SUBCONTRACT PARTNERS

Adams County Youth Court
Adams County provides Parenting, Life Choices and Life Skills, Job Readiness Skills, Education Referrals for New Learning School, Financial Literacy, and Healthy Living/Nutrition Information to youth and families in 10 counties throughout southwest Mississippi. Adams County will work closely with the Families First Resource Center (606 N. Union Street, Natchez). Adams County will actively participate in the Gen+ Referral Program. Clients are referred to classes within their community or closest class as requested. Prior to 2016 the Adams County Youth Court provided only Parenting and Youth Development/Life Skills services. (Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson) (Parenting, Youth Development, Workforce Development, Education, Literacy)

All Saints’ Episcopal Church Homeless Family Prevention
Dedicated staff and funds provided to assist families with immediate needs for shelter, food and transportation to 342 clients during the initial 8-month term of partnership. Helping clients with job skills, searches, obtaining interviews as well as tasks directed at keeping students in school during temporary conditions of homelessness are key elements of this program. The program was so successful that when the Rector of the Parish was transferred and consideration was given to ending the program, the Family Resource Center of North Mississippi took over the program. All Saints’ continues to provide the office space and administrative support. (Lee County) (Workforce Development, Parenting)

Autism Center of North Mississippi
In addition to providing funds to hire an additional Certified Behavior Analyst, the partnership also provides for funds to conduct a parent training workshop for 100 families with children on the waiting list to receive services to assist them with understanding the process of diagnosis and treatment and to help the parents develop a plan for their children during their time on the waiting list to receive services. (Parenting, Education)

Baldwyn School District
Provided funding for certified teachers to give after-school academic instruction including individual and small group tutoring, skills remediation, intensive subject matter focus groups on end of course testing, multi-disciplinary problem solving and service learning to attrit students. 200 students served each week of the school year and for the month of June. In addition, 10 Chromebook laptops were purchased for use by the students for use in literacy programs, remediation in all subjects and classroom enrichment purposes. (Literacy, Education)

Bigger Than Ball Foundation
Provide funds to produce high quality “Bigger than Ball Moments” by some of the best-known coaches from across the nation to inspire and influence the younger generation of coaches to focus on all things bigger than ball. Coaching clinics for Mississippi coaches of all sports and on all levels will be held in an abstinence friendly environment with the goal of influencing the coaches to mentor their players to make wise life choices and to encourage an identity of a healthy, productive citizen of Mississippi and not just an athlete. (Youth Development, Parenting)

Bolivar County Community Action Agency
An average of 40 underserved youth, ages 12-18, are served in an after-school program that provides career and workforce development programming, academic tutoring, teen pregnancy prevention programming, life skills and healthy choices classes. (Literacy, Parenting, Workforce Development, Education, Youth Development)

Children’s Advocacy Center of Mississippi
Funding provided to improve the statewide workforce with more qualified professionals providing services for families in need as a direct result of child maltreatment. A statewide Child Advocacy Studies Training (CAST) was developed for colleges and universities as an interdisciplinary program for students entering the fields of criminal justice, social work, nursing, psychology, law, medical school, or seminaries in an effort to provide much needed training in recognizing and combating child maltreatment in the population they will serve when entering the workforce. Additionally, Chaplains for Children training was held for approximately 185 representatives from faith-based institutions in locations around the state to prepare them to recognize and respond to cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse and neglect in order to help stabilize families in crisis involving forms of child abuse. (Workforce Development, Parenting, Education)

Coahoma Community College
The Coahoma Community College Youth Career Development Center will provide a range of enhancement services to include: GED Preparation and Testing, Career/Workforce Development Skills, Vocational Education Training, Academic Tutoring Services, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Family Intervention/Parenting Skills, Substance Abuse Awareness, Life Skills and Conflict Resolution.

