

**Gloucester County Youth Service Commission recommended and Gloucester County Chosen Board of Freeholder approved 2020 programs and services.**

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**Glassboro Public Schools**

Afterschool Prevention Program

\$16,848 Prevention Glassboro Public Schools

Referral Sources: School Teacher/Counselors/Administrator

TARGET POPULATION: Glassboro Public Schools will service students from the Holly-bush community who have been identified by teachers, counselors, or administrators as at risk for behavioral and social needs. Parental consent is necessary for participation. GOALS: To provide a safe afterschool outlet and provide life skills for youth grade 1-3. Additional goals are to increase productive student-student and student-adult interaction, and decrease the amount of behavior referrals. Each student participating will engage in a community service project teaching them love of community.

**Woodbury Board of Education**

Afterschool Prevention Program/Cognitive Behavior Therapy

\$50,000 Prevention

Referral Sources: School Teacher/Administrator

TARGET POPULATION: Part (1) Female students, attending Woodbury Public School grade 3- 5, in need of social/ emotional life skills development. Part (2) Students, attending Woodbury Public School grade 6-12, in need of cognitive behavior based therapy to remain successful in their education endeavors. This program will also be used as a pre-intervention to alternative education as well as post-intervention support for youth involved in alternative education at risk of dropping out. GOALS: (Part 1) To provide safe afterschool outlet. Additional goals will be to provide female youth grade 3-5 social skills, mentoring and cultural experiences to allow them to feel more connected with their school and community. (Part 2) Address the needs of youth, grade 6-12, at risk of being placed in alternative education and/or dropping out with Cognitive Behavior Therapy to alleviate roadblocks to their academic success. Parental consent is necessary for participation in both programs.

**Paulsboro Board of Education**

Alternative Education Program

\$21,000 Prevention

Referral Sources: School Teacher/Coach/Administrator

TARGET POPULATION: Students attending Paulsboro Public Schools grade 7-12, who are at risk of dropping out or receiving extended out of school time due to suspension, because of academic, behavior, and/or social issues while attending traditional day education. GOALS: (Part 1) To place students in a small group setting with limited distractions, increased individual attention, and reduce suspensions. An education coach provides support, resources, and life skills education to students attending the program to combat roadblocks currently keeping youth from attending traditional day education. Once a plan is put in place and program staff feel youth has overcome challenges/roadblocks, referrals are made to return the student back to traditional programming in a timely manner.

### **Borough of Clayton Board of Education**

Counseling/Life skills Support for Alternative Education Programming

9,000 Prevention

Referral Sources: School Teacher/Administrator

TARGET POPULATION: Students actively attending Clayton Public High-school and are enrolled in the afternoon/evening alternative program that takes place from 3pm-7pm, Monday-Thursday.

This funding will provide the Clayton High-School Evening Alternative Education program with dropout prevention services specifically for Clayton High School grades 9-12. These youths have been referred to the alternative afternoon/evening program for reasons that put them at risk for extended time out of school through suspension and/or dropping out. Circumstances regarding the need center around reasons such as behavior issues, multiple absences, social emotional needs or other circumstances that do not allow them to be successfully involved in the traditional day program. Referral sources include teachers, counselors and administration as well as the students and parents. Service hours will take place from Monday-Thursday 3pm-7pm and follows a traditional school schedule for days off.

### **Gloucester County Students United for Respect and Equality Summit**

\$5,000 Prevention

TARGET POPULATION: Youth grades 9-12 with the Gloucester County School District

This project is a collaboration with Gloucester County Youth Service Commission and Prosecutors Office as well as Gloucester County Public Schools. Through a vigorous multi meeting, five-month planning process, the SURE Summit is a cumulating training that has taken place at Rowan University annually for the last 18 years. This event is in place to address issues of concern in County schools and to promote the topics of respect and equality. This is a student-driven event in which local students form a planning committee to select a theme, workshop subjects, guest presenters, and take-away accessories. The Gloucester County Division of Human and Disability Services and the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office provide coordination along with students and student advisors from participating county high schools. This event is part of a large multi-agency commitment which includes the Gloucester County

Government, the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office & Youth Service Commission, Rowan University, and Gloucester County High Schools.

### **Stationhouse Adjustment**

\$63,100 Diversion

Referral Sources: Local police departments in Gloucester County, Family Court Juvenile Conference Committee (JCC) / Intake Service Conference (ISC)

TARGET POPULATION: Youth, age 10-18, referred by local police departments in Gloucester County and are at-risk of further involvement with Gloucester County Family Court. Target population can be expanded to accept additional referrals as long as the referral sources listed above are given priority.

GOALS: To provide stabilization of youth in their family and community. Additional goals are to diminish the behavior that caused client to be referred to the program and prevent future court involvement, allow the youth, through a Restorative Justice component, to satisfy the victim and community with accountability for actions and to provide youth and family with appropriate linkages to education, job training, social services, recreational opportunities, etc.

### **Juvenile Conference Committee/Intake Service Conference Diversion Program**

\$40,912 Diversion

Referral Sources: Family Court Juvenile Conference Committee (JCC) / Intake Service Conference (ISC)

TARGET POPULATION: Youth, age 10-18, referred by Family Court Juvenile Conference Committee (JCC) /Intake Service Conference (ISC) for deeper-end adjustments as the youth were cited by local police departments in Gloucester County. Youth referred are at-risk of further involvement with Gloucester County Family Court. In addition, this program will service youth who may have committed additional minor offenses that precede the reason for referral making them ineligible for a stationhouse adjustment. GOALS: To provide stabilization of youth in their family and community environment.

