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November 1, 2022

Dear Community Partners,

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Division of Children System of Care (DCSOC) recognizes the need to identify and develop resources and supports for families at the local level. DCF’s– CSOC has historically (pending available funds) made Community Resource Development Funds (CRDF) available to the Care Management Organizations (CMO) to support the development of resources that promote the resiliency of youth and families in communities that are disproportionately impacted by the Social Determinants of Health (SDoH). These funds are intended to support new or existing activities or services offered by community organizations that directly promote child and family wellbeing, safety, and health.

The New Jersey Children’s System of Care (CSOC), Atlantic and Cape May Counties in coordination with Cape Atlantic Integrated Network for Kids, Inc. (hereafter identified as Cape Atlantic I.N.K.) are interested in financially sponsoring new or expanding existing services and programs for children, youth and young adults, ages 0-21, in Atlantic and Cape May Counties with emotional, behavioral, intellectual developmental/disabilities, and substance misuse challenges. These limited funds, (**$67,788.07)** offered through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, are designated for one-time use by community organizations available to fund one or more projects that must be implemented in fullby July 31, 2023, and will become unavailable to the awardee(s) after that date.

* Completed proposals are due to me by: 5:00pm Friday, January 13th , 2023**.**
* Submit proposals to: John Roy: [**jroy@capeatlanticink.org**](mailto:jroy@capeatlanticink.org)(Please feel secure to ensure email delivery by leaving a phone message at 609-602-9226 that the proposal was sent) See **Appendix II** for Application
* Proposals sent after the Friday, January 13th, 2023, and/or incomplete will not be considered for funding.

If an organization submits a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the total amount **$67,788.07**, the proposal must provide services to both Atlantic and Cape May Counties. A minimum of 30% of the total funds must be utilized in implementing services to Cape May County. If an organization submits a RFP to provide services to one county, that request should not exceed $33,894.00. The program is expected to run for no longer than twelve (12) months, commencing from the actual date of funding. Evidenced-based programs are welcomed. (***See* Appendix III *Request for Proposal Timelines***). These funds are not intended to purchase services for specific individuals or families and funds cannot be used to supplement contracted DCF service(s) CRD funds can also not be used to acquire or maintain fixed assets, such as land, buildings, vehicles and equipment. Please see **Exclusionary and Sustainability criteria: Appendices A and B** **for more information.**

Funding these distinctive resource services through collaboration with community partners focuses to reduces risks to children, youth, young adults, and their families’ well-being that promotes their safety, health, and connections to their home and community. Funds are not intended to purchase services for specific individuals or families.

Applicants must commit to working in partnership with Cape Atlantic I.N.K., System partners, Stakeholders, and community-based resources. They must exemplify the Core Values and Principles of the New Jersey Children’s System of Care. Community alliance(s) is/are encouraged in developing and implementing your proposal.

Please see attachment: **CRD Funds – Fiscal Year 2023** (Programs that were funded with these CRD funds)

Collaborating and partnering with Cape Atlantic Counties child and family serving systems and participating in needs assessments, focus groups, and surveys concluded noticeable, overlapping trends identifying gaps and unmet needs in quality, community-based services. Cape Atlantic I.N.K. has reviewed recent municipal, county, state, and national data, that supports the needs for our counties.

Perspective applicants considering submitting proposals for this funding should tie their response(s) for programming to the need(s) cited in Appendices I and II (Application and Needs Statement):

(***See* Appendix I *- for Data Sources***)

**Physical Health Needs**

* Develop programs offering compassionate health services for marginalized populations (1), (3), (4), (10)

**Emotional/Mental Health/Behavioral Needs**

* Develop respite programs for intellectually/developmentally challenged youth to enhance quality of life in their communities (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8). (10), (11)
* Develop a program and support services to prevent suicide attempts or deaths by suicide in children, youth, and young adults (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (10), (11)
* Offer access to psychiatric, psychological, and other evaluations services to support behavioral health needs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5)

