

Quality of Life Faculty Community-Based Applied Research Grant

Children's Services Council  
2013 Funding Goals

**Family Strengthening**

GOAL1: Reduce the incidence of verified evidence of abuse and neglect

Objective 1: Reduce child abuse and neglect through the provision of effective family strengthening services to prevent child maltreatment

Objective 2: Provide family strengthening services that support families with children in relative (Kinship) care and non-relative care

**Delinquency Prevention & Diversion**

GOAL1: Reduce risk factors associated with delinquency, violence, victimization, school failure, teen pregnancy and other risky behaviors by strengthening protective factors and positive decision making skills.

Objective1: Provide youth development programs that engage middle school students attending high-need schools and promote school and community attachment

GOAL2: Reduce the recidivism rate of low risk juvenile offenders and prevent the escalation of crime

Objective 1: Reduce juvenile crime through increased youth participation in effective diversion programs

Objective 2: Collaborate with community partners to provide early intervention to families with children exhibiting fire setting and related risk behaviors

**Transitional Independent Living**

GOAL1: Strengthen supports for youth to successfully transition to adulthood

Objective 1: Support a collaborative system of care that addresses the multifaceted needs of transitioning youth by providing Independent Living programming to improve their transition to a productive adulthood.

**Early Care and Education**

GOAL1: Improve children's educational success

Objective 1: Collaborate with community partners to increase literacy skills in children and youth

Objective 2: Support community efforts to strengthen Early Childhood Education (ECE) Initiatives

### **Physical Health**

GOAL1: Safeguard the physical health of children

Objective 1: Collaborate with community partners to promote healthy nutrition and address the epidemic of childhood obesity

Objective 2: Collaborate with community partners to provide water safety/drowning prevention programs

### **Maternal & Child Health**

GOAL1: Ensure a continuum of maternal and child health services for at-risk families

Objective 1: Provide screening, assessment and support services for pregnant women with children ages 3 and younger to increase prenatal and infant screenings

Objective 2: Provide treatment and support for mothers with maternal depression

Objective 3: Collaborate with community partners to provide resources to improve fetal/infant/young child mortality rates

### **Physical, Developmental, and Behavioral Needs**

GOAL1: Strengthen the continuum of care for children with special physical, developmental, and behavioral health needs

Objective 1: Provide transitional services to prepare youth with disabilities for post-secondary education, training and gainful employment

Objective 2: Improve the Information and Referral network for families with children with physical, developmental and behavioral needs

Objective 3: Increase training opportunities for youth with disabilities and their parents to promote effective individual and system of care advocacy

### **Child Safety**

GOAL1: Increase the safety of children and youth in the community

Objective 1: Collaborate with community partners to increase awareness of domestic and dating violence and provide training and outreach strategies to prevent child and youth endangerment.