

Meeting Minutes

Kent County Local Management Board Meeting

August 15, 2024, 9:30am – 11:00am, Hybrid

Attendance

Board Members: Sue Berman, Julie Gill, Sandy Adams, Lauren Scearce, Tracey Watters, Nikki Strong, Jamie Barrett, Zita Seals

Staff and Guests: Rachael Carmody, Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Niara Wilson

Absent: Terrence Moody, Van Hamlin, Kathryn Dilley, Shelley Heller, Wanda Boyer, Samantha Rivera, Claudia Wayne

Agenda and Minutes

Reviewed agenda, Motion to approve the minutes from June 20, 2024: Julie Gill, Second: Zita Seals

FY2024 Review

Healthy Families: Queen Anne's County Health Department Accredited program to provide in-home support to overburdened families with children 0-5 Result: Families are Economically Stable Indicator: Child Poverty. Healthy Families is currently serving 26 families and have conducted 180 home visits. Of these families, 71% report satisfaction with the program. All families have successfully met their goals for mobilizing resources and making progress toward self-sufficiency. Additionally, there have been no reports of abuse or neglect among the families served.

Minary's Dream Academy: Minary's Dream Alliance After School Program for 6th to 8th graders focused on positive youth development and improving attendance. Result: Children are Successful in School Indicator: Chronic Absenteeism. MDA currently has 48 students enrolled and has conducted 101 wellness visits, including texts, calls, and in-person visits to students and their families. Two out of three staff members are trained in trauma-informed practices. The program has a 75% completion rate among students, with 95% of students scoring high on the youth resiliency measure. Additionally, 26% of the participating students experienced chronic absenteeism during the school year.

Teen Spaces: Includes Washington College, Minary's Dream Alliance, and Choptank Tolomato Legacy Project Local, innovative and diverse opportunities to accommodate the busy schedules of high school students and appeal to diverse interests and needs. These include monthly and weekly gatherings, paid summer internships, and mural cohorts. Result: Children are Successful in School Indicator: Chronic Absenteeism. MDA had 57 students enrolled, with 39 successfully completing the program. All participants reported that their ideas were heard and that they gained valuable skills. The Hip Hop Time Capsule (WAC) program included 14 KCHS interns and 12 Washington College interns. Of these, 11 college interns and two WAC faculty members attended the Race-Centered Trauma-

Informed Approaches training. All 26 interns completed the program successfully and felt their ideas were acknowledged. The Choptank Tolomato Legacy Project enrolled 25 students and conducted 18 sessions. Of these students, 25% felt that their ideas were heard and that they gained new skills.

Beyond Your Mental: Vendor: Findlay House Global Youth Led designed program to address adolescent mental health wellbeing using cross age peer mentoring Result: Healthy Children Indicator: 9th-12th graders reporting depressive episodes. BYM had 32 students enrolled, involving 28 lead mentors and 4 mentees. Additionally, 54 more students expressed interest in joining for the FY25 school year. 80% of students attended the majority of sessions (5 out of 9), and all participants reported high satisfaction with the program. Mental health assessments showed an increase in students reporting they "feel good," rising from 16% to 47%. Meanwhile, the percentage of students reporting that they were "in crisis" decreased from 4% to 0%.

FY2025 Programing

The two programs funded for FY25 are Healthy Families and Minary's Dream Academy. The Beyond Your Mental contract has been awarded to Findlay House Global along with Kent County Public Schools and Kent Family YMCA. Members of the Program Committee shared with the rest of the Board what the process consisted of and how it helped reach the final result. The Program Committee's process will align with the County procurement procedures, incorporating input from youth and the community. The Committee will evaluate and score submissions, then make recommendations to the Board. The Board will vote on the award, and the final contract will be approved by Commissioners.

