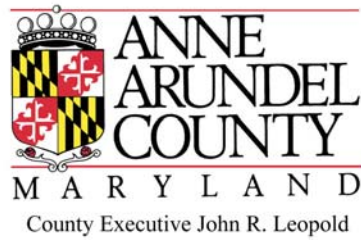


Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth and Families



The Local Management Board for
Anne Arundel County

2010 ANNUAL REPORT



Anne Arundel County Partnership
for Children, Youth & Families

Message from the Board President & Executive Director

FY10

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Like so many other agencies and businesses, the Anne Arundel Partnership for Children, Youth and Families is facing many financial challenges. In 2010, a threat to our very survival came in the form of a 67% cut in our administrative funding and an attempt to centralize at the state level the million plus dollars we receive every year to help children and families in our county. Thanks to the support of our board members, community and the local Legislative delegation our program dollars were restored and, after some cuts in staffing, we managed to create an administrative structure that can continue to support the vital work we do to ensure our children and families get the help they need. We greatly appreciate the many letters, phone calls and e-mails that were written on behalf of those families to keep local program dollars whole.

The silver lining to the current dark funding cloud is that more and more agencies are partnering to serve the growing number of families in need in our county. The Anne Arundel County Public School System has joined with us in a new collaboration that unites their Community Resource Initiative with our Network of Care. The result is a comprehensive early intervention and resources program for children and families in need of help with basic needs. Our System of Care for Anne Arundel County includes a web-based resource guide, a help-line, family navigation services and a community resource team of human services professionals. You can read more about all of these services in this annual report.

Also in 2010, the Partnership collaborated with the Community Foundation to develop and fund the community needs assessment. Aply titled *Poverty Amidst Plenty*, the needs assessment has a special section on the needs of children and families that clearly points out that poverty, lack of services and disparity of resources by race and ethnicity are all huge issues for our county. The report can be found on our website (address on back page.)

The Partnership continues to focus on delinquency prevention through a variety of programs. We applied for and received federal funding (SAMHSA) to continue the work of our Coalition for Safe Communities to reduce substance abuse among our youth. We have also received new funding from the Governor's Office for Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) and the Governor's Office for Children (GOC) to begin a Community Conferencing Program. This program will divert young first time offenders from the Juvenile Justice System by involving the community in a set of programs for the young offender and restitution for the victim.

As we look forward to 2011, the Partnership continues to serve as the neutral convener and coordinator of a variety of county-wide groups, including the Youth Suicide Awareness Group, the Annapolis Promise Neighborhood Consortium, and a new faith-based initiative called End Hunger in Anne Arundel County. You will be hearing much more about the latter in the spring of 2011. The Partnership remains committed to serving the children, youth and families of Anne Arundel County and will continue to advocate for our families at the State and Federal level.

Sincerely,

Yevola S. Peters
Board Chairperson

Pamela M. Brown, Ph.D.
Executive Director



The Partnership's Mission and Core Values

Mission

The Partnership provides leadership to improve the quality of life for all children and their families in Anne Arundel County.

Vision

All families and children in Anne Arundel County thrive in healthy and safe communities



Core Principles

The Partnership subscribes to the following systems of care core principles:

Community-Based

A full array of services and supports is provided in the home community in which the child lives.

Family Partnerships

Family members of children and youth who need services work together with service providers to develop, manage, deliver, and evaluate policies and programs. Families and youth have a voice in the decision making and the coordination of services, as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all children in their community.

Interagency Collaboration

Child and family-serving agencies establish formal linkages to ensure that the system of care is adequately coordinated and integrated.

Cultural & Linguistic Competence

All services and supports are delivered in a way that is responsive to the family's race, culture, language and/or ethnicity.

Individualized and Strengths-Based

Every child and family receives an individualized service plan tailored to their unique needs.

Accountability

Outcomes measures are developed and tracked for individual children, youth and families as well as the system as a whole.



FY10 Partnership Programs

In FY10 the Partnership funded 25 programs and initiatives throughout the County targeting youth from birth to age 21.