**Substance Use Needs**

* Build peer recovery services and supports (1), (2), (3), (4), (7), (8)
* Develop options for individuals’ refusal for treatment services (4), (5,) (6), (7)
* Offer out-patient supports and services for youth and adults (4), (5), (6), (7)
* Develop educational supports and services about tobacco, marijuana, alcohol free communities (1), (3), (6), (7), (10), (11)

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion/(LBGTQ+)**

* Develop educational, safe spaces, and training programs about diversity, inclusion, and equity for the community (3), (4), (8)

**Juvenile Justice**

* Develop a program to reduce the recidivist rate of marginalized juveniles involved in the court system (11)

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John C Roy II

Community Resource Administrator

**Distribution**: please share on your websites and other media platforms

* Atlantic and Cape May County – CIACCs
* Atlantic and Cape May County - HSACs
* Atlantic and Cape May - Mental Health Agencies
* Cape Atlantic I.N.K: <http://www.capeatlanticink.org>
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* IIC/IIH - Providers

**Attachments:**

* **Appendices** *et al*

1. Appendix I Data Source
2. Appendix II Application with Needs Statement
3. Appendices III-A & B: Request for Proposal Timeline (including Bidders Conference)
4. Appendices A & B: Exclusionary Criteria and Sustainability
5. CRD Funds Proposals Awarded – Fiscal Year 2023

Important Note: Assurance of equitable access of the services/supports to the identified population:  
*Services/supports should be equitably accessible to all youth and families with the identified needs. The  
referral process should ensure equitable access to services and/or supports for the youth and families that are  
eligible to receive them and the access process should be free from any form of discrimination.*

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**Appendix I**

**Data Sources**

1. Community Health Needs Assessment – Cape May County <https://capemaycountynj.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5821/Cape-May-County-Community-Health-Improvement-Plan-2020> This Community Health Needs Assessment is the result of a  
   collaborative effort of our community partners who worked throughout the past three years to identify the most-pressing healthcare needs in Cape May County.
2. Administration for Children and Families

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2020/07/handle-care> A partnership between the schools and law enforcement dealing with students in trouble with the law or have experienced a traumatic  
experience in their home or community.

1. AtlantiCare Community Needs Assessment

<https://www.atlanticare.org/for-our-community/programs/community-needs-assessment> assist with the implementation of fitness, nutrition and wellness programming, and making resources available to schools, students and families. Continued commitment to providing respectful and compassionate health care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ). Rapid HIV Testing and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) counseling

1. <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/lgbtqi2-s-practice-brief.pdf>

* Services and Supports for Youth who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex or Two-Spirit
* <https://teen.cmclibrary.org/>
* <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/disparities/health-considerations-lgbtq-youth.htm>
* <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/adolescent/lgbtqi/>

1. Atlantic County 2019 Point-In-Time Count of the Homeless <https://monarchhousing.org/wp-content/uploads/njcounts2019/Atlantic%20PIT%20Report%202019.pdf>
2. Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council Needs Assessment Atlantic County 2019  
   <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/opma/docs/AtlanticCountyNeedsAssessmentReport2020.pdf>
3. Needs Assessment Cape May County 2020  
   <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/opma/docs/CapeMayCountyNeedsAssessmentReport2020.pdf>
4. Young People’s Mental Health in 2020 <https://mhanational.org/sites/default/files/Young%20People's%20Mental%20Health%20Report%202020%20with%20Program%20Appendix%2012.8.20.pdf>
5. Intellectual and Developmental summer camps:

* PerformCare <https://www.performcarenj.org/families/disability/summer-camp.aspx>
* <https://www.washingtonfamily.com/what-are-the-benefits-of-special-needs-summer-camps/>

1. <https://www.acnj.org/issues/early-learning/birth-to-three/>
2. Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) and recidivism rates of Juveniles:

* <https://info.mstservices.com/blog/juvenile-recidivism-rates>
* <https://acnj.org/issues/juvenile-justice/>

This funding solicitation reflects current needs of children, youth, young adults, and their families served by Cape Atlantic I.N.K.’s Care Management Organization’s (CMO), the Children’s System of Care, and the NJ Children’s System of Care’s Community Resource Development (CRD) funding guidelines. Collaborative applications are encouraged to maximize the impact of these funds. The overall goals are to:

* develop new and/or increase the accessibility of resources to that benefits Cape Atlantic I.N.K.’s children, youth, young adults, and their families; and
* to increase positive outcomes for youth experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, intellectual, and substance use challenges.

