

## ATTACHMENT 4

### Action Area Eligible Activities Ensure Safety and Justice by providing alternatives to crime and gangs

Evidence-based or promising practice programs and services in this category should address outcomes and performance measures that result in:

- (1) Safe environments through prevention of youth violence and/or delinquent behaviors by targeting youth who are at enhanced risk for violence/delinquent behaviors;
- (2) Changing the life-trajectory for those youth who have already demonstrated violent or serious delinquent behaviors by providing comprehensive, multi-component, tertiary interventions addressing a constellation of risk factors;
- (3) Safe, accessible and engaging place to go after school and during the summer to prevent risky behaviors and promote health and wellness;
- (4) Development of youth leadership groups focused on promoting equity, inclusion, violence prevention, anti-bullying and social justice efforts; and
- (5) Positive family support to foster a sense of belonging and trust.

#### Rationale:

Issues involving safety and justice continues to be an area of concern for youth throughout Palm Beach County. Many of the youth who are involved in the child welfare system, often have lower academic achievement and higher involvement with the criminal justice system as teenagers and adults. Below is a compilation of the many recommendations for services:

#### *Suggested Uses of Available Funds (based on recommendations included in the Youth Master Plan):*

- Address family violence issues, including domestic violence, as well as gang education/awareness training and community intervention.
- Provide afterschool and out of school pro-social activities for middle and high school students that enable mentors and coaches to support social emotional learning and that build relationships with law enforcement.
- Increase quality mentoring programs, including peer mentoring and promote opportunities for mentors and coaches to support court involved youth delinquency and dependency.
- Provide opportunities for young people to get involved in their community and assume leadership roles.
- Deploy prevention programs, which provide early identification and prevention activities that educate parents and youth and provide alternatives to violent behaviors such as pro-social activities, tutoring, community service and other healthy options.
- Provide support and services to meet the mental health and behavioral health needs of youth and families.
- Increase training and professional learning opportunities for all frontline professionals working with youth to promote equitable practices, including:
  - Cultural competency training with a focus on understanding homelessness, depression, and gender identity among LGBTQ youth
  - Racial and gender equity training
  - Special needs awareness and inclusivity training

Please review the Birth to 22 Appendix, Section 3, subsection 3.3.2

(<http://pbcbirthto22.com/pdf/APPENDIX%20YMP%20SECTION%203%20ONLINE.pdf>), for a list of Evidence-Based and emerging programs.