

# RESULTS OF CHILDREN'S HOPE INITIATIVE ASSESSMENT OF UNMET NEED FOR ABUSED & NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN SOMERSET COUNTY 2017

## AREAS OF GREATEST UNMET NEEDS

### ***Mentoring***

- *Children & teens who have been abused*
  - *For parents who have abused*
- *Focus on Spanish speaking population & gang involvement & sexual abuse*
  - *Promote parent education to avoid abuse/neglect*

### ***Mental Health Therapy***

- *Eliminate/reduce waiting lists*
  - *Promote use of arts & innovation including trauma sensitive care*
    - *Train trainers in creative arts*
- *Mental Health first aid training for adults working with abused children*
- *Summer camp experience now offered as result of CHI funding at RHCMHC*

***Fun activities for abused & neglected children to help build self-esteem and great good life experiences—give them an extraordinary experience***

***Promoting Trauma Informed Care***

***Transportation (overarching need)***

## AREAS OF SUBSTANTIAL UNMET NEEDS

***Connecting/sharing services among youth serving organizations (YSO) through group trainings, conference, or collect & disseminate information on YSO's***

***Aging-Out 18+ young adults with full range of needs***

## **OTHER AREAS OF UNMET NEEDS**

*Supplies for YSO and for children/storage of supplies*

*Need for Volunteers for YSO*

*More prevention programs re: alcohol/drugs—abused children are at-risk children*

*Quality affordable day care*

*Medical care for families with insufficient resources*

*Free lunches—especially when school is not in session*

### **WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ON GRANT FUNDING BE MINDFUL OF THIS:**

- *Trend toward in-home services –vs- requiring recipients to be brought to a central location*
- *Trend toward in communities services rather than one central location in county*
- *Encourage recipients to collaborate and communicate with other YSO's*