Early Childhood Programs

Anne Arundel County Infants and Toddler Autism Project
BEST (Behavioral/Emotional Support and Training Program)
Home Visiting Programs, Annapolis and West County
TOTs Line Live

Youth Strategies

Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol
Keep A Clear Mind
Teen Court
Youth Empowerment Services (YES)
Gang Activity Control Program
Annapolis and Pascal Youth Services Bureaus
Teens In Partnership Youth Advisory Group
3rd Annual Teen Summit

After School Programs

Star Academy, Mills Parole,
Gems & Jewels, Brooklyn Park

Systems of Care

Network of Care Local Access Mechanism
Family Navigator
Information Resource Line

Other Initiatives

Annapolis Promise Neighborhood
Disproportionate Minority Contact Initiative
Early Childhood Coalition
Local Coordinating Council
Substance Abuse and Delinquency Prevention Coalition
Youth Suicide Awareness Action Team



Financial Summary

FY10 Financial Summary

Revenues:

State Grants	\$1,646,455
Federal Funding	183,240
County In-kind Contributions	38,400
Interest Income	2,643
Total Revenues:	<u>\$1,870,739</u>

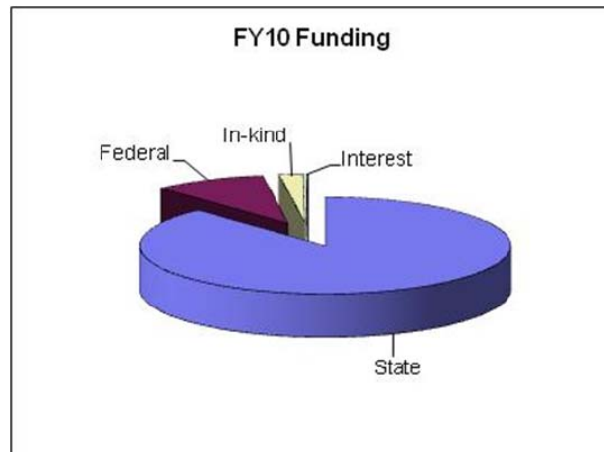
Allowable Expenses:

LMB Core Functions	\$440,930
Programming	1,535,432
Total Expenses:	<u>\$1,976,363</u>

Change in Fund Balance/Earned Reinvestment (\$105,624)

Reinvesting in the Community

The Board for AACo. Partnership for Children, Youth and Families awards grants to Community organizations that support their mission. These funds are one-time only and the initiative needs to build resource capacity and/or enhance programs in the County. In FY10 the Board voted to provide \$111,704 in Reinvestment dollars to back-fill state cuts made to local programs.



Partnership Program Outcomes 2010

Behavioral and Emotional Support and Training (BEST)

512 children were served by the BEST program in FY10.

Tots Line

Tots Line received **1,089** information and referral contacts and completed **204** workshop and community outreach activities.

Autism Project

All **104** children served by the Autism Project showed average gains of 8.7 months in developmental outcomes including receptive language, expressive language, cognition, and social interaction skills.

Home Visiting

100% of the **65** families enrolled in the Home Visiting program had no reports to Child Protective Services

Youth Service Bureaus

94% of the youth did not commit a juvenile offense during the course of their enrollment in the program

Afterschool Programs

100% of the **253** students enrolled in after school programs successfully transitioned to the next grade level

Keep a Clear Mind

1876 students participated in the Keep a Clear Mind program

Gang Activity Control Program

43 students were enrolled in the Gang Activity Control Program

81% reported an increased knowledge about gangs

Youth Empowerment Services (YES)

48 students participated in the YES program at two locations in Anne Arundel County, **75%** showed an improvement in overall GPA and **100%** were promoted to the next grade level.

Teen Court

96% of the **116** students did not reoffend within 12 months



FY10 Partnership Initiatives



Anne Arundel County Systems of Care

Serving children, youth and their families in Anne Arundel County

Our Mission

To provide individualized information and support to connect children, youth and their families to appropriate resources in the community

The Components

Network of Care Website

A comprehensive resource and referral guide to family and children's services with over 1200 local resources. The website provides families 24 hour, easy access to information and support services.

Information & Referral Warm Line

A staffed phone line that provides personal assistance locating community resources. For families with complex needs, individualized, home-based support is available. The phone line is open M-F, 8:30am - 5:00pm.