**NOTE**: *All awards are contingent on the sufficiency and availability of CSOC funding.* Final decisions regarding grant awards will be at the discretion of CSOC.

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# Appendix II

# 2023-2024 Cape Atlantic Integrated Network for Kids, Inc. Community Resource Development Funds Application Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Request\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contact for this Proposal\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail­­­\_\_­­­­\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address and Phone (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Appendix II

**Needs Statement –**

* Describe the needs of the community that this proposal aims to address well-articulated and based on reliable sources of information and data
* Describe the needs cited in the proposal coincide with the criteria for usage of funds targeted to agencies serving youth and families experiencing serious emotional, behavioral, developmental, intellectual, and substance use challenges
* Address the needs of the new services where service expansion is necessary because services cannot be secured through an existing agency; or service availability is non-existent
* Cite how the service need(s) in the proposal that coincide with service need priorities identified by local, municipal, county, regional, state, or national planning bodies’ needs assessments
* Site general and specific knowledge of cultural competencies necessary to be successful in Cape May and Atlantic Counties

**Description of Agency and History of Service to Children, Youth, Young Adults and their Families –**

* Show the Organizations capability to initiate and sustain current and proposed program
* Discuss any Evidence Based Practices (EBPs), promising practices, or best practices, where applicable.
* Describe how the Organization is well equipped and experienced providing services to children, youth, young adults, and their families who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, intellectual, and substance use challenges

**Description of Service(s) or Program Element to be Funded –**

* Describe how the service(s) or program(s) will be well-articulated, reasonably attainable and based on best practice models
* Describe in your referral process how equitable access of the service(s)/support(s) will occur to all youth and families
* Describe how the service(s) described are relevant to the statement of need
* Explain how the Organization will implement and start or expand the program, include the expected start and ending dates for the funded program.
* Describe the Organization’s background, qualification, and justification to provide work as part of this proposal
* Please include a list of your Board Members, if applicable
* Include resumés and job descriptions for the Project Lead (supervisor) and staff involved
* Include effective period or term of the service or activity

**Anticipated Outcomes –**

* List or cite the anticipated outcomes quantifiable deliverables, level of service, and/or outcomes realistic, measurable, observable, and verifiable
* Discuss the outcome relevant to the need(s) that the program aims to address and the services to be provided
* Cite the number of participants, expected start/end date of service activity
* Discuss how the Organization will sustain this plan after initial funding (**see Appendix B**)

**Evaluation Methods –**

* Describe how services will be evaluated, including how activity will be monitored and accountability will be assured
* Describe the Organization’s administration, program, and fiscal oversight of the program or service?
* Describe how the Organization’s proposal acknowledges the obligation to provide reports of activity to Cape Atlantic I.N.K.
* Explain how the Organization will document quality assurance efforts and outcomes

**Budget –**

* Develop a budget that is reasonably based on established rates for services and the amount of funds available
* Develop a budget account for all staff, supplies and services included in the description of service(s) or program elements to be funded (either through fund request or match by other funding source)
* Identify other funding sources cited viable to be applied as a match to community resource development funds
* Explain the service for which funding is requested is clearly a new service/program element or expansion of services/programs not otherwise funded by another source
* Please submit a set of recent financial statements (at least six months)

All awards are contingent on the sufficiency and availability of state funding.

* **Completed proposals are due: *5:00 PM Friday, January 13th*, 2023  
  Submit proposals to: John Roy:** [**jroy@capeatlanticink.org**](mailto:jroy@capeatlanticink.org)
* **Proposals sent after the *5:00 PM Friday, January 13th*, 2023 and/or incomplete will not be considered for funding.**

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**Appendix III-A**

**Request For Proposal Timeline**

***Virtual Bidders Conference Meeting: 10:00 – 11:00am Friday, November 10th , 2022 at 10am***

The meeting will be held virtually. This is an informational meeting where all questions regarding this solicitation will be addressed. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged. Please let me know if you will be attending so I can send you a Teams Invitation.

