

Executive Summary

The Cleveland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), in fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, has completed the activities required to develop this County Plan for FY 2021 through FY 2022.

The JCPC has identified the issues and factors which have an influence and impact upon delinquent youth, at-risk youth, and their families in Cleveland County. Further, the JCPC has identified the strategies and services most likely to reduce/prevent delinquent behavior.

Priorities for Funding: Through a Risk and Needs Assessment and a resource assessment, the JCPC has determined that the following services are needed to reduce/prevent delinquency in Cleveland County (The list is in no particular order or priorities).

1. Association with Negative/Delinquent Peers/Gang Association
2. Family Needs: Domestic Violence Exposure, Family Criminality and Substance Abuse
3. Inadequate Parental Supervision
4. Mental/Behavioral Health Needs: Assessment/Counseling/Treatment
5. Prior History of Delinquency/Recidivism
6. Serious School Behavior Problems/Suspensions/Truancy
7. Substance Use/Abuse

Monitoring and Evaluation: Each program funded in the past year by the JCPC has been monitored. The monitoring results and program outcomes evaluations were considered in making funding allocation decisions. The JCPC continues to conduct implementation monitoring of its action plan and its funded programs on an annual basis. (See Monitoring Reports Attachment).

Funding Recommendations: Having published a Request for Proposals for these needed services for a minimum of thirty (30) days, the JCPC has screened the submitted proposals and has determined which proposals best meet the advertised needed services. As required by statute, the JCPC recommends allocation of the NC Department of Public Safety-Community Programs Section Funds to the following Programs in the amounts specified below for FY 2021-2022 (See *JCPC Funding Allocations* page):

2021-22

1. Juvenile Mediation \$ 30,000.00 (Two Year Funding)
2. Roots and Wings; PAYS/STEPS \$ 78,619.00 (Two Year Funding)
3. Cleveland Early Intervention, CCS \$ 40,000.00 (Two Year Funding)
4. Teen Court, CIS \$ 41,526.00
5. Restoration and Community Service, CIS \$ 30,000.00
6. Mentoring Program, CIS \$ 34,657.00
7. Family Centered Treatment, Pinnacle Family Services, 19,068.00
8. Kids at Work, \$40,000 (Two Year Funding)
9. PORT Program \$ 24,193.00 (Two Year Funding)
10. JCPC Administration \$ 2000.00 (Two Year Funding)

*Projected 2020-21 Allocation: \$340,063.00

(Please see (Attachment 1) for descriptions of the programs recommended for funding).

The JCPC further recommends that the following amount be allocated from the NC Department of Public Safety funds for the administrative costs of the Council for FY 2021-2022: \$2,000.00

DJJ funds: \$ 2000.00

II. Supplies & Materials	\$2,000		\$2,000
210 Household & Cleaning			
220 Food & Provisions	\$2,000		\$2,000
III. Current Obligations & Services			
310 Travel & Transportation			
320 Communications			
330 Utilities			
340 Printing & Binding			
350 Repairs & Maintenance			
370 Advertising			
380 Data Processing			
580 Buildings, Structures & Improv.			
Total	\$2,000		\$2,000

2021-22

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ledford', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffery H. Ledford

Chair, Cleveland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

May 4, 2021

(Attachment 1)

Program Descriptions

CLEVELAND COUNTY
2021-2022 FUNDED PROGRAMS

PORT: Sponsoring Agency: Freedom House of Mecklenburg

Contact Information: Derrick Harris, cderrickh777@yahoo.com 704-923-5539

Component: Substance Abuse Counseling

Providing Opportunities in Recovery for Teens (PORT) Program provides Substance use screenings, assessments, evaluations, counseling, community-based interventions, and urinalysis for juvenile court involved youth experiencing challenges with substance use. The CADC/CPS, LCAS-A, or CADC-R provides counseling during crisis, counsel youth in the community, assist the family in arranging other services, and assists with transportation when necessary and appropriate. *(Two Year Funding)*

