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	4,876,090	11.0
FY06 Approved	2,084,520	10.0

Juvenile Justice Services

The function of Juvenile Justice Services is to support the County's comprehensive Juvenile Justice Plan by integrating screening, assessment, case management and treatment. These programs serve youth involved in, or at risk for involvement in, the juvenile justice system and youth in need of services for substance abuse. HHS works in partnership with the Police Department Family Crimes Division, the Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice, the Juvenile Division of the District Court, and other relevant agencies.

FY06 Changes

- *Replace State Department of Juvenile Justice grant funds to provide Level I Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment for 70 adolescents to restore treatment capacity to FY04 levels.*
- *Add the Youth Strategies Case Management grant to help support outpatient substance abuse treatment.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,191,580	16.8
FY06 Approved	1,735,180	17.1

Quality Enhancement of Early Childhood Services

This program focuses on increasing the quality of early care and education programs available to young children throughout Montgomery County through technical assistance, consultation, and training for providers. This program also includes the development of strategies to increase the supply of quality early care and education programs and services.

FY06 Changes

- *Shift funds from MCPS to the HHS budget for a new community based program for four-year old pre-kindergarten children. HHS will administer the contract for this community based service, and insure that any provider selected would participate in the Pre-K curriculum training that is currently being designed.*
- *Increase the Head Start Grant for a new full-time Program Specialist II position to assist in the research and planning needed for the many initiatives of the Montgomery County Head Start program, including the development and evaluation of the grant, contract development and monitoring and public outreach.*
- *Add the Judith Hoyer Enhancement Grant V to provide support (training, technical assistance, mentoring, and program materials) for child care providers voluntarily seeking program accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Association for Family Child Care or the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	3,128,690	16.3
FY06 Approved	3,691,910	18.8

Parent Support Services

These services support parents as their children's first and most important teacher. They include voluntary screening of all

newborns, an array of supports and services including home visits, and community-based resource services.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	750,450	0.0
FY06 Approved	594,730	0.0

Services to Children with Special Needs

These efforts provide an array of services to young children with developmental delays, disorders, and/or disabilities through partnerships among public and private sector providers. Services are centered around individual family needs, and are provided in natural environments.

FY06 Changes

- Increase the Infants and Toddlers Consolidated Local Implementation Grant (CLIG) that supports the provision of early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) provide comprehensive planning and early intervention services for eligible infants and toddlers birth through two years.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,890,530	8.3
FY06 Approved	1,945,320	7.8

Child Care Subsidies

This program provides child care subsidies for low-income families. The Child Care subsidy program is the single point of entry for both the State and Federally-funded Purchase of Care program and the County's Working Parents Assistance program.

FY06 Changes

- Increase funding for the Working Parents Assistance child care subsidies program to serve an additional 36 children and their families.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	13,466,990	28.6
FY06 Approved	14,281,300	27.6

Income Supports

This program determines eligibility for: Temporary Cash Assistance (formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children); Temporary Emergency Disability Assistance Program (TEDAP); Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA); Food Stamps (FS); and Community Medical Assistance (MA).

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	11,141,790	132.0
FY06 Approved	11,513,790	132.5

Child and Adolescent Services

Services provided through this program include respite care, community empowerment efforts, single-parent family services, youth services, and family outreach efforts. The program also provides for the coordination, planning, and implementation of a number of key interagency initiatives among public and private agencies in the community to meet the needs of children, youth, and their families.

FY06 Changes

- Provide operating expenses and contract staffing for the new Crossroads Youth and Community Opportunity Center.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	695,930	3.4
FY06 Approved	2,926,970	3.3

Service Area Administration

This program provides leadership and direction for the administration of Children, Youth, and Family Services.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	278,410	3.0
FY06 Approved	305,380	3.0