Crossroads Consortium
The goal is to prepare Mississippians for opportunities in middle-skill jobs. The Incentives to Success proposal builds on a proven model that targets delivery of education includes career exploration, proven instructional methods, and emphasizes integrate case management. This proposal adopts the Counseling to Career (C2C) model and includes Education and Certification with basic skills remediation, career
education pathways for middle-skill jobs, student interest explorations, work experience/internships and access to community support services in mitigating barriers preventing education or job acceptance. (Workforce)

Dr. Rud Robinson Resource Center, Saultilo
Funds for early childhood literacy instruction and curriculum for community resource center serving at-risk and underserved families with young children. (Lee County) (Literacy, Education)

God’s House of Hope
Funding provided to assist residential facility housing clients for 6 months as a form of rehabilitation from drug, alcohol or other unhealthy behaviors or at-risk lifestyles. Residents participate in classes designed to teach life skills, coping behaviors, healthy relationships, job skills, interviewing skills and other topics designed to establish a means for living independently. (Literacy, Education, Workforce Development, Parenting)

Greenwood Community and Recreation Center
The Youth Sport and Empowerment Initiative Project focuses on working with the most underprivileged at-risk youth (ages 10-15) residing in the inner city and rural underserved communities in Greenwood, Leflore County. This program consists of educational seminars focusing on lifestyle skills, money management, interviewing skills, employment, choices and consequences. In addition, we will focus on sports competition whereas the participants will participate in organized sports. Sports will be used as an incentive to get the participants involved and to create positive outcomes such as self-respect, self-esteem, trust, self-reliance, confidence, and leadership abilities. The team will consist of 10 players with an adult coach per team. (Greenwood, Leflore County) (Youth Development, Parenting, Workforce)

Jackson County Civic Action Committee, Inc.
The primary goal is to strengthen families of all backgrounds and life circumstances by providing youth and adult education with support through seminars, workshops and consultations. This is being done through initiatives providing comprehensive positive youth development/abstinence education model, parenting education, family life skills, family life skills and literacy. This is being accomplished by providing classes, workshops, presentations, outreach activities, support groups and peer mentoring programs with the target population within Jackson, George and Stone Counties. Originally- Harrison, Hancock, Stone, Jackson, Pearl River, Green. Current year – Jackson, George and Stone) (Parenting, Youth Development, Workforce, Literacy, Education)

Juanita Sims Doty Foundation
The overall goal of the Families First/A-TEAAM partnership is to produce a research driven, impact driven mentoring program for children across the state of MS. Families First will assist in the evaluation efforts of the A-TEAAM Program to ensure an accurate and fluid evaluation report. Families First for Mississippi will also assist the A-TEAAM with impacting the whole family, specifically, the parents, while meeting the needs of individual family members. Information will be distributed to each A-TEAAM parent or guardian regarding the resources that Families First provides. In addition to this resource guide, Families First for MS will meet the needs of the whole family by partnering with the A-TEAAM staff to offer an array of parenting and life skills sessions. (Parenting, Youth Development, Education)

Kids Hub
Kids Hub Child Advocacy Center (Kids Hub CAC), located in Hattiesburg, Miss., has been a fully-functioning child advocacy center for just over one-year serving families and children in Lamar, Forrest, Marion, and Lawrence Counties. Kids Hub CAC provides forensic interviews and victim advocacy services to alleged child abuse victims in a specific service area which allows the needs of the child and their families to be more effectively met. By having a dedicated child advocacy center for a specific service area, we can provide a more comprehensive response to child abuse in those communities allowing more efficient follow-up services and referrals to be made. Forensic interviews give children an opportunity to speak out about their abuse, opening doors for professionals to intervene on behalf of the child and family. Victim advocacy services provide children and families with the tools necessary to heal from their trauma, move forward through the criminal justice system feeling supported and not alone; and provides education that will help prevent further victimization of the child and possibly other children. (Forrest, Lamar, Lawrence and Marion).

