

# Mid-Iowa Health Foundation – 2019 Grants

## **Urban Dreams • \$12,000.00**

### *Barbershop Books*

Barbershop Books utilizes a child-centered approach that pays special attention to reluctant readers and the culture of Black barbershops.

## **Coalition for Family & Children's Services in IA • \$40,000.00**

### *Change Leadership: Engaging Thought Leaders and Leadership Teams to prepare for Family First*

The implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act will require system change in the child welfare system. This project will engage the public and private sectors to collaborate and be solution focused to create a child welfare system to meet the needs of Iowa's children and families at risk.

## **Community Youth Concepts • \$24,000.00**

### *uVoice Youth Philanthropy Board*

The uVoice Youth Philanthropy Board mobilizes young people to actively influence the health and well-being of their community. High school students are provided with an avenue to directly impact health-related issues through service, research, leadership development, and the administration of a grant making process.

## **Healthy Birth Day, Inc. • \$15,000.00**

### *Decreasing toxic stress by linking stillbirth prevention efforts and protective efforts*

Our goal is to determine if our Count the Kicks app can be linked to not only lower stillbirths but also if we can reduce adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress utilizing and expanding on resources we already have.

## **Mercy Hospital Medical Foundation • \$61,580.00**

### *Pediatric Community Health Worker*

This project will be conducted at MercyOne Central Pediatric Clinic and includes employing a community health worker, implementing a social determinant of health needs screening tool, and collaborating with community partners to address children's identified social determinant of health needs.

## **Planned Parenthood of the Heartland • \$10,000.00**

### *Peer Education Community Input Project*

Planned Parenthood will conduct a Community Input Project to build awareness of the sex education needs and experiences of young people in Central Iowa, particularly those in populations vulnerable to sexual health disparity. Our findings will guide our development of an innovative peer education program in Polk County.

## **USCRI - Des Moines • \$10,000.00**

### *WellCome: A Platform to Promote Health Equity for New Iowan Children*

WellCome reduces health disparities and increases access to culturally and linguistically appropriate pediatric healthcare for New Iowan children. WellCome provides a platform and processes to continuously assess, develop and foster the cultural competency of pediatric health care providers in and around Des Moines.

## **Young Women's Resource Center • \$25,000.00**

### *Exploring Racial Trauma & Pursuing Racial Equity*

To understand and counteract cultural and racial inequities inside the YWRC through research on expanded ACEs, internal data collection on trauma and resiliency, improved representation, and updated policies and practices. Lessons learned and tools developed will be actively shared to support growth of fellow nonprofits.

**CAHMI4Kids/Blank Children's Hospital • \$3,000.00**

*Funding Analysis for Children's Behavioral Health in Iowa*

**Capital Crossroads/Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines • \$2,500.00**

*Midpoint Review with Rich Harwood*

**Iowa Public Radio • \$60,000.00**

*Iowa Public Radio Health Reporter*

Project Goal Statement: With major funding support provided by the Mid-Iowa Health Foundation, Iowa Public Radio will hire a full-time reporter to cover a health beat. The goal of this exciting collaboration will be to leverage the powers of public media to investigate, inform, and create a public conversation around health in Iowa. Iowa Public Radio is committed to strengthening the public's understanding of health issues and to being a vital source for trusted health information for audiences in our community and beyond.

**Iowa ACEs 360/Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines • \$54,250.00**

*Social Emotional Learning Activities Organizational Capacity Expansion*

ACEs 360 leadership will expand organizational capacity to coordinate social emotional learning activities, ensuring alignment with existing and planned strategies of the coalition and related networks as well as support the broader coalition work necessary to advance the movement. Activities include: Expand outreach in central Iowa and beyond to engage new partners in ACEs and trauma informed movement and more deeply engage existing partners, Drive web-based content development to support network communication and learning, Increase dissemination of high quality Iowa-based research and practice change.

*Technical Assistance for Trauma Informed Child Welfare and Juvenile Detention*

Polk County DHS Child Welfare continues to face significant stress through high caseloads and high turnover. The project will support the contract of a national expert to provide technical assistance to Polk County DHS supervisors and managers to identify and implement strategies to mitigate vicarious trauma and secondary traumatic stress and to support a trauma-informed environment. Efforts will begin with collaboration with the Polk County DHS Retention Team.