ENOUGH LMB Capacity Building Grant

KNOCK! Chestertown will began canvassing on September 3, 2024. The purpose of canvassing is to listen, connect, activate and support neighborhood leadership

1. Partnerships
 - Build the capacity of the community quarterback organization
 - Convene partners
 - Activate and engage community leaders
 - Develop a formal partnership network or consortium structure to conduct a place-based initiative around a shared vision for their community's success
2. Planning
 - Conduct community asset mapping and needs assessment
 - Engage in participatory planning processes with community residents
 - Develop a neighborhood action plan to increase economic mobility and end childhood poverty
3. Implementing
 - Activate place-based strategies and capture benchmark data identified in their approved Neighborhood Action Plan
 - Identify and leverage additional public and private funding streams
 - Formalize processes and structures for ongoing progress monitoring, improvement, and community leadership

Proposal Components

Partnership Development	\$4,000
Participatory Planning & Design	\$50,000
Non-Profit Support	\$50,000

\$104,000 Total

ENOUGH Grant grant guidance and materials can be [here](#)

Partner Updates

KCPR registration is open for after-care at all three school locations.

KCDSS: The Sun Bucks program has been a great success. Families can still sign up online if they haven't received their card yet. DSS has a current opening for an Adult Services Caseworker, as Marty Lively will be retiring. Her last day in the office will be September 18, 2024, with her official retirement date set for October 1, 2024. Additionally, we are excited to announce an upcoming renovation and expansion for the Child Advocacy Center.

Women League Voters: Currently doing outreach, and scheduling voters' registration for the Chestertown and Rock Hall area. If you know of any available spaces, please let Julie Gill know.

Jamie Barrett is on the African American Health Advisory Committee, where they just hosted a blood pressure screening to the public at Bigg Mixx's shop on August 9th. On September 27th Narcan and CPR training will be held at the corner of Calvert and College Avenue from 5-7pm. AAHAC will also be hosting additional trainings such as prostate, diabetes, epilepsy, and etc.; all focused to support African Americans.

KCHD will be closed from 12-1p today due to upgrading the Wi-Fi system. The family planning clinic has been closed due to the Nurse Practitioner retiring, the clinic will reopen weekly. Katie Taylor has been hired to do outreach for family planning clinic.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thurs. October 17, 2024



**KENT COUNTY LOCAL
MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Board Meeting Aug. 15 2024



Agenda

9:30 – 9:40	Welcome Review agenda Approve Minutes from June 20, 2024
9:40 – 10:00	FY2024 Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy Families• Minary's Dream Academy• Teen Spaces (Hip Hop Time Capsule, MDA, Choptank Tolomato Legacy Project)• Beyond Your Mental
10:00 – 10:30	FY2025 Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beyond Your Mental award• Discussion about procurement process
10:30-10:45	ENOUGH LMB Capacity Building Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENOUGH review• KNOCK! Chestertown timeline• Application components
10:45-11:00	Partner Updates

Next Meeting Dates:

Thurs. Oct. 17th

Thurs. Dec. 19th

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Healthy Families

Vendor: Queen Anne's County Health Department

Accredited program to provide in-home support to overburdened families with children 0-5

Result: Families are Economically Stable **Indicator:** Child Poverty

How Much

26 families

180 home visits conducted

How Well

71% of families satisfied or very satisfied

100% of families reached their goal for mobilizing resources

Better Off

100% of families making progress toward self-sufficiency

0 families with abuse or neglect findings

Minary's Dream Academy

Vendor: Minary's Dream Alliance

After School Program for 6th to 8th graders focused on positive youth development and improving attendance.

Result: Children are Successful in School **Indicator:** Chronic Absenteeism

How Much

48 enrolled (attended at least 30% of sessions)

101 wellness checks (texts, calls, and visits made to students and families)

How Well

2/3 of associated staff are trauma informed

75% of students successfully completed the program (at least 75% academy attendance)

Better Off

95% of students scored high on the youth resiliency measure

26% of the participating students were chronically absent during the school year (30% of students were CA at KCMS during the 2022-2023 school year)

Teen Spaces

Vendors: Washington College, Minary's Dream Alliance, Choptank Tolomato Legacy Project
Local, innovative, and diverse opportunities to accommodate the busy schedules of high school students and appeal to diverse interests and needs. These include monthly and weekly gatherings, paid summer internships, and mural cohorts.

