



Children Living In Poverty Grant Funded Programs

Prosperity Tomorrow

Parents as Teachers through the Bentonville Public Schools Childcare Enrichment Services: Parents as Teachers is an internationally recognized, research-based home visiting program that increases parent knowledge of child development, improves parenting practices, provides early intervention, improves children's school readiness, and supports future success. Parent educators will work with low-income families in Benton County so that parents can be their child's first and best teacher.

EOA Children's Services Expansion through EOA Head Start: EOA Children's Services will expand the current program to include a new classroom to serve low-income children, under the age of three that are in need of special services. This expansion will incorporate specialized classroom equipment and curriculum and additional staff who will work collaboratively with the children and families to develop Parents as First Teachers while also reducing the efforts of chronic poverty.

Nurturing New Lives through Family Network: Family Network provides early childhood education and culturally appropriate, regular in-home visits to children and families. Through personalized coaching, moms and dads create more responsive and stimulating home environments, and engage as active partners in their child's education, which supports healthy brain development and increases school readiness.

Early Childhood Education for Children Living in Poverty through the Helen R.

Walton Children’s Enrichment Center: The Early Childhood Education for Children Living in Poverty program will remove barriers to ensure that children living in situational poverty have access to free high quality early childhood education. The program will provide access to therapy, case management, support services while mobilizing parents with ongoing communication and resources to support learning at home and move the family out of poverty.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library through Helen R. Walton Children’s

Enrichment Center: This program provides a free library of books to encourage a love of reading and learning. From birth through age 5, children will receive a book every month. Over 13,000 books are mailed to NWA children every year, supporting early literacy, language acquisition and parent engagement.

Sunshine Parents as Teachers through the Sunshine School and Development

Center: Sunshine Parents as Teachers (PAT) believes “all children will learn, grow, and develop their full potential.” The program focuses on increasing knowledge of early childhood development, improving parenting practices and supporting school readiness and success. This program will provide parent educators to help Springdale parents strengthen their skills and ensure young children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.

NWA Tenacious Reading Project through the Ozark Literacy Council:

The project will engage low-income students and parents in building stronger literacy skills together. School-based “Eat and Read” programs will be complemented by home libraries. Volunteer tutors will work with students and parents during in-school and after school tutorials. Eat and Read nights will launch at two elementary schools with high poverty rates in Fayetteville, with the possibility of expansion to other schools.

OST Youth Development Services for Northwest Arkansas Families through the

Boys and Girls Club of Benton County: BGC of Benton County provides high-quality, low-cost after school and summer youth development programming to over 4,100 youth in Northwest Arkansas based on three key areas: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character & leadership. It is a safe place for youth to spend their out of school hours where they are able to develop life skills and find mentors who will walk with them through the perils in their lives.

Decatur Extension of the Boys & Girls Club through the Boys and Girls Club of Western Benton County: The Decatur Extension of the Boys & Girls Club is a partnership with the Decatur School District and local resources to provide afterschool and summer programs for students. The shared goals are to improve academic performance, promote youth development, and improve the health and well-being of students.

Juvenile Justice Program through the Girl Scouts Diamonds of AR, OK & TX Community Programs: School-Based and Juvenile Justice Outreach Initiative for Low-Income Girls: Community Programs is an initiative of Girl Scouts-Diamonds that brings the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls in grades K-12 from low-income areas and at-risk situations. The girls will develop key leadership skills and attitudes, including confidence, conflict resolution, and problem-solving, which are critical to well-being and rival academic and technical skills in their capacity to predict long-term positive life outcomes.

Early Childhood Education Program through the Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center Early Childhood Initiatives Center (ECIC): This program trains early childhood professionals on research-based practices to provide a high-quality early childhood education, which is necessary to give children in poverty a strong start. Children who have strong relationships with their teachers have greater academic success and more positive social-emotional adjustments than their peers who lack a positive relationship with a teacher.

Early Childhood Initiatives Center (ECIC), Business & Leadership Training through the Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center: This program prepares early childhood administrators to adopt well-designed, well-implemented policies and programs through industry-specific trainings. The program also focuses on moving childhood centers from being minimally licensed to becoming a quality accredited program.