Juvenile Mediation: Sponsoring Agency: Mediation Center of the Southern Piedmont

Contact Information: Beth Fox, bfox@mediationcsp.com 704-868-9576

Component: Mediation/Conflict Resolution:

Restorative Justice Conferencing leads young offenders to take responsibility for their actions by learning and understanding the impact and consequences of their actions and sends them a clear message about accountability. Positive Impact classes are part of the process. These classes give youth the tools to realize the harm their actions have caused, enable them to make better choices and allow them to be accountable for their actions and choices. *(Two Year Funding)*

Cleveland Early Intervention: Sponsoring Agency: Cleveland County School

Contact Information: Rodney Borders, rlborders@clevelandcountyschools.org 704-476-8060

Component: Interpersonal Skill Building

Cleveland Early Intervention (CEI) is an interpersonal skill building program based at Turning Point Academy, alternative school in Cleveland Co. Schools. CEI employs a Life Skills Coordinator to teach interpersonal skills to youth placed at TPA that are referred due to social skills deficits. The LSC provides primarily individual counseling with supplemental group sessions; links students to additional services in and out of school and provides opportunities to learn and model new skills. *(Two Year Funding)*

Teen Court: Sponsoring Agency: Communities in Schools of Cleveland County

Contact Information: Heather Bridges-Moore, heather@cisofclevelandco.org 704-480-5569

Component: Teen Court

Teen Court is an alternative to adjudication through the Juvenile Court/District Court. It provides an opportunity for juvenile offenders, who accept responsibility for their

offense, to go before a jury of peers and be represented by a teen attorney. The teen jury listens to testimony and decides an appropriate sentence based on guidelines provided by an adult judge. Upon successful completion, the referring agency will be notified and charges against the juvenile will not be pursued further. *(One Year Funding)*

Restoration & Community Service: Sponsoring Agency: Communities in Schools/ Cleveland County

Contact Information: Heather Bridges-Moore, heather@cisofclevelandco.org 704-480-5569

Component: Juvenile Restitution & Community Service

The goal is to offer juvenile offenders an option to give back to the community. It leverages local businesses, government agencies, and non-profit agencies to provide opportunities for youth to pay back restitution and offers a way for them to be held accountable and to repair some of the harm caused by their conduct. Monetary restitution is a process by which juvenile offenders are held partially or fully accountable for the financial losses suffered by the victims of their crimes. *(One Year Funding)*

Roots & Wings: (PAYS and STEPS) Sponsoring Agency: Cleveland County Health Department

Contact Information: Dana Hamrick, dana.hamrick@clevelandcounty.com 980-484-5109

Component: Parent/Family Skill Building

Parent/Youth Skills Development is a 14 week program using effective strategies to prevent/reduce delinquency that promotes protective family and individual factors such as positive juvenile/parent relationships, effective parental monitoring, social/interpersonal skills and competency through topics such as Communication, Respect/Relationships, Understanding Teens, Self-Esteem, Discipline, Anger Management, Decision Making, Substance Abuse Prevention, Gang Awareness, and Social Media Awareness.

Component: Parent/Family Skill Building

Success Through Effective Parenting Strategies is a 6 week program using effective strategies to prevent/reduce delinquency that promotes protective family factors such as effective/positive parenting, positive family bonds, effective parental monitoring, as well as parental involvement and commitment through topics such as parenting styles, communication skills, building cooperation and self-esteem, redirecting misbehavior, as well as school success. *(Two Year Funding)*

Mentor Program: Sponsoring Agency: Communities in Schools of Cleveland County

Contact Information: Heather Bridges-Moore, heather@cisofclevelandco.org 704-480-5569

Component: Mentoring

The program provides a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult for at-risk youth with special emphasis on court-involved youth referred by Juvenile Justice. Referrals are also accepted from Communities In Schools programs, school resource officers, and other community agencies, including partners with the Cleveland County JCPC. *(One Year Funding)*

Family Centered Treatment: Sponsoring Agency: Family Centered Treatment Foundation

Contact Information: Janet Holden, Janet.fuller-holden@familycenteredtreatment.org 757-572-0622