Result: Children are Successful in School **Indicator:** Chronic Absenteeism

Minary's Dream Alliance

39 students completed
57 students reached
26 activities
100% felt their ideas were heard
100% felt they gained skills

Hip Hop Time Capsule

14 KCHS interns
12 Wash Coll Interns

11 College Interns and Two WAC
faculty attended Race Centered
Trauma Informed Approaches

All 26 interns completed the program
100% felt their ideas were heard

Choptank Tolomato Legacy Project

25 students
18 sessions
25% felt their ideas were heard (5
continuing with them this yr)
25% felt they gained skills

Beyond Your Mental

Vendor: Findlay House Global

Youth Led designed program to address adolescent mental health wellbeing using cross age peer mentoring

Result: Healthy Children **Indicator:** 9th-12th graders reporting depressive episodes

How Many

32 participants (28 lead mentors and 4 mentees)

54 additional students signed interest form for FY25 school year

How Well

80% of students attended most of the sessions (5 out of 9 sessions)

54 additional students signed interest form for FY25 school year

100% student satisfaction (27% satisfied and 73% very satisfied)

Better Off

Mental Health pre and post scale showed students "feeling good" rose from 16% to 47%

Students reporting that they were "in crisis" decreased from 4% to 0%



FY25 Programs

01

Continuing:

- Healthy Families
- Minary's Dream Academy

02

Awarded:

- Beyond Your Mental to Findlay House Global's proposal with Kent County Public Schools and Kent Family YMCA

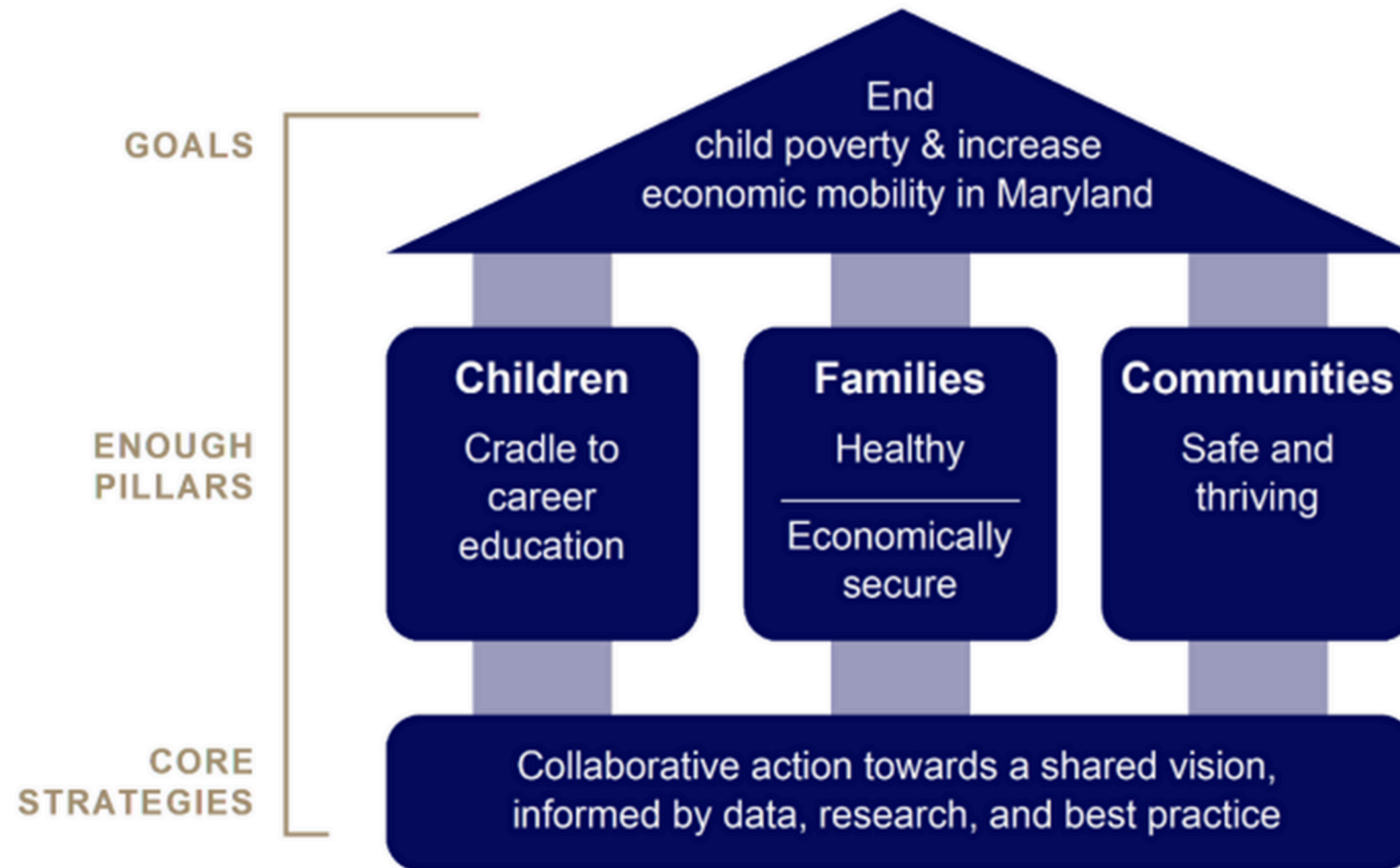
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Program Committee's process:

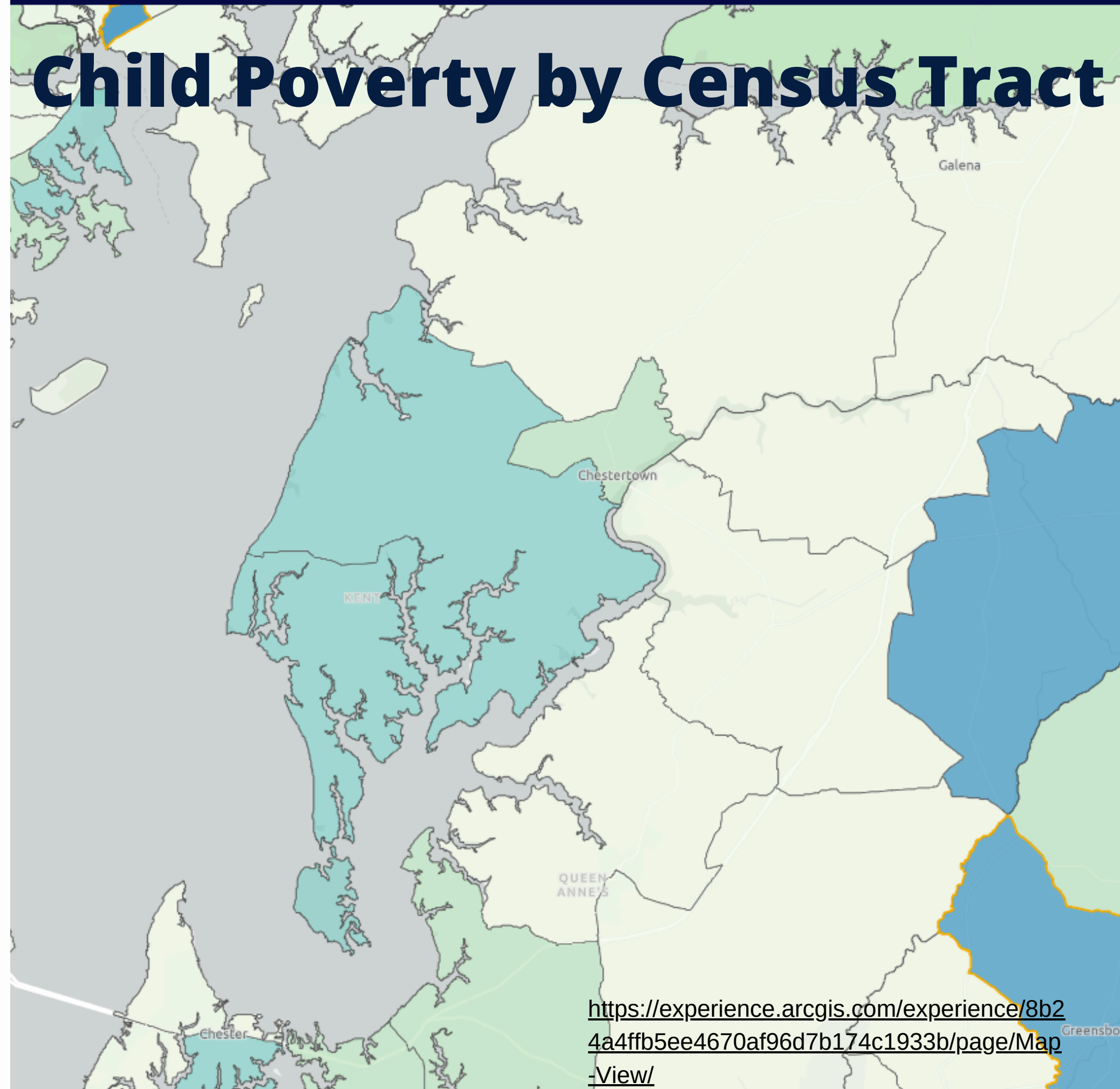
- Follow County Procurement Process
- Include youth and community input
- Score and recommend to Board
- Board votes on award
- Contract approved by Commissioners