Community Resource Initiative

A forum staffed by representatives from family-serving agencies, convened for the purpose of connecting families with multiple needs to community-based resources and services through an Individual Family Action Plan.

www.annearundel.md.networkofcare.org

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FREE, CONFIDENTIAL & AVAILABLE TO ALL ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Anne Arundel County Systems of Care is a collaboration with the Anne Arundel County Public School System.



In an effort to combat the rising tide of teenage suicides in our County, the Partnership worked with the Core Service Agency (CSA) and Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) to establish the Youth Suicide Awareness (YSA) Action Team in 2009. This group is an active coalition of County agencies, organizations and volunteers that interact with our youth population on a regular basis and have the resources, expertise and ability to have a positive impact on this problem. This group also acts as the steering committee for the Garret Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention Grant recently awarded to AACPS & CSA to expand evidence-based and best practices in youth suicide prevention and intervention in our community.

2010 initiatives included the training of 60 QPR Certified Trainers to provide essential "gatekeeper" training skills to all school personnel, as well as the community at large, on how to identify an individual that may potentially be suicidal and how to ensure they connect with necessary care. The training takes less than an hour and is currently offered for free to County groups and organizations. For more information or to schedule a QPR training, email Alli Holstrom at srhols44@aacounty.org.



FY10 Partnership Programs

Coalition for Safe Communities



The CSC is a hard-working network of community partners that are charged with addressing the issues that contribute to underage drinking and substance abuse. Our belief is that in order to impact these issues we must work collectively by building and sustaining strong partnerships. Through these collective partnerships, we can strengthen our families and build resiliency in our youth. To

learn more about the CSC, or to get involved, please visit the CSC website at <http://www.aacounty.org/CSC/Index.cfm>.

Our CSC Partners Include: AA Co. Dept. of Juvenile Services, AA Co. Health Department, AA Co. Liquor Board, AA Co. Mental Health Agency, AA Co. Police Department, AA Co. Recreation & Parks, AA Co. Safe & Drug-Free Schools, Annapolis YSB, Bridges CDC, Chesapeake Center for Youth Development, Light of the World Family Ministries, and the Stanton Center of Annapolis.

Youth Mentoring Strategies

Gang Activity Control Program (GACP) is an after school program for 6th and 7th grade Latino students that teaches methods for effective conflict resolution to avoid violence. GACP aims to educate parents, teachers, and local clergy as to the signs of emerging gang activity, provide guidance to adolescents on how to recognize gang recruitment efforts, educate/counsel adolescents to understand the destructive ramifications of gang members, and provide alternatives that discourage participation in gang membership and activities.



Gems and Jewels Mentoring Institute is an after school program geared towards middle-school students who are at-risk for academic failure, suspension/expulsion due to poor academic performance and behavior problems, or juvenile delinquency. The purpose of the program is to deter juvenile delinquency by providing an array of Personal Accountability Training activities that include: Conflict Resolution, Healthy Choices through the Fit for Life Program, Substance Abuse Education and Refusal, violence prevention, tutoring, community service, recreational activities, and mentoring.

Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Program is a 16 week after-school diversion program geared toward status and first time non-violent male offenders between the ages 12-18. The program incorporates the Reconnecting Youth research based prevention curriculum which focuses on school performance, drug involvement, and behavioral and emotional distress.



FY10 Partnership Programs



"Choose to be Drug Free"

TIP TEENS IN PARTNERSHIP

Teens In Partnership (TIP) is a youth advisory board consisting of students grades 8-12 who live in Anne Arundel County and are committed to making a difference in our community concerning the issues of underage drinking and substance abuse.

The mission of the Teens in Partnership Youth Advisory Board is to encourage our peers to choose drug free lives by providing education on the effects of alcohol and drug abuse, promoting drug-free alternatives and acting as a resource for teens seeking assistance with related issues. Two of the main TIP initiatives are the annual [Teen Summit Event](#) and the [Reach Out Now National Teach In](#).

Reach Out Now National Teach In

Reach Out Now (RON) is a national school-based initiative that aims to prevent and reduce underage alcohol use by raising awareness among students about the related dangers and possible consequences "Now" before they start drinking. This spring, three members of Teens In Partnership (TIP) made a dynamic presentation to students at Edgewater Elementary.