Additional goals are to diminish, through intensive in home case management/coaching, the behavior that caused client to be referred to the program and prevent future court involvement, to allow the youth the opportunity, through a case management/coaching component, to understand action consequences, address issues such simple assault, theft, substance possession/abuse, disorderly conduct, stolen property, gang activity, malicious mischief and unhealthy family relationships, etc. In completing these goals, a Resolution Plan will be developed based on Juvenile Conference Committee (JCC) / Intake Service Conference (ISC) recommendations with accountability measures. To provide youth and family with appropriate linkages to therapeutic support, education, job training, social services, recreational opportunities, etc.

### **Family Assistance Home Supervision Program**

\$15,000 (Pre-Disposition)

Referral Sources: Juvenile Family Court, Juvenile Detention Unit

TARGET POPULATION: Youth on JHED (Juvenile Home Electronic Device) and HD (Home Detention)

Service allow youth to remain in their home and including support for both youth and family. This service will aid with reducing the number of admissions to detention due to alternative and/or court order non-compliance. The subcommittee believes this can be achieved by:

1. Providing youth with the appropriate level of alternative supervision needed to remain in compliance with the conditions of their detention alternative program while remaining in the home on JHED or HD.
2. Increasing family/youth support, assisting with roadblocks that may get in the path of all court request and detention alternative requirements.
3. Through youth and family support, allowing youth who may be on a higher level of supervision the opportunity to “step-down” to lower levels of supervision while awaiting disposition.
4. Provide the service described above with the following goals/outcomes:
  - a. Youth and family will maintain or improve to a healthy relationship
  - b. Family will maintain appropriate youth welfare/supervision
  - c. Connection to local/regional community resources
  - d. Maintaining court ordered and detention alternative compliance while awaiting disposition

### **Substance Abuse Evaluation and Outpatient Treatment**

\$24,000 Disposition

Referral Sources: Family Court, Juvenile Probation

TARGET POPULATION: Juveniles, age 13-18, involved with the Gloucester County Family Court (including Probation, Parole, and the Juvenile Expediting Team (JETs), who are in need of evaluation and treatment but lack the financial resources or insurance coverage to obtain this service. GOALS: To provide supplemental funding for indigent, uninsured, or under-insured youth in need of evaluation and outpatient substance abuse treatment services. This funding is to be used as a last resort to service Family Court referred youth only (including Probation, Parole, and youth reviewed by the JETs. All youth must be screened for Medicaid eligibility and billed to Medicaid if appropriate.

### **Gloucester County Juvenile Probation Cognitive Life Skills Group Counseling**

\$25,000 Disposition

Referral Sources: Juvenile Probation

TARGET POPULATION: Youth, age 13-18, who are adjudicated delinquent, in danger of recidivating, and can benefit from a group model to attain life skills. Gloucester County Probation will be the only referral source for this program. GOALS: To keep youth, age 13-18, who have already been adjudicated delinquent from further recidivism by using cognitive life skills training to improve their social skills, means-ends problem solving, critical reasoning, moral reasoning, cognitive thinking, self-control, impulse management and self-efficacy.

### **Evaluation and Treatment Services for Juvenile Sex Offenders**

\$54,720 Disposition

Referral Sources: Family Court, Juvenile Probation

TARGET POPULATION: Youths, ages 10-18, who are referred by the Family Court (includes Detention, Probation, JJC Parole/Re-Entry, and JETs) that have been adjudicated and are in need of sexual behavior/offender education/treatment. GOALS: To provide evaluation services to determine youth in need of sexual behavior/offender education/treatment by providing individual and / or group therapeutic counseling as necessary as an intervention to prevent re-offending, to promote healthy behaviors, diminish contact with the court, symptoms, and presenting problems which caused the client to be referred initially, and provide stabilization within family structure for client, thus avoiding out-of-home placement.

### **Juvenile Probationer Employment / Education Advocacy Program**

\$65,000 Disposition

Referral Sources: Juvenile Probation

TARGET POPULATION: Gloucester County Juvenile Probationers, ages 16-19, in need of employment, education advocacy, and life skills. GOALS: To connect juvenile with appropriate employment opportunities facilitated by community outreach to specific employers willing to engage youth in a supportive work program. Additional goals will be to connect juvenile with educational services with the outcome being a high-school diploma or GED, to provide youth with job skills workshops (e.g. resume writing, interviewing, dressing for success, showing up on time every time, respecting employer, co-workers and clients, etc.), provide stabilization within family structure and society for the juvenile and prevent recidivism and to satisfy the conditions of Probation / Parole.

### **Gloucester County Probation Enrichment and Transportation Program**

\$98,405 Disposition

Referral Source: Juvenile Probation

TARGET POPULATION: Youth supervised or in jeopardy of being supervised by Gloucester County Juvenile Probation

Programming consist of providing appropriate support to encourage probationers to successfully complete their Court ordered conditions of probation, including reducing the number of violations of probations (VOPs) filed and in turn decrease the number of youth admitted to detention for VOPs. The subcommittee believes this can be achieved by:

1. Providing youth with the appropriate mentoring/coaching needed to remain in compliance with the conditions of their probation.
2. Providing youth with transportation to court ordered probation appointments and evaluations as well as enrichment activities & trips.
3. Rewarding positive behavior through healthy/educational activities and enrichment trips for youth and families. Involving families in healthy activities will strengthen the family unit and in turn hopefully lead to success for youth on probation.
4. Providing youth and families with an overview of the expectations of probation, along with informational flyers/pamphlets/presentations and cultural and educational opportunities for youth and families

#### **Gloucester County Court Notification Program**

\$595 (Court Involved Youth)

Implementation of a notification system will have many positive impacts such as:

- An increase in the number of youth reporting to probation appointments
- An increase in the number of youth who report on time for enrichment trips
- A decrease in the number of youth who are placed into Detention based upon receiving a violation of probation