

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES (DJS)

16.541 PART E – DEVELOPING, TESTING AND DEMONSTRATING PROMISING NEW PROGRAMS

Program Description: The Program develops and implements programs that design, test, and demonstrate effective approaches, techniques and methods for preventing and controlling juvenile delinquency such as community based- alternatives to institutional confinement; developing and implementing effective means of diverting juveniles from the traditional juvenile justice system; programs stressing advocacy activities aimed at improving services to youth impacted by the juvenile justice system; model programs to strengthen and maintain the family unit including self-help programs; prevention and treatment programs relating to juveniles who commit serious crimes; programs to prevent hate crimes; programs to provide aftercare and reintegration services; programs to prevent youth gun and gang violence.

FY 13 (actual)
\$392,210.08

FY 14 (actual)
\$ 86,707.54

FY 15 (est)
\$ 0

Program Supported/Population Served: The Gang Prevention & Intervention Services: Violence Prevention Initiative addresses the need to supervise and provide services for youth at the highest risk of being perpetrators or victims of crimes of violence. The project adds 3 Rapid Response Workers and increases the electronic surveillance capabilities in targeted areas to include monitoring of gang-involved youth. / Statewide DJS involved youth.

Governor's Goal: [Reduce Violent Crime by 20%](#)

17.261 WIA PILOTS, DEMONSTRATIONS & RESEARCH PROJECTS

Program Description: The State/Local Juvenile Offender Implementation Grant goal is to allow state juvenile justice agencies and local juvenile justice agencies to join together to put into place a comprehensive strategy for serving all youth in the local area returning home from juvenile correctional or detention facilities.

Program Description: In collaboration other system of care partners seeks to build on interagency collaboration, leadership, and partnership to improve care and outcomes for justice-involved youth with mental health problems or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders (CODs) who are returning to their communities from residential placements.

FY 13(actual)
\$ 20,309.43

FY 14 (actual)
\$ 29,690.57

FY 15 (est)
\$ 0

Program Supported/Population Served: Juvenile justice-involved youth with mental health problems or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders (CODs) who are returning to their communities from residential placements.

Governor's Strategic Goal: [Substance Abuse Services; Reduce Overdose Deaths by 25%](#)

94.011 FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Program Description: The program provides loving and experienced tutors and mentors to children and youth with special needs. Aged 60 and over, the Foster Grandparents typically work one-on-one in schools, hospitals, drug treatment centers, correctional institutions, and child care centers to provide assistance with reading, tutoring and guidance. The Foster Grandparents have the opportunity to participate in seminars, workshops, and in-service trainings relative to their work. Among other activities, they go over school work, reinforce values, teach parenting skills to young mothers, and care for premature infants and children with disabilities. They often maintain an ongoing, intensive relationship with the youth clients for a year or longer.

FY 13(actual)
\$ 319,443

FY 14 (approp)
\$ 319,443

FY 15 (est)
\$ 319,443

Program Supported / Population Served: The Foster Grandparents working with DJS assist children and youth with special and exceptional needs in a variety of settings across the state including, elementary and middle schools, DJS detention and treatment facilities as well as field offices, and boys and girls clubs. / The population served is youth ages 7- 18 that meet the enrollment and/or admission criteria for the facility where the foster grandparent is assigned to work.

Governor's Strategic Goal: [Increase Skills Training by 20%](#)

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT TRAINING AND MARKETING PLAN

Program Description: This grant provides training and resources to Maryland LEA's foodservice staff to improve culinary skill to support implementation of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act revised meal patterns. Grant funds will be used to facilitate regional trainings, as well as follow-up trainings within Maryland school systems. Funds will also provide training for foodservice staff on strategies to encourage students to make healthy choices and to improve the nutrition environment of the cafeteria and school overall.

FY 13(actual)
\$ 54,246

FY 14 (approp)
\$ TBD

FY 15 (est)
\$ 0

Program Supported/Population Served: Staff working in youth facilities to provide standard meals and snacks as dictated by the Act.

Governor's Strategic Goal: [Increase Skills Training by 20%](#)

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