

Strategies to Fund and Implement Youth Preventive Programs

Part of an Overall Workforce
Strategy

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Youth Focused Programs in a Community Have the Promise of Providing Hope While Stabilizing a Community

1. Reducing Crime while building skills needed in the community
2. Keeping families together by avoiding foster care services for at risk youth
3. Helping Youth become more optimistic about their future
4. Helping more at-risk youth enter college without having to take non-credit remedials “[Remediation: Higher Education’s Bridge to Nowhere](#)”
5. Providing funding for youth to have fun vs. be on the street such as midnight basketball or a YMCA membership

Why Are There Not More Youth Programs in the Hardest to Serve Areas

1. Disconnect between Local Departments of Social Services and Community Based Organizations (CBO' s)
2. Disconnect between Local Departments of Social Services and Public Education
3. Tight County and State Budgets
4. Overwhelmed Local Social Services Staff
5. Lack of Information on How Government Funded Youth Programs Work
6. A lack of Local Funding for CBO' s leading to very few Partnerships where they are needed most

Title 4B Federal Child and Family Services Preventive Funding and How it Works

1. All funding must be authorized by the local Department of Social Services
2. All funding requires a 50% **CASH MATCH** to draw down the 50% federal funding
3. The List of services for at-risk youth are broad but again must be approved by your local Department of Social Services
4. These funds are uncapped at the federal level
5. In addition to youth your organization already serves, the local Department of Social Services can refer other at-risk youth you may not have been aware of
6. Funding can be requested and an amendment to the local and state plan can occur at any time during the year
7. The State Plan itself is usually completed by June 30th for the following federal fiscal year and is submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services by August 15th

Strategies to Implement

1. Work with current or new local or national funding sources and request funds that can be leveraged to increase the Foundation or other local entity's bang for their buck.
2. Use existing state and local funding as a match to leverage additional funding
3. Work with local and state government to get a special member item to fund the leveraged Title 4B Preventive program you are trying to implement
4. County Department of Social Services as Funding Leverage Agents must be engaged early in the process at the highest level of government. Either the County Executive or the Commissioner of Social Services should be the first point of contact
5. Educate!!! Make sure when you speak to Local Department of social Services Management or elected/appointed officials you have a plan ready to go with a budget!!!

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