This project will also support the technical assistance efforts of the same consultant to evaluate progress on trauma-informed services in juvenile justice and detention. As an extension of child welfare and juvenile justice efforts, it is critical that we maintain the knowledge and progress of previous technical assistance efforts and receive updated guidance and planning with the consultant.

*Iowa ACEs Data Report*

To collect, analyze and develop updated report on Iowa ACEs data

**Please Pass the Love • \$6,000.00**

*State-wide School Mental Health Systems Work*

**Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines • \$5,000.00**

*Transportation Gap Analysis*

**Iowa Department of Human Services • \$50,000.00**

*Support Implementation of Iowa Children's Behavioral Health System Universal Screening*

The Department of Human Services (Department) is requesting assistance to support the State Board's recommendation to effectively and efficiently provide Iowa children and their families' access to screenings. The goal of the project is to provide the State Board a plan for screenings and how the screenings can lead to appropriate referrals and connections to services as needed. The Department will manage the project with consultation and guidance from the State Board.

**Iowa Healthiest State Initiative** • \$20,000.00

*Make it OK*

**Polk County Continuum of Care** • \$24,000.00

*Youth Homelessness Demonstration*

**Polk County Housing Trust Fund** • \$2,500.00

*Undesign the Red Line exhibit*

**HealthConnect Fellowship awards in the amount of \$15,000 were granted to each of the following organizations to support HealthConnect Fellow's system change work in the following issues:**

**Al Exito**

*Impact of Immigration Policies on the Health and Well-being of Latinx Families in Iowa.*

**Blank Children's Hospital**

*Children's mental health in Iowa will be improved through a coordinated, collaborative effort to address the social determinants of health to prevent, treat and mitigate early indicators of disruptions in a child's social emotional development.*

**Child and Family Policy Center**

*CFPC will focus fellowship efforts on improving access to and the quality of care available to low-income children by promoting improvements to Iowa's Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki) program.*

**Eat Greater Des Moines**

*Expand access to healthy food through systemic collaboration and innovation.*

**EveryStep**

*The Fellowship effort that will be addressed is expanding on the current pilot of the prenatal family engagement project, Nine2Thrive.*

**Healthy Homes Des Moines/Foundation, Inc.**

*Leveraging Medicaid to support a key social determinant of health, children's asthma, by funding home assessment and housing remediation.*

**Healthy Birth Day, Inc.**

*Reducing Racial Disparities that Persist in Birth Outcomes.*

**Iowa ACEs 360/Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines**

*ACEs Continuum of Health Systems Change: Prenatal to Children's Service Systems.*

**Iowa Coalition for Collective Change**

*Building a coalition of providers who are committed to improving access and quality for the most at-risk pregnant and parenting families.*

**Iowa Public Health Association**

*Vaccination Partners Advocacy Network.*

**Latinas Latinos Al Exito INC (Al Exito)**

*Improving the lives of Latino youth through curriculum development and advocating for youth mental health task force recommendations.*

**Polk County Continuum of Care**

*Homelessness and School Systems - Working to better connect resources to homeless children/youth as well as improve educator interactions with youth to identify needs, risks, and resolutions*

**Primary Health Care, Inc.**

*Community Health Worker Integration in Schools*

**Proteus, Inc.**

*Care Coordination for Farmworker Families*

**Street Collective**

*Increased physical activity and safer streets through built environment changes that not just support, but encourage walking, biking, and rolling as part of daily life.*

**United Way of Central Iowa**

*A comprehensive, sustainable structure and framework for obesity prevention and promotion of healthy habits for ALL kids and families in Iowa.*

**United Way of Story County**

*The Impact of the Climate of School and Out of School Programs on Chronic Absenteeism and Engagement. This project promotes social emotional learning and fosters connection by collaborative work between school districts and service providers.*

**Youth Policy Institute of Iowa**

*Ensuring youth have solid connections to people they can count on for support and nurturing as a strategy to prevent youth from aging out of foster care and to prevent homelessness.*