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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President  
State House, H-107  
Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

The Honorable Michael Busch, House Speaker  
State House, H-101  
Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

Re: At-Risk Youth Prevention and Diversion Programs  
MSAR # 5886 SB882/ Ch. 445, Sec. 3, 2006

Dear Senator Miller and Delegate Busch:

The Governor's Office for Children (GOC) is required by the uncodified language of Senate Bill 882 (2006 Session) to report to the General Assembly by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year on the "implementation and effectiveness of at-risk youth prevention and diversion programs" (SB 882 Ch. 445, Sec. 3, 2006). Additionally, per my predecessor's letter to the General Assembly dated January 8, 2007, the GOC pledged to submit a list of the FY 2008 funded at-risk youth prevention and diversion programs approved by the Children's Cabinet. The purpose of this correspondence is to fulfill both of these requirements.

The General Assembly has defined an "at-risk youth prevention and diversion program" as "services provided to school-aged youth and their families to prevent or divert youth from entering the juvenile justice system and to help make them ready for adulthood by age 21" (Senate Bill 882 (2006), now codified in the Maryland Annotated Code, Human Services Article, §8-601). The General Assembly has set forth a framework for the development of such programs: Local Management Boards (LMBs) coordinate, monitor, and support prevention and diversion programs, through specific requirements detailed in Human Services Article, §8-603. The statute further requires that LMBs provide fiscal and program reports to GOC about these programs and that the LMBs apply to GOC for funding for such programs (Human Services Article, §8-603, 604).

The GOC has worked with the LMBs to comply with the above requirements and to support at-risk youth prevention and diversion programs. Throughout FY 2007, the GOC

worked with and provided technical assistance for LMBs as they convened planning groups focused on the needs of at-risk youth in their communities.

Specifically, the GOC and the LMBs did the following:

- The Positive Youth Outcomes Director of GOC met with all 24 LMBs to review SB 882 and ensure a comprehensive prevention planning entity had been identified. These planning groups included public and private agencies and organizations, parents and youth.
- LMBs received technical assistance from GOC on youth development strategies designed to focus on problem reduction and full preparation for adult roles and responsibilities by youth. An emphasis was placed on ensuring that programs would be designed to:
  - Protect youth from harm (and providing logical consequences for youth when they harm society);
  - Prevent a range of negative outcomes, from drug abuse to gang involvement;
  - Promote positive outcomes, such as academic success; and
  - Ensuring that youth are both fully prepared and fully participating in their community in positive ways.
- LMBs worked to assess the adequacy, availability, and accessibility of current community-based services that:
  - Prevent and divert entry and reentry into the juvenile system;
  - Provide alternatives to incarceration and institutionalization;
  - Prevent and divert criminal behavior; and
  - Increase personal responsibility and self-sufficiency
- Throughout this assessment and planning process, LMBs used the Results-Based Accountability framework in order to respond to The Invitation to Negotiate a Community Partnership Agreement (ITNCPA).
- The ITNCPA was issued by GOC on behalf of the Children's Cabinet to the LMBs on February 2, 2007. All 24 LMBs were required to participate in the ITNCPA process in order to receive FY08 funding. The ITNCPA provided an opportunity for local jurisdictions, through their LMB, to re-negotiate their existing Community Partnership Agreements (CPAs). The new CPAs were developed using the Results-Based Accountability framework and met the planning requirements for SB 882.
- The LMBs submitted concept papers on March 30, 2007, and LMB board members participated in a negotiation process with an interagency State team to determine final strategies and funding priorities. At the conclusion of all

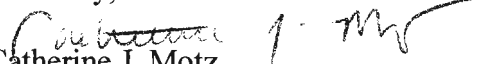
negotiations, the entire State team met to make funding recommendations to the Children's Cabinet.

- Funding recommendations were approved by the Children's Cabinet in June 2007. The required at-risk youth prevention and diversion programs were funded effective July 1, 2007 in the total amount of **\$14,387,672**.

These programs began July 1, 2007, and will end date on June 30, 2008. The LMBs have worked with GOC to create performance measures which will be used by GOC and the LMBs to monitor program effectiveness throughout FY 2008. Performance measurement will be completed by September, 2008 and the first report on program outcomes will be submitted by December 31, 2008.

Please see attached for a list of the FY 2008 funded at-risk youth prevention and diversion programs approved by the Children's Cabinet.

Sincerely,

  
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## Governor's Office for Children Community Partnership Agreement At Risk Youth Prevention and Diversion Programs (FY 2008)

Jurisdiction	Project title	Funding Amount
<b>Allegany County</b>		
	Juvenile Review Board	57,500
	PLAY – Prevention Program w/Police Officers	20,000
	After School	80,000
	Safe School Support School Resource Officer	47,803
	Community Service for Suspended and Expelled Students	45,000
		250,303
<b>Anne Arundel County</b>		
	Youth Service Bureau	200,961
	Center of Help After School Program	35,585
	Star Academy After School Program	131,000
	Gems & Jewels After School Program	43,775
	Behavioral Interventionist – BEST	219,401
	Youth Empowerment Services – YES	57,914
	Teen Court	53,671
	Brooklyn Park Teen Club	20,000
	Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol	23,097
	Keep A Clear Mind Drug Prevention Program	45,531
	Center of Help Gang Activity Program	15,819
	YES West County	58,000
		904,754

