

# 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, and supportive services for children who are maltreated and for their families. This program also provides supportive and financial help to relatives, and foster and adoptive parents. Investigations, protective services, kinship care, foster care, adoption 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.

### FY08 Changes

- Add five motor pool vehicles for Child Welfare staff (funds are in Fleet Management Services).

	Expenditures	WYs
<b>FY07 Approved</b>	<b>17,829,700</b>	<b>199.1</b>
<b>FY08 Approved</b>	<b>19,236,320</b>	<b>205.3</b>

### 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.

### FY08 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
<b>FY07 Approved</b>	<b>796,720</b>	<b>26.4</b>
<b>FY08 Approved</b>	<b>797,220</b>	<b>26.4</b>

## Program Summary

	Expenditures	WYs
Child Welfare Services	19,236,320	205.3
Conservation Corps	797,220	26.4
Linkages to Learning	5,161,790	6.5
Juvenile Justice Services	4,809,800	13.1
Quality Enhancement of Early Childhood Services	2,155,970	13.6
Head Start	2,140,500	9.2
Parent Support Services	599,820	0.0
Services to Children with Special Needs	2,060,540	9.8
Child Care Subsidies	11,478,550	30.6
Income Supports	13,031,600	134.5
Child and Adolescent Services	3,654,540	4.3
Service Area Administration	348,860	3.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>65,475,510</b>	<b>456.3</b>

## 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.

### FY08 Changes

- Annualize costs for Linkages to Learning sites at Connecticut Park Elementary School (ES) and at A. Mario Loiederman Middle School.
- Replace grant funding at three existing Linkages to Learning sites; Washington Grove ES, Rosemont ES, and Forest Oak Middle School.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	4,332,220	6.5
FY08 Approved	5,161,790	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 and non-profit organizations.

### FY08 Changes

- Add funds to annualize the Northwood High School Wellness Center.
- Replace grant funding for adolescent substance abuse contracts. This maintains drug and/or alcohol abuse services to approximately 100 youth annually.
- Provide county local match funding for intensive community supervision services for youth through a contract with the Maryland Bureau of Rehabilitation.
- Establish a youth investment fund leverage initiative; one-time funding for the Collaboration Council, to raise private sector funding to establish long-term support for youth.
- Youth, Gang, and Violence Prevention Initiative: Add Wrap Around Services consisting of intensive service and care coordination for youth who are gang involved or at risk of gang involvement in the Germantown, Wheaton, and Silver Spring areas.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	2,607,630	12.4
FY08 Approved	4,809,800	13.1

## 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 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.

### FY08 Changes

- Increase funding for the Child Care Resource and Referral grant.
- Add funding for the Judith P. Hoyer Module One Enrichment grant.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	1,973,180	9.6
FY08 Approved	2,155,970	13.6

## 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.

### FY08 Changes

- Add funds to launch a Universal Pre-Kindergarten pilot program.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	1,763,910	9.2
FY08 Approved	2,140,500	9.2

## Parent Support Services

These services, delivered through contracts between 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, health issues, and isolation. 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.

### FY08 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	597,920	0.0
FY08 Approved	599,820	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.

**FY08 Changes**

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	2,145,000	8.8
FY08 Approved	2,060,540	9.8

**FY08 Changes**

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	330,980	3.0
FY08 Approved	348,860	3.0

**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.

**FY08 Changes**

- Reduce Working Parents Assistance child care subsidies to more closely align with recent historical usage; this does not adversely impact current service levels.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	12,375,200	25.6
FY08 Approved	11,478,550	30.6

**Income Supports**

This program serves low-income families and individuals facing significant challenges. This program determines eligibility for: Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) (formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children); Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP); 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.

**FY08 Changes**

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	12,149,100	134.5
FY08 Approved	13,031,600	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.

**FY08 Changes**

- Add Kennedy Cluster Pilot Project funds (academic achievement disparities research)*
- Add George B. Thomas Learning Academy funds*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	2,958,020	4.3
FY08 Approved	3,654,540	4.3

**Service Area Administration**

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