Trailblazers After School Program through Prism Education Center: Trailblazers is an afterschool program serving students in K-9th grades. Elementary students will focus on the six Trailblazer badges related to improved life outcome such as impact (Positive Interactions and Connections to Peers.) Older Trailblazer students will focus on self-chosen extra-curricular and service-learning activities.

Camp Prism through Prism Education Center: Prism Education Center's summer enrichment program for students in K-11th grade combats the "summer slump" by providing engaging programs, academic tutoring, and ACT prep classes in a camp-like setting. Students engage in project-based learning, field trips and clubs that revolve around a chosen theme.

The IMPACT Project: Individuals Manageing Proglems and Creating Theatre through TheatreSquared: by providing theatre classes and enriching arts experiences for at-risk youth, the IMPACT Project will promote active engagement and nurture respect for the examination of complex ideas, the expression of imagination and a deepened understanding of the richness of human experience. Participants learn to express their own experiences and build confidence as they prepare for a successful future.

ROAR (Relationships. Opportunities. Adventurres. Readiness) throug Bentonville Public Schools: ROAR is a new afterschool program dedicated to creating equitable opportunities for all students by providing scholastic support, enriching experiences, and richer relationships in order to ensure a high level of achievement inside and outside the classroom.

Mentoring Matters: New Match Project through Big Brothers Big Sisters of NWA : Since 1995, BBBSNWA has provided children facing adversity with strong, professionally supported, one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Youth mentoring is an effective way to positively affect an at-risk child. This program expands services in Washington and Benton counties.

Siloam Springs Youth Mentoring ProgramYouth Mentoring Program throug Big Brothers Big Sisters of NWA: This program expands the Big Brothers Big Sisters NWA youth mentoring program in Siloam Springs. Working in collaboration with Bright Futures and the public schools, BBBSNWA has created and now support many local youth mentoring matches that will help at-risk children envision and work towards a better life for themselves.

The Station through the Teen Action & Support Center: Through a collaborative approach, the Station is able to offer a continuum of services in one central location, focusing on youth success and connection to the community. It will help eliminate barriers to success and propel youth forward; rates of re-offending will be lower, job and educational opportunites will be higher, and these youth will be thrust out of poverty and into a life where they can dream and do well for themselves.

Family Sustainability Program (a.k.a. Family JumpStart) through Genesis House: The Family Sustainability Program (a.k.a. Family JumpStart) assists homeless families with children/youth to obtain Self-Sufficiency, Self-Sustainability and Family Stability. The program provides housing and transportation assistance for three months, in addition to intensive case management services. Customized work plans (Self-Sustainability Pathway) will be developed for each family and will include specific plans/actions for the children.

Future U! Dream. Plan. Succeed through the Donald W. Reynolds Boys & Girls Club: Future U will help equip low income teens with critical life skills to prepare them for success after high school. The program will include personal and professional development opportunities, financial literacy, tutoring and ACT preparation courses. Recognizing that not every teen is college bound, certification programs will be provided to prepare students for career opportunities like dental/medical assistance and automotive services.

Individual Case Management Service through Compassion House: Compassion House is a residential facility which ministers to at-risk, impoverished, pregnant teens and their children. It equips teen moms with the tools needed to raise themselves out of poverty and take their first steps toward self-sufficiency by focusing on education, health and safety and independent living skills.

Lincoln Alliance for Outreach Opportunities through Lincoln Consolidated Schools: This program will provide personalized learning plans and career opportunities to prepare students and community members for higher wage jobs. It will connect local businesses with the skilled employees needed to revive this community and rise out of poverty, which will give people a hand up instead of a handout.

Child Savings Accounts (CSA): An Asset Development Strategy for Cultivating a Pathway to Prosperity for Marshallese Children in Northwest Arkansas through the University of Arkansas School of Social Work: This program will implement a comprehensive, community-based savings account project for post-secondary education with a focus of building financial literacy and ultimately self-sufficiency for 200 Marshallese children. The program is a community-based collaboration between the U of A, the Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese (ACOM) and the Economic Opportunity Agency of NWA (EOA).

Conversion Charter CNA Program through the Prairie Grove School District:

Prairie Grove School District will establish a Conversion Charter School that will offer classes to provide hands on training for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), surgical technicians, and eventually plumbers, HVAC technicians and welders. This program will create a pathway out of poverty for students who would like to continue their education in technical fields