***Proposal Submission Deadline:*** ***5:00 PM Friday, January 13th , 2023***

**Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered for funding**. All proposals shall include the information listed in ***Appendix I – 2023*** Cape Atlantic I.N.K.’s ***Community Resource Development Funds Application*** and will be evaluated based on the ***Appendix II - Community Resource Development Funds Request for Proposals Rating Scale***. **Incomplete proposals will not be considered for funding**. The preferred method for submission for the Request for Proposal is a Word or PDF document attachment via email sent to: [jroy@capeatlanticink.org](mailto:jroy@capeatlanticink.org)Please feel secure to ensure email delivery by leaving a phone message at 609-602-9226 that the proposal was sent.

***Proposal Panel Review Committee Meeting****:* ***10:00 am Tuesday, January 24th, 2023***

The Review Committee will consist of the Cape Atlantic I.N.K.’s CRA, a Family Support Organization (FSO) representative, at least one Children’s Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC) convenors, a parent, and a youth/young adult/, if available.

***Local CRD Fund RFP selection due to CSOC: Monday, February 6th , 2023***

**Please review below cited FY 2023 CRD Funds Process Timeline**  Disbursement of funds and program implementation is anticipated for July 1, 2023. The program is expected to run for no longer than twelve (12) months, commencing from the actual date of funding.

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| **As always, awards are contingent on funding availability at the time the proposal is submitted to DCF‐CSOC and this memo is not a guarantee that funding will be available** |

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**Appendix III-B**

**FY 2024 CRD Funds Process Timeline**

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| **Date** | **Activity** |
| 11/01/2022 | By this date CMOs Issue Local CRD Fund RFPs and submit to CSOC |
| 1/11/2022 | CRD CMO T/A session 2 – 2pm |
| 2/6/2023 | Local CRD Fund RFP selection due to CSOC |
| 3/20/2023 | CSOC Completes CRD Funding Recommendations Reviews |
| 4/17/2023 | CSOC issues CRD Funding Approval |
| 7/1/2023 | CRD Funded Projects implementation |
| 10/31/2023 01/31/2024 04/30/2024 07/31/2024 | Quarterly reports Due |

**APPENDIX A – Exclusionary Criteria**

* CRD funds are not intended to purchase items for specific individuals or families. All purchased items must be equitably accessible to all participants and relevant to the program content.
* EX; gift cards, personal bills, electronics etc.
* CRD funds cannot be used for capital expenditures, including the acquisition or maintenance of  
  fixed assets such as land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment not directly related to the provision of the service. Families cannot incur any cost or fees when receiving CRD funded service.
* Initiation of services cannot be dependent on procurement of unsecured funding and/or  
  partnerships that are not yet established.
* Funds cannot be used to pay for services currently being funded by DCF or other sources.
* Administrative costs are allowable – but must be reasonable and outlined in detail within the budget.
* Operations of the program cannot be directly funded by the work and contributions of  
  participating youth and families it serves – without appropriate compensation for hours worked.
* Services provided directly through CRD funds cannot also be billed through Medicaid or other established funding sources such as private insurance – causing payment duplication.

**APPENDIX B – Sustainability**

* Bidders must demonstrate a reasonable plan that outlines relevant strategies to pursue funding after the grant period, and that include leveraging existing community capacity.
* Agency history and proven fund-raising ability and donation procurement are acceptable proof of sustainability when combined with a current plan.
* Strong affiliations with larger well established community resources can be provided as a source of sustainability strategies.

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CRD Funds - Fiscal Year 2023

The Children’s System of Care has historically made Community Resource Development (CRD) funds available to the Care Management Organizations (CMO) to support the development of resources that promote the resiliency of youth and families in communities that are disproportionately impacted by the social determinants of health. We are excited to announce the programs that have been funded for 2022-2023!

**Bergen**

**Bergen County Division of Family Guidance**

Bergen County Division of Family Guidance will address the scarcity of bereavement services for youth in the county by providing individual and group Grief and Bereavement Support services to approximately 42 Bergen-county youth, ages 7-17 years old and will train 5 to 6 clinicians in an evidence-based method of grief counseling, Multidimensional Grief Therapy.

