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Montgomery County Council  
Council Hearing Room  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850


Dear Members of the Montgomery County Council,

The National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) is pleased to support the proposed innovative collaboration between Casa Ruben, Inc., its Foundation, and Montgomery County which would result in the establishment of a mobile medical clinic to: 1) connect uninsured, under-insured, and under-resourced children and youth (ages 0-21 years) to healthcare; and 2) increase the number of children and youth who receive vaccinations needed for overall health and to enroll in school.

Despite being one of the healthiest counties in the State of Maryland, health disparities continue to exist throughout Montgomery County. Based on our experience with the Black Physicians and Healthcare Network (BPHN), we recognize the heightened need to increase outreach, resources, and access to vaccinations, healthcare examinations, and primary care to Black and minority youth and families.

We have seen firsthand the factors that contribute to health disparities which include the racial difference in treatment of disease, delays in seeking diagnosis or treatment, overuse of emergency departments, and lack of healthcare resources. This innovative approach will help to get the necessary care and resources to the very vulnerable youth and children who need targeted support— wherever they are in the County.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Sheryl Brissett Chapman  
Executive Director