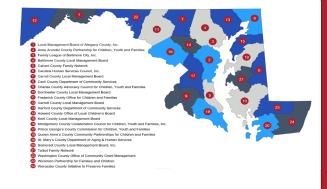
## The Maryland Model



### Governor

Vision Broad Goals

### Children's Cabinet (Sub-Cabinet)

Strategies Outcomes Results

### **Governors Office for Children**

Coordination Research Measurement

### Local Management Boards

Neutral convener for local voices Needs assessment Finding and funding gaps in services Collecting data

### Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, Created 1996 Local Management Board



#### Instrumentality of Anne Arundel County Government, County Code, Title 6

#### Maryland Human Services Article §8–301 (1992).

Each county shall establish and maintain a local management board to ensure the implementation of a local interagency service delivery system for children, youth, and families.

A local management board shall:

- Strengthen the decision-making capacity at the local level
- Design and implement strategies that achieve clearly defined results for children, youth, and families as articulated in a local 5-year strategic plan for children, youth, and families
- Maintain standards of accountability for locally agreed upon results for children, youth, and families
- Influence the allocation of resources across systems as necessary to accomplish the desired results
- Build local partnerships to coordinate children, youth, and family services within the county to eliminate fragmentation and duplication of services
- Create an effective system of services, supports, and opportunities that improve outcomes for all children, youth, and families.

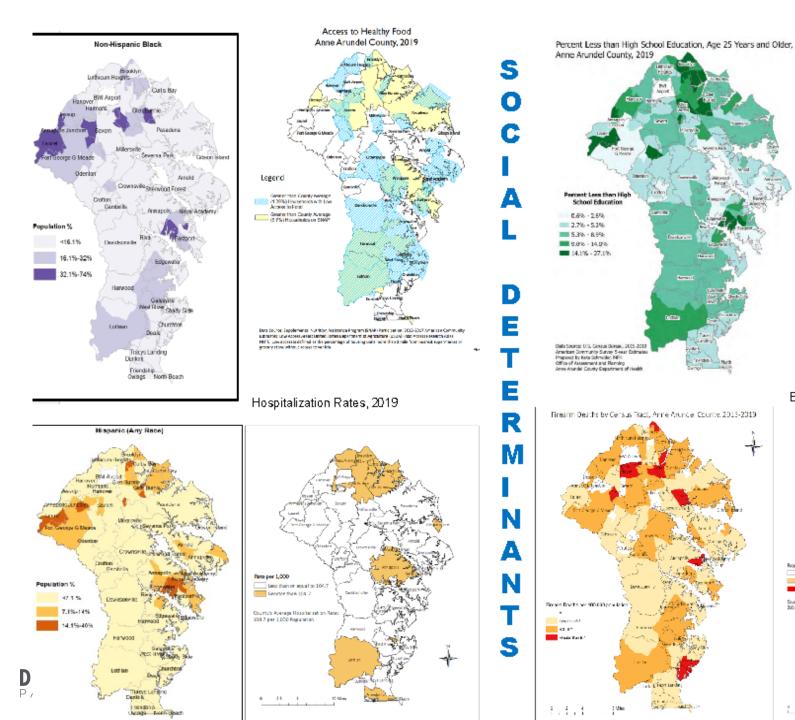
#### County Code § 3-6-109. Powers and duties.

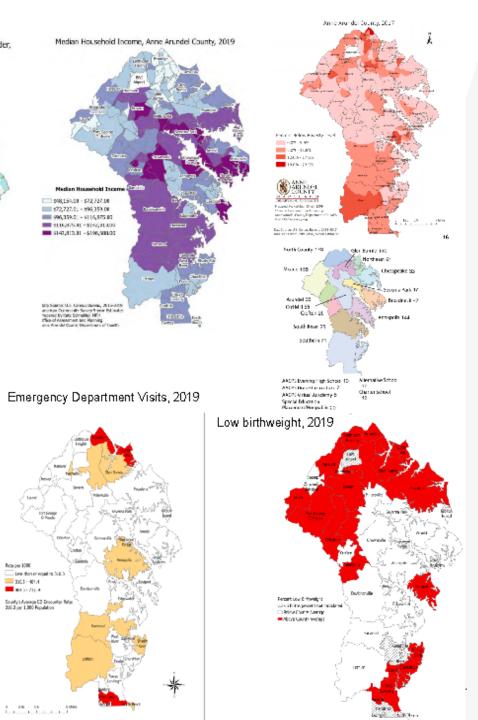
- Among its powers and duties, the Partnership may:
- (1) develop plans for non-categorical interagency family preservation services to those populations identified by the State as appropriate for those services;
- (2) identify barriers to integration of and access to interagency services and develop plans to overcome those barriers;
- (3) provide for community involvement in service delivery, including involvement in the planning process and provision of financial and in-kind resources for services;
- (4) develop measures for specific outcomes, including reduction of the numbers of children entering out-of-home and out-of-State placements;
- (5) promote training for all involved parties, including Board members, agency staff, and the community, to assure an understanding of the goals of the interagency service delivery system;
- (6) develop criteria to monitor and evaluate the implementation and quality of the interagency service delivery system;
- (7) administer State and County funding for community partnerships and seek alternative sources of funding;
- (8) recommend changes to the budget, mandate, or mission of community partnerships;
- (9) receive and evaluate information from the child service agencies on service statistics, revenues, expenses, and operating costs;
- (10) develop an integrated data collection capacity to evaluate the effectiveness of interagency service delivery and provide for data collection; and
- (11) prepare periodic evaluations of the results of community partnerships for the State and County governments.