**MarbleJam Kids, Inc - Heartlife Summer Intensive**

MarbleJam Kids, Inc, Heartlife Summer Intensive is a summer nutrition and wellness program designed for IDD youth, ages 13-21, with disabilities including multiple-handicap and comorbid health concerns. The program will teach nutrition, self-care, and health management as life skill practice in order to improve and maintain good health. Youth are provided with an individualized plan to support their ability to adapt self-care, healthy eating, and wellness to their daily routine.

**MarbleJam Kids, Inc – PEERS**

MarbleJam Kids, Inc, PEERS is a youth-serving program that utilizes an evidence-based social skills treatment designed to treat youth and young adults with Autism, ADHD, anxiety, depression, and other socio-emotional problems through a course of 16-weekly group meetings. PEERS certified coaches will engage youth in one of the PEERS 16 lesson plans to build skills related to making and keeping friends, managing conflict, rejection, and bullying.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Atlantic/Cape May Counties Mentoring Services**

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Atlantic/Cape May Counties Mentoring Services, in partnership with Bridges Out-Patient Counseling, is providing one-on-one mentoring to approximately 25 youth awaiting outpatient services. The Big Brothers and Big Sisters volunteers are matched with a youth for a year and will meet twice a month to engage in-person community activities.

**Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training, and Opportunity Center**

Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training, and Opportunity Center is expanding their current services to include a Wellness Program for youth and young adults with mental health, IDD, and SU challenges. The Wellness program would include health education, individual counseling, group presentations, educational literature, guest speakers, and transportation.

**Cape/Atlantic**

**Behavior Interventions Summer Day Camp**

Behavior Interventions offers a 4-week Summer Day Camp experience to youth (up to age 20) with IDD needs. Youth and young adults will engage in activities that promote social interaction and skill development through fun activities including Science/STEM activities, games, and arts and crafts.

**Project Little Warrior**

Project Little Warrior, in partnership with Camden County schools, will teach mindfulness to youth utilizing yoga to help minimize trauma in youth. A certified yoga instructor will provide youth with a 1-hour session of yoga and period of meditation. Youth will receive a mat to participate in the activity and they are encouraged to keep the mat to practice their new skills at home.

Mackie and Pammie, LLC: Heartbeat & Champion Start is expanding their current in-home services by obtaining an office space with an accessible location, near public transportation. Both programs will use clinicians and professional musicians to meet with youth and families in the community to provide an outlet for families to learn coping and communication skills through artistic expression including drawing, painting, music creation, song, and poetry writing. Heartbeat will focus on youth ages 6-18 and Champion Start is geared to youth ages 10-13.

**Camden**

**United Advocacy Group**

United Advocacy Group is expanding their case management services by adding a Family Advocate in each of the three counties. The Family Advocate will engage approximately 30 low to moderate income families with at least one youth in the home and provide services including recruitment, development of family action plans, intensive case management, identify and connect families to resources, and monitor the family progress.

**Life Worth Living, Skills and Drills**

Life Worth Living, Skills and Drills program is an expansion of the Credible Messenger mentoring program. The program will focus on violence prevention and will bring together approximately 90 at-risk youth with state and local law enforcement officers in a recreational and educational setting that is centered around sports training. The program will service youth from Cumberland and Salem County neighborhoods.

**Millville Housing Authority - Rise and Shine**

Millville Housing Authority Rise and Shine program is an after-school/community outreach program for youth in grades Pre-K to 12th grade. The program provides a positive environment for approximately 50 youth per day to gather after school hours and during the summer. Volunteer teachers and other volunteers assist youth with homework and tutoring, engage youth in activities such as dance, theatre, art, crafts, games, service projects, and each youth receives a hot meal. The program also provides hygiene products to youth.

**Mackie and Pammie, LLC - Heartbeat & Champion Start**

Mackie and Pammie, LLC: Heartbeat & Champion Start is expanding their current in-home services by obtaining an office space with an accessible location, near public transportation. Both programs will use clinicians and professional musicians to meet with youth and families in the community to provide an outlet for families to learn coping and communication skills through artistic expression including drawing, painting, music creation, song, and poetry writing. Heartbeat will focus on youth ages 6-18 and Champion Start is geared to youth ages 10-13.

