



CHOICE VISION

Envisioning communities where youth make choices that strengthen their lives, their families, and their world.

CHOICE MISSION

Strengthening communities through innovative, family-focused strategies that connect youth to opportunities for positive choices.

REFERRALS

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THE CHOICE PROGRAM AT UMBC

COMMUNITY AND CAREER SUPPORT: HOWARD COUNTY, MD

The Choice Program builds on young peoples' strengths to ensure success with educational and vocational goals. We believe youth and their families thrive when they have access to supportive resources and are able to contribute to and connect with their communities.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Who We Serve:

- Young people aged 8 - 24 in Howard County, with priority given to youth who are not employed or enrolled in school
- Referred from the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), Department of Social Services (DSS), schools, and parents

What We Offer:

- Strengths-based services adapted to meet individual needs in youth development, advocacy & resource brokering
- Services that reconnect youth to education, increase job skills and job placements

PROGRAM SERVICES

Youth Development

- Consistent connection to positive role models
- Informal counseling & conflict resolution
- Structured recreational, educational, & community service activities
- Job readiness training & employment development
- School and community-based interventions aimed to increase educational success

Family Engagement

- Assistance in navigating school & court systems
- Home visits to engage families & connect to goals
- 24/7 crisis intervention

Job Readiness & Life Skills Training

- Resumes, cover letters, job searching & applications
- Financial literacy training
- Linkage to community employment

Community Resources

- Liaison to referring worker to report progress
- Case management & referral services for family & youth needs



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