## **Anne Arundel County Community Needs Assessment**



- Partnership with Community Foundation since 2009
- Other partners include: health department, local hospitals, mental health agency, domestic violence advocates
- Blended funding from five sources for the research
- Completed every three years
- Drives county and community funding
- Focus groups and key stakeholder interviews with over 200 community residents





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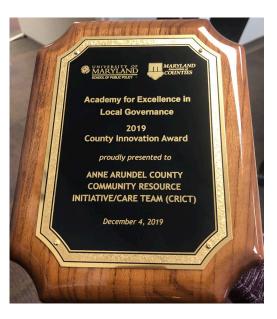
## **Sparking and Sustaining Collective Action**





## Anne Arundel County Systems of Care and Care Teams (CRICT):

- 1-800 number for resoruce needs
- Family navigators
- Spanish speaking navigators
- Peer/Re-entry Navigator



**Regular CRICT Team** – Families with Multiple issues, basic needs help.

**Early Childhood EC CRICT** – Families struggling with issues related to the 0-5 population

**Bricks and Mortar – BRICKIT** – Homeless or about to be homeless families

**Silver CRICT** – Senior and disabled populations

**VICTIM SERVICES (VS) CRICT** – victims in the juvenile services/criminal justice system

LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

# KINSHIP CARE Monthly support Group

ULTIMO LUNES DE CADA MES

# GRUPO DE APOYO Mensual de Parentesco

LAS REUNIONS SE LLEVAN A CABO DE FORMA VIRTUAL O EN PERSONA PARA SEGUIR AYUDANDO A LAS FAMILIAS CON:

- -- Recursos Familiares
- -- Informacion y apoyo sobre parentesco
- -- Lugar seguro para interactuar con otras familias de parentesco

Las Reuniones en persona invitan a todo lo anterior, así como a

#### Refrescos y actividades para ninos !!!!!

Una excelente manera de interactuar con otras personas que estan experimentando las mismas aventuras, obstaculosPageegr1as que a menudo a estan tras familias de cuidado familiar.



-- Family Resources

FAMILIES WITH :

- -- Kinship info & Support
- -- Safe place to interact with other Kinship families

#### IN PERSON MEETINGS INCLUDE ALL OF THE ABOVE AS WELL AS

MEETINGS ARE HELD EITHER VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST

REFRESHMENTS AND KIDS ACTIVITIES !!!!

DE ALL OF THE ABOVE AS WELL AS

## **Family Stability Programming**

The Family Stability area oversees all housing programs. Case Managers work under unique grants in order to serve a diverse population of county residents.

### **Homelessness Prevention**

"Prevention" means family is currently housed, and we are "preventing" them from being evicted. Case management offered for six months to one year. Support includes: financial planning, navigation through services, help with rent and other bills

### **Shelter Diversion**

"Shelter" means that a family is currently homeless and/or living in a hotel/shelter. Intensive Case Management, Help with rent and deposit

### **Eviction Prevention**

Provides temporary rental assistance for eligible renters impacted by the COVID-19. Emergency assistance is to prevent evictions/utility turn-off.

### **Operation Open Doors**

Provides access to temporary housing vouchers. Referrals are made from Pupil Personnel Workers which are then funneled to The Partnership.