**Camden (cont.)**

**Spring Reins of Life: Teens and Horses**

Spring Reins of Life: Teens and Horses program will provide approximately 40 youth with Equine Assisted Psychotherapy to promote psychological healing, emotional well-being and personal growth using the skills of mental health professionals and the assistance of horses. Youth will learn coping, life, and social skills through a program which utilize metaphors that relate to real life while the horses deliver non-verbal reflections of behavioral patterns and outcomes.

**Prevention Resources - Early Intervention**

Prevention Resources Early Intervention program will provide a 1-hour counseling session, by a Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor to youth, ages 10-17, who are experiencing substance use, emotional, and/or behavioral difficulties, which negatively affect the youth’s ability to function in the community.

**Jewish Family Services of Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren – Expanding Horizons**

The Expanding Horizons program will extend the agency’s summer Social Learning Groups to youth living with Autism, ages 10-17, and their families. A part time master’s level social work intern, under the supervision and direction of the Clinical Coordinator (LSCW) will facilitate group activities.

**Contextual Family Services - Thriving with ADHD**

Contextual Family Services’ Thriving with ADHD program is expanding their outreach to male youth, ages 8 to 10, diagnosed with ADHD. The program will provide group meetings to promote social skill development. Groups are designed to address self-awareness and coping skills. Caregivers are encouraged to participate in some of the sessions.

**Coxphit – STEAM**

Coxphit: STEAM Activities program provides youth with developmental disabilities and special needs with an opportunity to participate in a creative activity while utilizing LEGO bricks and elements to develop a practical understanding of fundamental concepts to build self-confidence, improve communication skills, strengthen family relationships, and enhance fine motor abilities.

**Anchor House - Aging Out Youth Support**

Anchor House will hire a full-time Aging-Out Youth Case Manager who will be dedicated to supporting youth aging out of foster care. The case manager will serve approximately 50 youth between 18 and 21, with a focus on securing housing, exploring education and employment opportunities, and getting connected to community resources and supports. The program will also assist youth with expunging criminal records, thus creating more opportunities for them to pursue their goals. Anchor House will also conduct five, two-hour trainings on trauma-informed care for schools, community agencies and law enforcement in Mercer County.

**Rios and Associates Therapeutic Solutions LLC - Healing Circles**

Rios and Associates Therapeutic Solutions LLC, Healing Circles program includes the training of healing circles and utilizes a train-the-trainer model. Healing circles provide a safe space in which people who have suffered similar trauma can come together and talk openly about their experiences to one another. Healing Circles will take place in the community including four Hudson County Housing Authority sites. The program plan to train 25-30 clinicians in the Healing Circle model and provide Healing Circles to approximately 200 and 300 families. The trained clinicians will form an advisory group that will communicate updates/trends to the CIACC.

**Coxphit & Bricks for Kidz - Building ESTEAM**

Coxphit, in collaboration with Bricks for Kidz, Building ESTEAM program provides youth with developmental disabilities and special needs with an opportunity to participate in a creative activity while utilizing LEGO bricks and elements to develop a practical understanding of fundamental concepts to build self-confidence, improve communication skills, strengthen family relationships, and enhance fine motor abilities.

**Collier Youth Services – JET Program**

Collier’s Job Experience Training (JET) Program offers adolescents community-based job placements with local businesses. Youth receive onsite job training and develop connections that can last into adulthood. Youth also participate in life skills sessions, which cover topics such as appropriate professional behavior, teamwork and financial literacy. Young people receive stipends for each day of work they complete and program staff assist them with financial management and education.

**Parent’s Inc. – Parent Support Groups**

Parent’s Inc. offers various parent support groups on Monmouth County. Father Time is a fatherhood support group in Keansburg that focuses on strengthening parenting skills, increasing fathers’ engagement with their children, learning how to access formal and informal support networks, and developing and participating in community service projects. The group meets twice a week for two hours, placing an emphasis on shared leadership and creating opportunities for all participants to lead discussions and events.