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<b>Baltimore City</b>		
	Expanded School Mental Health	200,000
	After School Initiative	703,768
	Baltimore Rising Mentoring Program	75,000
	Choice Program	489,060
	Obika Functional Family Therapy Program	396,000
	Southwest Partnership	100,000
	Youth Service Bureau	547,739
		<b>2,511,567</b>
<b>Baltimore County</b>		
	Out of School Time – Therapeutic	230,000
	Out of School Time – Libraries	262,636
	Youth Service Bureau	339,308
	Functional Family Therapy	360,000
		<b>1,191,944</b>
<b>Calvert County</b>		
	Early Intervention – Saturday Schools	85,500
	Local Access Mechanism	66,525
	Youth Service Bureau	28,695
		<b>180,720</b>

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<b>Caroline County</b>		
	After School	156,653
	School Based Mental Health	28,780
	Addictions Counselor in School	38,743
	Child and Family Behavioral Support	72,734
	Crisis and Planned Respite	25,625
	Teen Court	50,000
	Caroline Mentoring	40,000
	Teenage Pregnancy Prevention	73,500
	Nurturing Parenting	30,543
	Laurel Grove Acres Conversational English	14,000
	Mom Movers	20,465
		<b>551,043</b>
<b>Carroll County</b>		
	Brief Strategic Family Therapy	180,000
	Cultural Navigator	25,000
	New Windsor Middle After School Program	118,288
		<b>323,288</b>
<b>Cecil County</b>		
	After School Initiative	90,000
	Life Skills Training Drug Prevention Program	61,442
	Bridges	227,796
	Family Link	91,600
	Juvenile Outreach Gang Prevention Program	98,353
		<b>569,191</b>
<b>Charles County</b>		
	After School Youth Development Program	93,100
	Youth Service Bureau	156,228
	Functional Family Therapy	23,772
		<b>273,100</b>

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<b>Dorchester County</b>		
	Teen Court	50,000
	Quest After School Program	92,500
	Youth Service Bureaus	73,341
	School Age Mental Health	80,000
	In-Home Therapeutic Services	80,000
	Substance Abuse Prevention	22,000
		<b>397,841</b>
<b>Frederick County</b>		
	Multi Systemic Therapy	180,000
	Strengthening Families	22,362
	Gang Resistance Education & Training	17,500
	After School Program	152,264
	Mentorship After School	74,793
		<b>446,919</b>
<b>Garrett County</b>		
	Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth	52,510
	Systems Navigator	18,410
	Partners After School @ Accident	47,068
	School Community Centers Programs	22,000
	Partners in Physical Education (PIPE)	50,000
		<b>189,988</b>
<b>Harford County</b>		
	After School Initiative	106,176
	Children in Need of Supervision Prevention Program	158,714
	Children in Need of Supervision Diversion Program	158,824
		<b>423,714</b>

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<b>Howard County</b>		
	Positive Choices	391,145
		391,145
<b>Kent County</b>		
	School Based Mental Health	61,703
	High School Drop Out Prevention Program	51,373
	Therapeutic Mentoring	100,025
	Vocational Services	52,142
	Extended After School Program	41,385
		306,628
<b>Montgomery County</b>		
	Youth Worker Development	75,000
	After School Initiative	754,367
	Youth Service Bureau	125,793
		955,160
<b>Prince George's County</b>		
	After School Program Initiative	537,136
	Youth Service Bureau	424,509
	Multi Systemic Therapy	197,000
	Kinship Care	214,500
	Functional Family Therapy	150,000
	Community Forums	50,000
	Boys Reading Club	7,500
	Gang Prevention	250,000
		1,830,645



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<b>Queen Anne's County</b>		
	CASASStart	73,200
	Chesapeake Helps	100,591
	Character Counts	20,690
	After School	86,450
		<b>280,931</b>
<b>St. Mary's County</b>		
	Early Intervention and Prevention	87,400
	Youth Service Bureau	133,910
	CASASStart	86,562
		<b>307,872</b>
<b>Somerset County</b>		
	STARS Alcohol Prevention Program	6,620
	Peacemakers	56,600
	Communities Mobilizing Change Alcohol	35,020
	Voyager After School	77,180
	Community Based After School	30,248
	Voyager Summer School	14,510
		<b>220,178</b>
<b>Talbot County</b>		
	Early Intervention and Prevention	80,000
	Blue Ribbon Commission -- Drug Prev	20,000
	Voluntary Family Services	42,000
		<b>142,000</b>

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<b>Washington County</b>		
	Middle and High After School Programs	92,150
	Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Program	137,700
	Child and Family Team	150,000
	Teen Pregnancy Prevention	98,941
	Teen Parent Program	42,000
	Substance Abuse Prevention	70,000
		590,791
<b>Wicomico County</b>		
	New Day Youth Development	150,000
	Multi Systemic Therapy	300,000
	After School Initiative	235,000
	Family Partnership	45,998
		730,998
<b>Worcester County</b>		
	SAGES girls delinquency prevention program	90,398
	Community Service Center	183,683
	Just for Girls Berlin and Snow Hill	40,631
	Family Asset Building Initiative	50,134
	Pocomoke High and Snow Hill AS	6,494
	Buckingham After School Academies	4,000
	Just for Girls Pocomoke	30,612
	Pocomoke After School Academies	11,000
		416,952
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$14,387,672</b>