Mississippi Corridor Consortium
Partnered with coalition of 5 community colleges to provide job navigators and funds for incentives to students successfully completing either Career Technical Education or Adult Basic Education pathways in an effort to prepare more Mississippians for middle skill level jobs. Data from the end of the first reporting period showed 331 participants earned 199 high school equivalency diplomas, 175 WorkKeys certificates, and 382 Career Building certificates. (68 counties) (Workforce Development)

Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Health Coalition
The Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Health Coalition (MGCYHC) Childhood Obesity and Family Wellness Initiatives are conducted through their three programs entitled “Let’s Go! Gulf Coast,” “Let’s Lighten Up...”, and “Color Me Healthy.” These programs provide many community-based services including educational services, youth programs and engagement, early childhood education, policy development and increasing community awareness and education regarding nutrition and exercise. (MS Gulf Coast) (Youth Development, Education)

Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project
This partnership is in place to provide space to hold an informational meeting. "Know Your Rights” regarding expunging criminal convictions at a few of our north Mississippi campuses: Clarksdale, Oxford and Tupelo.

First Chancery Court District
For the benefit of individuals seeking legal representation, we have partnered with 1st Chancery District Free Legal Clinic to assist the eligible participants in filing their petitions. Local attorneys volunteer to provide legal guidance to help low income people who are seeking to represent themselves in court because they cannot afford to hire a lawyer. Free legal assistance is offered concerning adoptions, child support, modification, custody, visitation, guardianship, irrevocable differences divorces, emancipation, and name changes.

MSU College of Education
Funds provided to assist in several separate programs implemented by the College of Education. (1) A six-week program for 20 students in need of dyslexia intervention was held at the T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability. (2) Camp Jigsaw was held in June for 60
adolescent males with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to help the campers learn social skills and develop self-determination skills and to allow for respite care for parents who never get a break from parenting. (g) Augmentative Communication Evaluator to provide 120 evaluations per year and to conduct weekly interventions with children who are non-verbal. (4) Collaboration for recruitment of Mississippi community college students and other non-traditional students to enroll in online College of Education classes in a concerted effort to provide for students to maintain current employment near their homes and to retain Mississippians to seek employment in the state after college graduation and to strengthen the educational system in Mississippi. (Education, Literacy, Parenting, Workforce Development)

Natchez Children's Services
Funds to assist with programming by victim advocates to utilize the SafeTouch curriculum to teach children from kindergarten through 5th grade to recognize inappropriate touching; facilitate Stewards of Children training to adults in organizations involved with children such as sports leagues, camps, day care centers, clubs and churches. (Parenting, Education) (Adams County)

The Net
Mentoring and counseling services provide real-life support and encouragement to individuals in their journey toward financial, spiritual and emotional wholeness. The Net has a ministry resource network directory available for use by counselors and life coaches to connect individuals to specific resources and to meet needs on a more holistic level. Gaining new insights into behaviors, emotions, and relationships. Clients learning new ways of expressing feelings, and identifying patterns of thinking and behavior, overcome feelings of anxiety, depression and anger and help develop communication skills. (Central Mississippi)

Northeast Mississippi Community College
Funds to Workforce Training and Development to provide pipelining equipment to improve students' opportunities for job training and education. (Workforce Development, Education)

Oxford School District
Funds to assist in securing an Early Childhood and Reading Development Program for pre-k children. (Lafayette County) (Literacy, Education)

Picayune School District Early Head Start
Picayune School District in conjunction with the Picayune Family Resource & Education Center (PFREC) has developed a comprehensive strategy to improve educational, social, and economic outcomes residents (including youth of all ages) in Pearl River County. This includes partnerships with Pearl River Community College’s Workforce Development Program and other partners. (Pearl River) (Parenting, Youth Development, Workforce, Education, Literacy)

Pre-K Literacy Project
Funds for early childhood literacy instruction and curriculum for children enrolled in Head Start and public Kindergarten. 93 children served and showed an average of 22% increase in literacy skills upon completion of the program. Additionally, 86 educators were provided with professional development training in early childhood literacy instruction and 34 family members attended parenting classes as part of assessment review of their student’s progress. (Lee, Monroe, Prentiss and Itawamba Counties) (Literacy, Education, Parenting)