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ENOUGH Theory of Action



Child Poverty by Census Tract



Fairlee

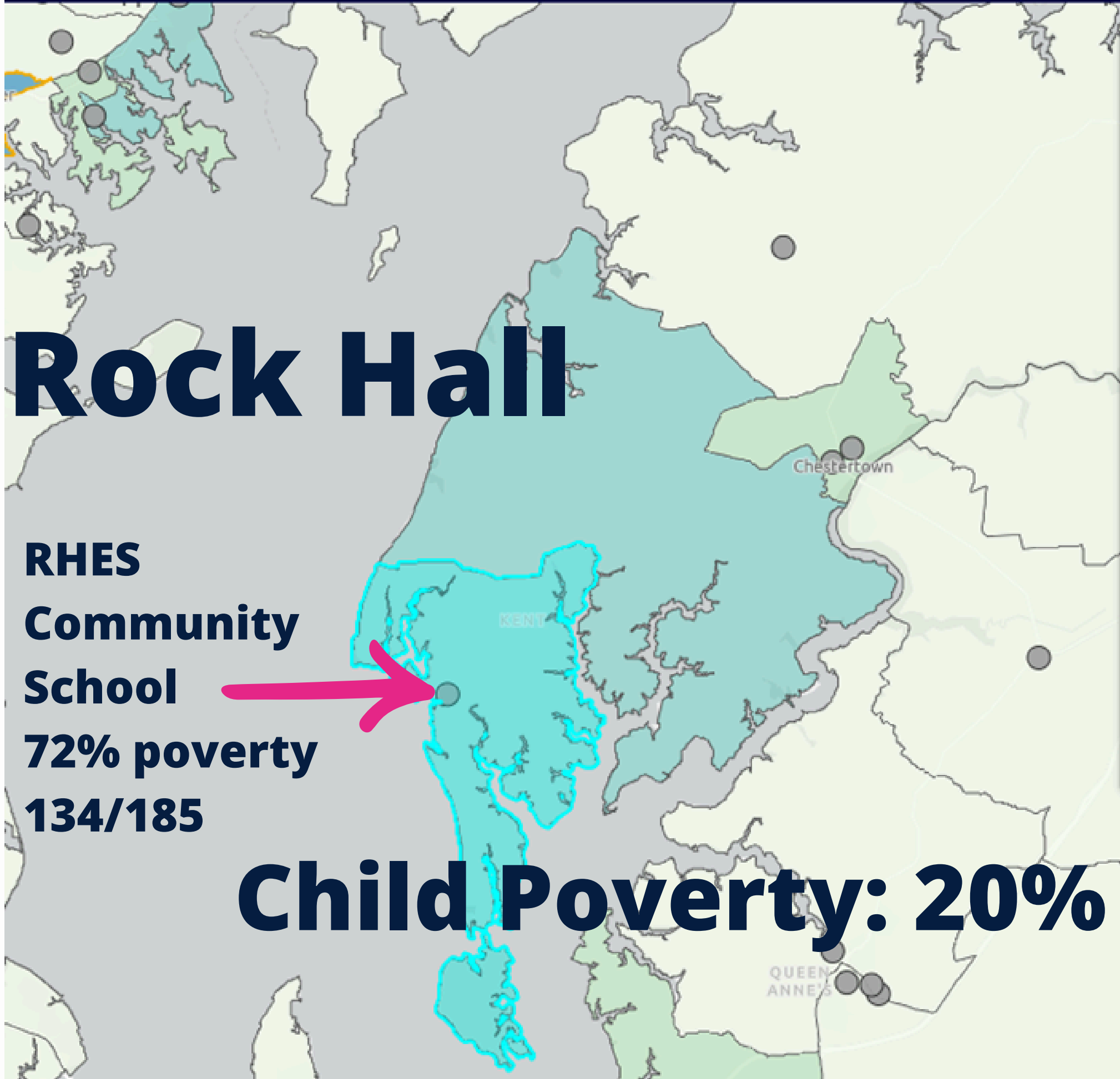
Woods Edge
Fairlee
Tolchester
Chestertown
Quaker Estates