Component: Home Based Family Counseling

Family Centered Treatment (FCT) is a Trauma Treatment, best practice, tested and evidence-based model of home-based family therapy developed by practitioners over a 30-year period. FCT is a formalized model of therapy that has practice-based evidence and evidence based practice shown to lower rates of out of home placements, juvenile recidivism, and maladaptive areas of family functioning. It has been refined based on research, experience, and evidence of effectiveness derived from practice. *(One Year Funding)*

Kids at Work: Sponsoring Agency: Aspire Youth & Family

Contact Information: Kim Castano, kim@aspirenc.org 828-226-5533

Component: Interpersonal Skill Building

Kids at Work is an interpersonal skills development program based around the culinary arts. Youth are a part of the program for 16 weeks and meet for three hours once a week for instruction. The curriculum consists of 24 hands-on lessons that are designed to meet the clients unique learning styles and help them apply the skills in a work environment. Youth 14 and older also complete training in ServSafe and take the certification exam. All program youth will receive a vocational assessment. *(Two Year Funding)*

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Organization

FY 21-22	Name	Organization	Title
Chairperson	Jeffery Ledford	Shelby Police Department	Chief of Police
Vice-Chairperson	Jamey Davis	Capital Funds	CFO
Secretary	Sara Brunner	NC DPS/DACJJ	CCS
Treasurer	Sherrie Geer	Cleveland County Government	Senior Finance
Assessment Committee Chairperson	Dr. Gregory Grier	Cleveland County DSS	Program Administrator
Funding Committee Chairperson	Margie Christopher	Retired, Children's Homes of CC	Executive Director

Number of members for FY 20-21:

22

List meeting dates during the current fiscal year and identify the number of JCPC members in attendance for each.

Meeting Date	Number of Members in Attendance	Quorum Present? Yes/No
8/4/20 (V)	14	Yes
10/6/20 (V)	13	Yes
12/1/20 (V)	14	Yes
1/5/21 (V)	13	Yes
3/2/21 (V)	9	No
4/13/21	12	Yes
5/4/21	12	Yes
6/1/21		

Cleveland County

NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: \$ \$340,063 Local Match: \$ \$145,627 Rate: 20%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER State/Federal	OTHER Funds	Total	% Non DPS-JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind				
1	JCPC Admin	\$2,000						\$2,000	
2	Cleveland Early Intervention - Cleveland County Schools	\$40,000		\$22,931	\$11,643			\$74,574	46%
3	Family Centered Treatment - Family Centered Treatment Foundation, Inc.	\$19,068			\$5,937			\$25,005	24%
4	Juvenile Mediation - Mediation Center of the Southern Piedmont	\$30,000			\$6,150			\$36,150	17%
5	Kids At Work! Cleveland - Aspire Youth & Family, Inc.	\$40,000			\$8,029			\$48,029	17%
6	Mentor Program - Communities In Schools of Cleveland County	\$34,657		\$21,610				\$56,267	38%
7	PORT Program - Freedom House of Mecklenburg, Inc.	\$24,193			\$4,839			\$29,032	17%
8	Restoration and Community Service - Communities In Schools of Cleveland County	\$30,000		\$13,343				\$43,343	31%
9	Roots & Wings Parent/Youth Skills Development - Cleveland County Health Department	\$78,619		\$41,682				\$120,301	35%
10	Teen Court - Cleveland Communities In Schools of Cleveland County	\$41,526		\$9,463				\$50,989	19%
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TOTALS:		\$340,063		\$109,029	\$36,598			\$485,690	30%

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Cleveland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2021-2022

Amount of Unallocated Funds _____

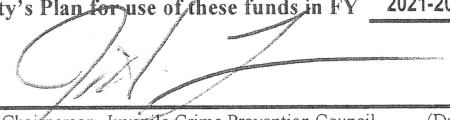
Amount of funds reverted back to DPS _____

Discretionary Funds added _____

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Reviewed by _____	Date _____
Area Consultant	
Reviewed by _____	Date _____
Program Assistant	
Verified by _____	Date _____
Designated State Office Staff	



Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)
or County Finance Officer