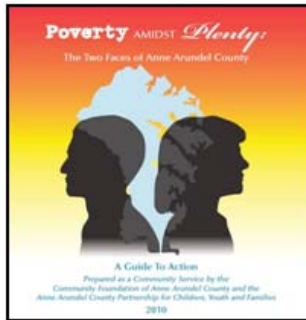
3RD ANNUAL TEEN SUMMIT!



The 3rd Annual Teen Summit "Choose To Be Drug Free!" Day was held at Annapolis High School on Saturday, May 22nd. The Teen Summit was designed to prevent underage drinking and substance abuse among adolescents in our community. Over 240 students and their parents were in attendance for this incredible event which began with a high-energy presentation from motivational speaker Eddie Slowikoski that combined anti-drug and drinking messages, with music, dance and words of empowerment and encouragement. Immediately following, the students participated in a myriad of "break out" sessions focusing on everything from gang awareness and prevention to drunk driving. After lunch, the entire family was invited to participate in an outdoor Recreation and Resource Fair. Visit our website for info on the 2011 Teen Summit Event!



Community Needs Assessment 2010



The Partnership is required by statute to perform a community needs assessment every 3 years to ensure local programs are targeted to the current strengths and needs in our community. In 2010, The Partnership collaborated with the Community Foundation of A.A. County to develop and publish the 3rd in a series of county-wide needs assessments "Poverty Amidst Plenty: The Two Faces of Anne Arundel County." The needs assessment is authored by Dr. Lester Salamon, Director of the Center for Civil Studies at John Hopkins University.

A few fast facts:

- Over 22,000 County residents lived in poverty as of the middle of this decade, according to recent U.S. Census data, and over 7,000 of these are children.
- 50% increase in households receiving food stamps between 2007 and 2009.
- 1,131 foreclosure events were filed in the County in the 1st quarter of 2010. In the four hardest-hit communities of Brooklyn, Severn, Glen Burnie, and Laurel, the foreclosure rate stood at one out of every 88 owner-occupied homes.
- In July 2009, the number of households on the waiting list for housing vouchers had swelled to 7,399, but the number of vouchers available had shrunk to 1,657. As of January 2010, the number of voucher applicants had expanded again, to 8,082 households.
- The share of County residents lacking health insurance exceeded 57,000 people in 2007, or more than 11 % of the population.
- The number of persons served by the county's mental health services system jumped nearly 17% between 2007 and 2009. Although the County is served by a capable and innovative Mental Health Agency, there is widespread consensus that funding is insufficient to meet the current need

The Needs Assessment should be a call to action to every Anne Arundel County resident. Despite a life of plenty for many, Anne Arundel County still offers a life of want for many of our residents. The full report can be downloaded at: <http://www.aacounty.org/Partnership>



Community Partnership Initiatives 2010

Each year, the Partnership is involved with a myriad of community collaborations in alignment with our mission, vision and core principles. Here are a few of our 2010 initiatives beyond those highlighted elsewhere in this report.

Systems of Care – Collaboration with A.A. Co. Public Schools and the University of Maryland to provide information, resources and support for families with children

Promise Neighborhood – Partnership with the Community Action Agency, the Community Foundation of A.A. Co., A.A. Co. Public Schools, and the City of Annapolis to serve subsidized and public housing complexes in Annapolis. This endeavor is also supported by local legislators and 15 other community agencies.

Disproportionate Minority Contact Coalition – Collaboration with the County Executive's Office, Circuit Court, DJS, local Police Departments, the Mental Health Agency, State Attorney's Office, Annapolis Housing Authority, Annapolis Youth Services Bureau, Annapolis Rec & Parks, the Conflict Resolution Center, and the faith community to address the disproportionate rate of minorities represented in the juvenile justice system.

Local Coordinating Council – Members from each of the four main child-serving agencies – DSS, DJS, AACPS, and CSA – along with the Health Department, DORS, DDA and parent representatives meet bi-monthly to review cases of children subject to residential treatment center placement to ensure that the best interests of the child and family are being served.

Early Childhood Coalition – Collaboration of all community early childhood service providers in the County in an effort to improve school readiness among preschool aged children.

Community Conferencing – Collaboration with the Conflict Resolution Center, Community Conferencing Center of Baltimore, the A.A. Co. Police Dept., DJS, and the Circuit Court designed to divert first-time offenders from entrance into the Juvenile Justice system using the principles of restorative justice.



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