27% 80/299

Kent County

Zoom to

County Name	Kent County
Census Tract Number (GEOID20 or FIPS)	950400
Total Population	2,789
Total Population Under 18 Years Old	299
Total Population Under 18 Years in Poverty	80
Percent of Children in Poverty	27%
Number of Schools Serving Census Tract	4
Number of Schools Serving Census Tract with $\geq 80\%$ Poverty Concentration	



Rock Hall

**RHES
Community
School**
72% poverty
134/185

Child Poverty: 20% 71/353

Kent County

Zoom to

County Name	Kent County
Census Tract Number (GEOID20 or FIPS)	950500
Total Population	2,391
Total Population Under 18 Years Old	353
Total Population Under 18 Years in Poverty	71
Percent of Children in Poverty	20%
Number of Schools Serving Census Tract	3
Number of Schools Serving Census Tract with ≥80% Poverty Concentration	

Chestertown

**Garnet
Community
School**
67% poverty
230/345

**KCMS
Community
School**
63% poverty
251/400

Child Poverty 16% 130/836

Kent County

Zoom to

County Name	Kent County
Census Tract Number (GEOID20 or FIPS)	950300
Total Population	5,983
Total Population Under 18 Years Old	836
Total Population Under 18 Years in Poverty	130
Percent of Children in Poverty	16%
Number of Schools Serving Census Tract	4
Number of Schools Serving Census Tract with $\geq 80\%$ Poverty Concentration	

Where we're starting:



- listen
- connect
- activate & support neighborhood leadership

1

Partnerships

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2

Planning

- Conduct community asset mapping and needs assessment
- Engage in participatory planning processes with community residents
- Develop a Neighborhood Action Plan to increase economic mobility and end childhood poverty.

3

Implementing

- Activate place-based strategies and capture benchmark data identified in their approved Neighborhood Action Plan
- Identify and leverage additional public and private funding streams
- Formalize processes and structures for ongoing progress monitoring, improvement, and community leadership.

Where we're starting:



- listen
- connect
- activate & support neighborhood leadership

- KCLM BOARD
- Washington College
- KCPS Community Schools
- Dixon - Community & Gov't Office
- Commissioners and Town Council
- United Way of Kent County
- Health - Shore Regional & Choptank
- Minary's Dream Alliance

KCLMB Rough Proposal Components

\$104,000

Partnership Development

- Identify & Develop Quarterback
- Formalize partnerships – (MOUs)
- Define structure

\$ 4,000

Participatory Planning & Design, Community Engagement, Civic Infrastructure

- KNOCK coalition – convene and train community leaders
- Base-line data and determining priorities
- Participatory Program Design

\$ 50,000

Non Profit Support

- Convenings
- Trainings
- Assessments, Coaching, advising

\$ 50,000

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- Define structure

\$ 4,000

Resident Leadership Support and Planning

- KNOCK coalition – convene and train community leaders (\$5,000)
- Base-line data and determining priorities (\$30,000)
- Participatory Program Design (\$15,000)

\$ 50,000

Non Profit Support

- Convenings and shared outcomes
- Grants for internal trainings and assessments
- ‘circuit rider’ support for planning, grants, coaching, advising

\$ 50,000

ENOUGH Result Areas

Cradle to Career Education:

Ensuring smooth transitions to and through Kindergarten, middle and high school to college or a career (from birth to career)

Healthy Families

Access to high quality health care; decrease infant mortality, increase life expectancy and improve behavioral health

Economically Secure Families

Higher employment, entrepreneurship, livable and family sustainable wages

Safe and Thriving Communities

High quality affordable housing, a thriving commercial core, access to recreational spaces, nutritious food and transportation