

The Choice Program
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THE PROGRAM

choice

empowering youth & families

The Choice Program provides a community-based, family-centered case management approach to youth development and delinquency prevention. A signature program of UMBC and The Shriver Center, it is a nationally recognized initiative that serves Maryland's youth.

INTENSIVE ADVOCACY

The Intensive Advocacy Program provides a cost-efficient and effective alternative to the incarceration of youth. Youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system receive intensive monitoring, youth development and linkage to resources.

JOBS

The Choice Jobs Program prepares youth from Baltimore's most challenged neighborhoods for the work world. The program utilized a supported employment model that delivers community-based vocational services that include a job readiness curriculum, paid-on-the-job training experience and supported job placement.

EDUCATION

The Choice Education Program provides an intensive case management alternative to in-school arrests, suspensions and expulsions. Choice Education Fellows provide school based advocacy, after school programming and cultural enrichment activities.

OUR MODEL

Identifies and links youth and families with social supports

Fosters caring adult relationships

Develops high expectations

Provides meaningful participation

CHOICE AMERICORPS FELLOWS WORK ON TEAMS

TO PROVIDE YOUTH AND FAMILIES:

Linkage and referral to community resources

Caring adult relationships

Informal counseling

Structured after-school and weekend activities

Crisis intervention

Educational advocacy

Community Service/Service Learning Opportunities



OUR MISSION

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



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