



## SUPPORTING RESEARCH

When people are able to find decent jobs, provide for their families and save for the future, they and their children are more likely to enjoy healthy lives and succeed in school. Everyone benefits, because financially stable individuals and families lead to a more competitive workforce and a stronger community.

Youth development is a process that prepares young people to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood through a coordinated, progressive series of activities and experiences that help them to become socially, morally, emotionally, physically, and cognitively competent. Young people living in poverty and high-risk neighborhoods have few opportunities to get the critical experiences needed for positive development and may experience repeated racial and ethnic discrimination. Such youth have a substantial amount of free, unsupervised time during their non-school hours. Other youth who are in need of more programs include youth with disabilities of all kinds, youth from troubled family situations and youth with special needs to find places for emotional support.

# HUMAN SERVICES

## FUNDING INITIATIVES

Meeting human needs through an interdisciplinary knowledge base, focusing on prevention as well as remediation of problems, and maintaining a commitment to improving the overall quality of life is the focus of our human services program. Focus areas:

- 1) Stability and Financial Independence
- 2) Positive outcomes for all people

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### GOAL

TO HELP FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS BECOME STABLE AND FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT

### OBJECTIVE

- To assist families and individuals in meeting emergency needs to stabilize a crisis, and for which no other or inadequate funding sources are available. Examples: emergency assistance with food, clothing, shelter, crisis intervention or refuge in abuse cases.
- To provide services that prevent or intervene in cases of family breakdown, violence or poverty.
- To assist families and individuals in removing barriers to obtaining and maintaining economic self-sufficiency. Examples: child care, transportation, transitional housing, and rehabilitation programs.
- To assist individuals with physical or developmental disabilities in maintaining an independent or semi-independent lifestyle.

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### GOAL

TO PROMOTE POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

### OBJECTIVE

- To foster good relationships between youth, especially minority youth, and law enforcement.
- To provide youth, especially those most at risk, with the skills, knowledge and a variety of other personal and social assets to function well during adolescence and adulthood.
- To provide senior citizens, especially those most at risk, with the opportunity to continue contributing to society while having the best quality of life.

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