Prentiss County Library System
For the benefit of the Northeast Mississippi Regional Library System to provide for salaries and fringe of a full-time librarian at Baldwyn Library, a full-time librarian and full-time library assistant at Booneville Library, and a part-time librarian at Marietta Library. These libraries are instrumental in providing access to materials and programs for Prentiss County residents for literacy, youth development and workforce development endeavors. (Literacy, Youth Development, Workforce Development)

Project Phoenix
The focus of this program will center on: Youth Development; Parenting; Literacy; Tutoring Assistance and Educational Services for citizens in Jefferson County, Mississippi. The Phoenix Project, based in Fayette, MS provides these services to 120+ participants living throughout Jefferson County. (Jefferson County) (Parenting, Youth Development, Workforce, Literacy, Education)

Regional Rehab Center
Funds to employ Certified Academic Language Therapist for weekly intervention with children who are dyslexic or have other language-based learning disabilities as well as a Speech Therapist for children with hearing and other auditory or verbal disabilities. (Literacy, Education)

St. Luke Methodist Church
Funds for homelessness prevention program for families with children under 18 to assist with immediate needs for shelter, food and transportation needs to maintain or obtain employment. Program structured to help families gain stability and to keep students attending schools. (Lee County) (Parenting, Workforce Development, Education)

Summer S.A.L.T.
Funding to assist with summer literacy program for up to 168 students entering grades K-3 from Lee County, Mississippi. Group and one-on-one instruction at two locations. (Literacy) (Lee County)

Southwest Mississippi Children’s Advocacy Center
Funds for Licensed Social Worker to provide clinical supervision of direct service staff members including programming by victim advocates to utilize the SafeTouch curriculum to teach children from kindergarten through 5th grade to recognize inappropriate touching; facilitate Stewards of Children training to adults in organizations involved with children such as sports leagues, camps, day care centers, clubs and churches. (Parenting, Education)

Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District
To provide classes and/or training and/or workshops and/or other activities for clients regarding parenting, life-skills, literacy, job readiness and youth development. (Parenting, Workforce Development, Education, Literacy)
Talbot House Bakery
Assistance with program to provide sustainability and scholarship opportunities for the residential treatment home and to provide job skills training for the women it serves and to other eligible women in the community. Program will provide ServSafe training and certification, hands-on training in bakery operations, inventory control, and other opportunities to work with the public in marketing, wholesale and retail sales—all at no cost to the participants. Upon completion of the 6-week program, participants will have marketable skills to carry into the workforce. (Workforce Development, Education)

Tunica Board of Supervisors
Funds to assist in Youth Development Program to provide youth ages 12-18 with classes on GED preparation, vocational education skills, academic tutoring/career/workforce development, teen pregnancy prevention education, and literacy services. Provided services to 1,210 youth over term of contract with such impressive results that full-time FRC Campus will be opened in current location for 2017-2018 grant year. (Youth Development, Education, Workforce Development, Literacy)

USM Rise Project
Funds to assist in mentor and nutrition management program for Men in Black and Blue Community Health Advisors to train them in coaching and listening skills to enable them to serve as mentors, role models and nutritional coaches for the Mississippi Valley State basketball team who will then serve as mentors, role models and nutritional coaches for 10-11-year-old students in Leflore, Carroll and Montgomery Counties. (Education, Youth Development)

Vicksburg Catholic School
The Vicksburg Catholic School’s Project Promise: Strengthening Students and Families for Success! provides dynamic programs which will strengthen our students and families, both at Vicksburg Catholic School and in Warren County. Vicksburg Catholic School proposes to develop and teach through its school curricula content which focus on youth development. This grant is used to provide classes, presentations, workshops and community service opportunities in the areas of literacy, youth development, education, parenting and