# 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.

## PROGRAM CONTACTS

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### *Child Welfare Services*

This program provides protective, rehabilitative, supportive, 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.

#### *FY07 Recommended Changes*

- ***Annualize funding for the Children's Assessment Center which provides "one-stop shopping" services to sexually or physically abused children.***
- ***Annualize funding for the Post Adoption Program which promotes the mental health of adopted children and their families.***
- ***Enhance funding for the provision of protective service assessment and out-of-home placement services on nights, weekends, and holidays for children and adults.***

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| **FY06 Approved** | **16,877,630** | **195.3** |
| **FY07 CE Recommended** | **17,693,350** | **198.3** |

### *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.

## Program Summary

| | *Expenditures* | *WYs* |
|---|---|---|
| Child Welfare Services | 17,693,350 | 198.3 |
| Conservation Corps | 796,720 | 26.4 |
| Linkages to Learning | 4,412,220 | 6.5 |
| Juvenile Justice Services | 2,607,630 | 12.4 |
| Quality Enhancement of Early Childhood Services | 1,917,180 | 9.6 |
| Head Start | 1,763,910 | 9.2 |
| Parent Support Services | 597,920 | 0.0 |
| Services to Children with Special Needs | 2,145,000 | 8.8 |
| Child Care Subsidies | 12,375,200 | 25.6 |
| Income Supports | 12,149,100 | 134.5 |
| Child and Adolescent Services | 2,802,480 | 4.3 |
| Service Area Administration | 330,980 | 3.0 |
| **Totals** | **59,591,690** | **438.6** |

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 756,910 | 26.4 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 796,720 | 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 school-based 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 services at selected MCPS sites.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

- ❑ *Expand Linkages to Learning Program at 26 current sites to launch services at Connecticut Park Elementary School (ES) and A. Mario Loiederman Middle School (MS) – increasing the program to 28 sites.*
- ❑ *Annualize funding for the Linkages to Learning Program at Weller Road and Wheaton Woods (ES) sites.*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 3,775,860 | 6.5 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 4,412,220 | 6.5 |

## Juvenile Justice Services

The primary function of Juvenile Justice Services is to support the County's comprehensive Juvenile Justice Plan by integrating screening, assessment, case management and treatment with the juvenile justice legal process. 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 Services, the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court, and other relevant agencies.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

- ❑ *Shift funding for Identity (to serve at risk Latino youth) from the Community Grants Non-Departmental Account; for the Gang Prevention Initiative.*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 1,735,180 | 17.1 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 2,607,630 | 12.4 |

## 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 and helping parents choose quality child care through counseling and referrals. This program also includes the development of strategies to increase the supply of quality early care and education programs and services.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

- ❑ *Annualize funding for the Community-Based Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum Training program that provides training, technical assistance, and mentoring for childcare providers who serve low-income or at-risk children.*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 3,691,910 | 18.8 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 1,917,180 | 9.6 |

## Head Start

This program is a collaborative effort of Health and Human Services (HHS), Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), and contracted community-based child care centers to provide comprehensive pre-kindergarten services to Federally eligible three and four year old children. It engages children in activities to develop their social, emotional, intellectual, linguistic, and physical skills; as well as offering a full range of health, dental, and social services to the children and their families. Pre-kindergarten is a comprehensive program by MCPS that offers part day educational services to four year old children while HHS provides the necessary health and dental services. This program was previously included in Quality Enhancement of Early Childhood Services and is not a new program.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 0 | 0.0 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 1,763,910 | 9.2 |

## Parent Support Services

These services, delivered through contracts beween HHS, State and private foundations, support parents as their children's first and most important teacher. The services primarily target families and children with risk factors such as poverty. They include voluntary screening of newborns and services such as "Learning Parties," home visits, health and parenting education, screening of children to identify special needs, and family support.

### FY07 Recommended Changes

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 594,730 | 0.0 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 597,920 | 0.0 |

## Services to Children with Special Needs

This program, more commonly known as Infants and Toddlers, provides evaluation, assessment, and early intervention services to families with children under age three when there is a concern about development or where a developmental delay is documented. The services are delivered using a family-centered approach and are provided by staff employed by Montgomery County Public Schools, Department of Health and Human Services, and private community service providers.

### *FY07 Recommended Changes*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 1,945,320 | 7.8 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 2,145,000 | 8.8 |

## *Child Care Subsidies*

This program provides child care subsidies and support for eligible 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.

### *FY07 Recommended Changes*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 14,281,300 | 27.6 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 12,375,200 | 25.6 |

## *Income Supports*

This program determines eligibility for: Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) (formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children); Temporary Emergency Disability Assistance Program (TEDAP); Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA); Food Stamps (FS); Community Medical Assistance (MA); and Refugee Medical Assistance. This program also manages a required employment program for applicants and recipients of TCA.

### *FY07 Recommended Changes*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 11,513,790 | 132.5 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 12,149,100 | 134.5 |

## *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.

### *FY07 Recommended Changes*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 2,926,970 | 3.3 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 2,802,480 | 4.3 |

## *Service Area Administration*

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

### *FY07 Recommended Changes*

| | Expenditures | WYs |
|---|---|---|
| FY06 Approved | 305,380 | 3.0 |
| FY07 CE Recommended | 330,980 | 3.0 |