



2024-2025 Community Resource Development Funds Background and Rationale

Caring Partners of Morris/Sussex, Inc. and the New Jersey Children's System of Care (CSOC) are seeking to develop/expand services and supports for youth with emotional, behavioral, substance use, and intellectual/developmental disability needs. **This one-time funding of \$67,697.70 (less can be applied for) is available to fund one or more programs and must be utilized from July 1st, 2024 to June 30th, 2025.** Funding is to support new or existing community services that promote child and family well-being, safety, and health in Morris and Sussex counties. Applicants must commit to working in partnership with Caring Partners, other system partners, and community-based services. They must embody the values of Caring Partners and the New Jersey Children's System of Care.

Caring Partners has reviewed recent county and state data and needs assessments that have documented areas of need for Morris and Sussex counties. Applicants should be able to link their proposed activity/program to the needs cited in the RFP.

The priority needs that have been identified for funding are (in no specific order):

- Inclusive activities/services for youth with intellectual/developmental disabilities [3,6,7,8,16,17,18,19,21]
- Youth/family enrichment programs (I.e., recreation, before/after school programs, mentoring, camp, etc.) [1,5,6,9,10,16,19,20,21]
- Innovative programs that enhance emotional well-being [1,5,6,11,12,15,16,19,20,21]
- Resiliency [2,14,15,16]
- Transition to Adulthood/Independent Living Skills Services [4,5,6,9]
- Suicide Prevention [1,11,12,13,15,16]
- Identity-affirming spaces and services for Transgender and LGBTQ+ youth [1,6,9,16]

Data Sources:

1. Young People's Mental Health Report 2020
<https://mhanational.org/sites/default/files/Young%20People's%20Mental%20Health%20Report%202020%20with%20Program%20Appendix%2012.8.20.pdf>
2. NJ ACES Statewide Action Plan
<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/documents/NJ.ACEs.Action.Plan.2021.pdf>
3. A Snapshot of Autism Spectrum Disorder in New Jersey
<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/addm-community-report/documents/New-Jersey-ADDM-Community-Report-2021-H.pdf>
4. NJ Kids Count 2020

[https://acnj.org/wp-content/uploads/New Jersey Kids Count 2020 The State of Our Counties Pocket Guide.pdf](https://acnj.org/wp-content/uploads/New_Jersey_Kids_Count_2020_The_State_of_Our_Counties_Pocket_Guide.pdf)

5. Morris County HSAC Needs Assessment Report
<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/opma/docs/MorrisCountyHSACNeedsAssessmentReport2020.pdf>
6. Sussex County HSAC Needs Assessment Report
<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/opma/docs/Sussex%20County%20Needs%20Assessment%20Report%202020.pdf>
7. Morris County HSAC County Profile
<https://dcfdata.ssw.rutgers.edu/Morris>
8. Sussex County HSAC County Profile
<https://dcfdata.ssw.rutgers.edu/Sussex>
9. Morris County Youth Services Plan
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WQCsVYEF86TjuAjNbFHeUPL7YfOVBBEK/view?usp=sharing>
10. Sussex County Youth Services Plan
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Rm8j3jf7iYymdStkYoLKz0OUWjXAhGHb/view?usp=sharing>
11. North Jersey Health Collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment Report for Morris County
https://www.njhealthmatters.org/content/sites/njhc/2021_CHNAs/Morris_County_CHNA_2021_Final_Report.pdf
12. North Jersey Health Collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment Report for Sussex County
https://www.njhealthmatters.org/content/sites/njhc/resource_library/Sussex_County_CHNA_2019_Final_Report.pdf
13. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention NJ Data
<https://aws-fetch.s3.amazonaws.com/state-fact-sheets/2021/2021-state-fact-sheets-new-jersey.pdf>
14. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Fast Facts: Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences
<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/fastfact.html>
15. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Data and Statistics on Children's Mental Health
<https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/data.html>
16. Protecting Youth Mental Health: The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory
<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-youth-mental-health-advisory.pdf>
17. Promoting the Participation of Children with Disabilities in Sports, Recreation, and Physical Activities



- <https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/121/5/1057/73486/Promoting-the-Participation-of-Children-With?autologincheck=redirected>
18. What Activities Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Do for Fun: Exploration into Self-Care
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9543174/>
19. Using Recreation to Support the Social Well-Being of Children and Youth
<https://publications.ici.umn.edu/impact/24-1/using-recreation-to-support-the-social-well-being-of-children-and-youth#:~:text=Some%20of%20the%20benefits%20include,community%20and%20acceptance%20for%20all>
20. Creating Equitable Ecosystems of Belonging and Opportunity for Youth: An Action Guide for Cross-system and Sector Leaders and Practitioners
<https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/report-ecosystemsofbelonging-2023.pdf>
21. Developing Social Skills and Social Competence in Children with Autism
<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1297844.pdf>

All proposals must be submitted via the online [Community Resource Development Funds Application](#). Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Take the following into consideration when completing the proposal:

- All proposals are due **Friday, January 5th, 2024 at 12 PM.**
- Anticipated implementation date for awarded proposals is **July 1st, 2024**
- All awards are contingent on the sufficiency and availability of state funding.

Please see the attached RFP and direct any questions to Maria Augustowicz, Community Resource Manager, at 973-770-5505 ext. 102 or maugustowicz@cpcmo.org