Parents Along the Bayshore is open to all parents in the Bayshore area of Monmouth County. The group meets weekly for two hours and features 24/7 help and support for participants. Parents can get help securing childcare services, transportation, and guidance in accessing other supportive services. The group provides parents with emotional support, increases their sense of competence with the ultimate goal of improving family functioning.

**Integrated Care Concepts and Consultation – Summer Program**

Integrated Care Concepts and Consultation (ICCC) will provide youth mental health services during the summer for the Long Branch public school system. ICCC will have clinicians onsite at schools to provide therapy and social-emotional learning activities for youth transitioning into 6th and 9th grades. ICCC will also host summer group activities for student athletes on antibullying, emotional regulation, and hazing. The summer program will run in the mornings from Monday through Friday, with programming available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

**Center for Family Services – Kaleidoscope**

Center for Family Services will host the Kaleidoscope program, a youth-centric LGBTQ+ program for adolescents in Morris and Sussex counties between the ages of 13 and 18. Kaleidoscope offers a welcoming atmosphere where young people can find support, guidance, and a sense of community. The Kaleidoscope Program is a community-based Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). It will offer monthly, student-led meetings in a safe, supportive environment for LGBTQ+ and allied teens to gather, socialize, organize, engage in conversation, and seek access to resources.

**Step Up Family Services Learning Center**

Step Up Family Services Learning Center will offer three types of support groups for the I/DD community: social skills groups, sibling support groups, and professionally facilitated parent support groups. These services will be offered to all youth that are diagnosed with Intellectual or Developmental Delays and their families. Social Skills groups will run for ten weeks, with learners meeting twice per week. Sibling and parent support groups will be offered once per week. Groups will include a combination of psychoeducation and group-led discussion on topics of the participants’ choosing.

**Raritan Bay YMCA**

The Raritan Bay Area YMCA will create a Food to Family (F2F) Corner Store program for families. The F2F Store will be located at the YMCA’s Center for Success three days a week for four hours each day. Families will be able to receive a monthly voucher worth $100-150, depending on the size of their family and income level. The program will provide fresh produce to eligible families free of charge through a fruit and vegetable stand located at the YMCA. The goal of this project is to ensure healthy food and fresh produce reaches families who historically have had narrow pathways to such products. Nutrition education events will be held weekly and will include cooking demonstrations, taste tests and budgeting tips.

**Oasis Afterschool Academy**

The Oasis After-School Academy offers after-school academic and socio-emotional support for 150 children in the city of Paterson, every weekday during the academic year. Youth have access to a social worker for individual check-ins, individual trauma-informed interventions and referral services. The Academy also features the “Moving 2wards Success” program, a socio-emotional learning program taught to all students via weekly 45-minute group sessions.

**Children’s Aid and Family Services - 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens**

Children’s Aid and Family Services will offer two cycles of the “7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens” program. This evidence-informed program addresses the areas of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making, all of which promote academic success, school and civic engagement, health and wellness and fulfilling careers. The program will run in eight sessions and will be offered to youth ages 13 to 17.

**Jewish Family Services of Clifton/Passaic - Impact Café**

The JFS Youth Vocational Services Program (YVSP) is adding a mobile café kiosk, which will serve as a training ground for youth with disabilities to develop job readiness skills. The Impact Café is intended to be a pop-up business and will be booked for gourmet coffee and refreshment services at community, corporate and private events. The program will be staffed by a Café Job Coach, who will deliver training to the participants in areas ranging from basic workplace skills to more complex tasks like inventory control and customer service.

**EDGE NJ – TRUE 2 U Youth Mentoring and Support Group**

The TRUE 2 U Youth Mentoring and Support Group program offers identity and gender-affirming services in a safe space for transgender, LGBTQ+ youth, and their families. Services are provided in the EDGE NJ Pride Center and include a minimum of one hour per week of face-to-face individual mentorship time and a weekly LGBTQ+ youth support group. The program hosts recreational activities for all youth and their mentors, including holiday parties, educational programming and social outings. Youth between the ages of 13 and 21 are eligible to join the program.