



FY 2019-2021 Funded Agencies

ACT For Alexandria (on behalf of the Quality Collaborative)

Quality Collaborative - Phase 2

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The Quality Collaborative is a system-building professional development project that supports the "alignment of and access to an early care and education system that prepares young children to enter kindergarten" through improving the quality of teaching in preschools serving the city's most vulnerable children. Building on the lessons learned and activities of the initial Quality Collaborative Project, which is a key initiative of the Alexandria Early Care and Education Workgroup 'Common Agenda,' this Phase Two project of the Quality Collaborative will: (1) Continue the most successful professional development components of the Quality Collaborative pilot project; (2) Add components designed to build on the initial Quality Collaborative experiences and the current priorities of participating partner program and (3) Be informed by a Professional Development Council that provides ongoing input and feedback on the direction of learning experiences for a broader set of professionals than the original project partner organizations.

ALIVE!

ALIVE! Food and Emergency Financial Assistance Project

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The city's oldest and largest private provider of safety net services offers basic needs and emergency support for children, families and individuals facing crises. ALIVE! feeds people through the: (1) Last Saturday Food Distribution, a mass food distribution held at three sites in the city, 11 months a year, and provides five-day supplies of food; (2) Home Deliveries Program provides 3-5-day supplies of food, Monday through Saturday to seniors, individuals with disabilities and low-income households; (3) School Weekend Food Program operates during the school year in partnership with Alexandria City Public Schools and provides weekend supplies of supplemental food for children and families living with food insecurity, and; (4) Partners Program that provides community-based partners with food each week for on-site distribution. Additionally, Alexandrians facing emergency financial situations may be referred to ALIVE! for assistance with rent, utilities, medical and other urgent needs. Referrals for financial assistance are received the 1st, 11th and 21st of the month.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington - Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Branch

Project Learn

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Offers a comprehensive blend of evidence-based programs including Power Hour, Goals for Graduation, Skills Mastery and Resistance Training (SMART) Moves, SMART Girls, Passport to

Manhood, Torch and Keystone Clubs, and Triple Play/Healthy Habits designed to promote responsible behaviors for at-risk youth. The programs address academic performance and dropout rates, teen pregnancy, gang prevention, promote positive youth development and leadership, and address youth fitness and health issues.

Brain Injury Services

Comprehensive Services for Survivors of Brain Injuries in Alexandria

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Provides community-based case management, education and support to adults living with brain injuries. Through case management, brain injury survivors receive assistance with accessing all available programs in the community and unique programs provided by the agency. As a result, these residents are able to live safely, stably, healthfully, productively and remain connected to the community.

Bridges to Independence

Alexandria Rapid Re-Housing Program

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A Housing First model that offers: (1) Housing Stabilization Case Management, a connection to mainstream benefits such as housing identification and landlord mediation, financial assistance, and referral to community resources; (2) Housing Identification, through partnerships with landlords, families are able to secure and maintain a lease in their names which positions them to establish a good rental and credit history; (3) Move-In and Rental Assistance helps cover the costs of participant families moving into permanent housing to include utility and security deposits, rental arrears, and rental subsidies; and (4) Bridge to Work (Employment Service) Program helps participants achieve career-oriented employment with upward mobility opportunities.

Bridges to Independence

Pathways to a Better Future - Creating Tomorrow's Citizens Today

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Offers out-of-school time activities for youth ages 13 to 21. Program activities include (1) Educational workshops on topics selected by the youth conducted monthly in a supportive, peer-led environment; (2) Group Service Projects that benefit the community and teach youth the importance of giving back; (3) Bridges Runs, weekly running clubs help youth train to run in local 5 K races while they learn to set and achieve health/fitness goals; (4) Four (4)-H Overnight Retreats and other 4-H activities designed to teach decision-making, leadership and responsibility; and (5) Structured Job Shadowing and Internships, imparting youth with important career and workplace knowledge.

Capital Youth Empowerment Program

Project Success

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This is comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infection risk reduction program that promotes positive youth development and healthy lifestyle choices for students. Project Success uses the evidence-based curriculum, Be Proud! Be Responsible!, which is offered in a

group setting after school from 3:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. The groups meet twice a week for 1-1.5 hours a session for three weeks. Group sessions are offered at the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center, Sheltercare Program facility, Alexandria Boys and Girls Club, selected Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities community centers, T.C. Williams High School and Community Lodgings sites.

