$3.1 million in grant funds Awarded

24 programs & initiatives FUNDED

2,579 County residents SERVED

- 154 Disconnected Youth
- 166 Homeless Youth
- 616 Hungry Children
- 722 Children/Families Impacted by Incarceration

- 100% Of the 108 families served in Family Stability Programs obtained or remained in stable housing
- 84% Of families report improved ability to advocate for the needs of their children
- 91% Of families report they are better off for having received Systems of Care services
- 98% Of children served in BEST 2.0 exhibit a decrease in problem behavioral issues
- 80% Of youth served in the YES after school program improved in both school attendance and GPA

Completed latest versions of "POVERTY AMIDST PLENTY" & "COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT"

ESTABLISHED HOPE ZONES

- Brooklyn Park
- Annapolis
- South County

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Working inside communities to ensure Nothing About Us Without Us …

The Partnership is the County’s Local Management Board. We are 100% grant funded. We take a place based, data driven, two-generation approach. We work inside identified communities to:

- Assess needs from the inside out
- Bridge gaps in services
- Fund programs and strategies identified by community residents and supported by data

### Our priorities for 2019 are:

1. **North County Hope Zone - Community of Hope in Brooklyn Park**
   - Collaboration with DSS and 150 stakeholders
   - Goal to reduce poverty in our highest-need community by 2022

2. **Annapolis Hope Zone - Collaborative for Change**
   - Collaboration with Public Housing Authority, law enforcement and residents
   - Goal to reduce youth gun and gang violence by 2022

3. **South County Hope Zone - SoCo Hope**
   - Collaboration with growing core group of 50 stakeholders and residents
   - Goal to address access issues by 2022

### Making A Direct Impact

In 2016, Mike Wiezbicki, a young Social Sciences teacher at North County High School serving Brooklyn Park, prioritized understanding and protecting the environment as every child’s responsibility. Faced with a class of low income youth and one, shared, botany text book, he created a hands-on informal STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to vulnerable youth through an agriculture program with a focus on nutrition as well as principles of business. A makeshift greenhouse in an unused storage closet has become modern, urban agriculture.

**Elements Developed 2018-19**

- Outdoor garden on the school grounds. Youth can grow more produce for the Brooklyn Park Farmer’s market. Food is branded as North County Cohort.
- Institution and development of beehives on school grounds
- Fish farming
- Hydroponics in greenhouses inside the school

### Systems of Care