### **HIP HOP Program**

Services to Homeless youth in North County

## **Residents Served, 2020-2022**







- Helped 942 unique families get their basic needs met through our Systems of Care navigators and resource line
- Served **337 unique families** in one of our four Community Resource Initiative/Care Teams
- Provided assistance to 442 homeless families or families at risk of homelessness through our Family Stability and Eviction Prevention Programs
- Provided 497,114 families with food
- Provided assistance to 36 Victims, 30% limited English, through our Victim Services program
- Mentored and supported 496 youth

## 200,000 + Residents in Our County Don't Make Enough to Meet their Basic Needs

### **Federal Funding Cliff**

- Supplemental Nutrition
   Assistance Program benefits
- Enhanced unemployment benefits
- Enhanced child tax credits.
- Adjustment to Medicaid that boosted enrollment
- Recovery dollars for food and shelter
- Enhanced food services in public schools



### Post Pandemic Threats for Vulnerable Children & Families

- Inflation
- Skyrocketing cost of food
- Rising rents
- Landlords in the driving seat
- Lack of affordable housing
- Food pantries closing
- Debt built up during the pandemic
- Work hours reduced
- Fewer livable income jobs
- Non-profits struggling
- Churches struggling
- Less available, affordable child care

## Budget Request 5%COLA for three positions \$20,100

- Simple cost of living increase of 5%
- Annual inflation rate 6.4
   percent
- 3 positions are county contractual employees of 15 years +
- Difficult to charge administrative dollars to grants
- Other grant funding will offer at least 5% COLA to all Partnership employees



32 county contract employees delivering excellent services to the most vulnerable children and families in the county

## Budget Request Family Homelessness/Homelessness Prevention \$700,000

#### **Homeless Prevention**

 Assists low-income residents in the County that are at imminent risk of homelessness by providing on-going case management services and financial assistance to prevent eviction

#### Homeless Families (Rapid Rehousing)

 Assists currently homeless families living in hotels, doubled up or on the street

### 1,000+ families homeless in the county on any given night

#### FY23 TO DATE (July - Dec)

- 44 families, 134 people
- $\Box$  84% female head of household
- □ 66% Extremely Low Income
- □ 26% Low Income
- □ 8% Moderate Income
- Race/Ethnicity:
- □ 62% Black/African American Non-Hispanic
- □ 30% White Non-Hispanic
- □ 5% White Hispanic
- □ 3% Other

July –December 2023 we have served almost the same number of families as in the 12 months of 2022 due to the growing need. Please also note the racial disparities within the numbers.

## Budget Request – Food \$438,814

**47, 920** food insecure residents Hunger rate 8.3 percent

**16,290** food insecure children Child insecurity rate 14% African American, 10% Hispanic, 8.9 Percent White

### 75,000 County residents live in a

food desert. There are 17 census tracts which are considered food deserts in Anne Arundel County located in Glen Burnie, Brooklyn Park, Linthicum Heights, Eastport, Fort Meade, Jessup and Severn

### Partnership Role in Food:

- Ensuring equity of supplies at pantries on the go
- Hosting twice weekly meetings of all pantries
- Supplying proteins
- Ensuring geographic and racial equity of distribution
- Providing supplemental culturally appropriate food to food pantries.

## Through these efforts the Partnership has provided food to 548,480 individuals and 206,552 families.

### Partnership and the AA County Food Council

- Set the agenda
- Coordinate the meetings
- Ensure racial and ethnic food disparities are addressed, represent the county on the state food council,
- Work with the local council to create a long term plan to reduce food insecurity.

## **Budget Request: Immigrant Community – 3rd Year**

## \$343,771

### **Immigrant Children Legal Services**

- Partnership with AIJN
- Partnership receives dollars for family navigator
- Serves 100 immigrant youth entering Anne Arundel County over a period of three years.
- Offers legal and wraparound services to receive asylum or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases (SIJS).

2022: Grant goal 33. 49 served
2023: Grant goal33. Expect to serve 60
38 immigrant children have legal representation.
14 more have legal assessments
Legal excellence award from the Maryland Bar



## Budget Request Childcare Navigator \$58,500

- The county lost over 40 childcare providers during the pandemic.
- Parents are currently staying at home instead of working because they cannot navigate the state system for a childcare voucher.
- Childcare providers are giving up and closing because they cannot navigate the state system for subsidies
- Need expressed by child care providers and parents during the 2022 planning process for a position to navigate through financial scholarships, services, and other opportunities.
- Childcare navigator position would attach to our current 1-800 Systems of Care number
- Still waiting for Blueprint dollars for Early Childhood Education and Care