Carpenter's Shelter

Emergency Shelter and Post Shelter Support Programs

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Carpenter's Shelter supports persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Alexandria to achieve sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education and advocacy. Shelter participants receive individual case management, education and employment programs, and housing services. Over the next two to three years, Carpenter's Shelter will operate from a temporary location at Landmark Mall during the redevelopment of the N. Henry Street property.

Carpenter's Shelter

Mental Health Support Program

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This new service addition to Carpenter's Shelter provides on-site services to residents showing signs or self-reporting mental illnesses or severe abuse.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington

St. Martin de Porres Senior Center

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Provides culturally sensitive activities and services that support seniors who are 60 years of age and older with basic needs such as recreation, socialization, congregate meals, food commodities, English as Second Language classes, exercise, health education, nutritional education, blood pressure checks, intergenerational visits, arts/crafts and painting classes, field trips, volunteer opportunities, educational presentations, weekly outings and assistance obtaining basic social services.

Center for Alexandria's Children, Inc.

Children's Advocacy Center

Contact: Carla Claudio Silva, Carla@alexandriaskids.org - 703.746.6018

A Child Advocacy Center and unique program model recognized in more than 800 communities to investigate allegation of child abuse. The center uses a Multidisciplinary Team of professionals (staff and decision-makers in child welfare, law enforcement, prosecution, victims' advocacy, mental health, and medical services) to coordinate their work from a single, safe, child-friendly facility in which the safety and comfort of the child is paramount. The process, led by the Center's staff experts, follows the child from disclosure or allegation through crisis response, investigation, and case adjudication to resources and referrals to help the child and family heal and prevent recurrence.

Center for Alexandria's Children, Inc.**Learn & PlayGroup Program****Contact: Chelsea Kinning, Chelsea@alexandriaskids.org - 703.746.6045**

The Learn & PlayGroup (LPG) Program operates weekly, providing children 0-5 (accompanied by their parents and/or caregivers) with developmentally appropriate, play-based learning experiences. The LPG program supports multiple goals ranging from increased parenting knowledge to increased community and civic engagement, as well as decreased isolation of families and child abuse reports in the longer term. The primary focus of the LPG program is caregiver-child-community attachment, fostering positive parent/child relationships and interactions; connecting parents with community resources; providing information about child development and positive parenting strategies; and building supportive relationships among parents.

Community Lodgings**Youth Education Programs****Contact: Lynn Thomas, lynnthomas@community-lodgings.org - 703.549.4407**

Provides after-school mentoring and summer programs in the Arlandria section of Alexandria across three sites for students in grades 1 through 12. The programming is based on the school curriculum and focuses on skill improvement in the areas of literacy, science, technology, engineering and math while providing social, emotional, and physical support to the students.

Computer C.O.R.E.**Career & Educational Pathways to Economic Security****Contact: David Welsh, dave@computercore.org - 703.931.7346, x105**

The program provides individualized training/support, and serves those in need from diverse professional/educational backgrounds - with a goal of helping them to move onto a sustainable career pathway that leads to economic security. C.O.R.E. operates part-time in order to serve the City's working poor and unemployed in basic computer and job seeking skills.

Friends of Guest House**Contact: Jessica Rodgers, Jessica@friendsofguesthouse.org - 703.462.3170**

The Friends of Guest House help Alexandria women succeed in the difficult transition from incarceration back into the community. The programs and services offered include housing, employment, educational, asset-building, health and crisis intervention. The case management services, AA/NA classes and other meetings are provided at four Alexandria locations: Guest House, a 10 bed residence on East Luray Avenue; a 16 bed residence on Sheffield Court; the 16 bed Second Chance Community and transitional housing on Gordon Street; and the Aftercare/Outreach Program at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Luray Avenue.

George Mason University Foundation

Early Identification Program

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Early Identification Program (EIP) serves as George Mason University's college access and preparation program. In partnership with Alexandria City Public Schools, the program provides educational resources to middle and high school students throughout Alexandria City. EIP takes a holistic approach in working with students and their families. Students are identified and nominated to participate in the program while in the seventh grade. Selected students enter the EIP Prep while in the eighth grade and continue to receive services until the twelfth grade. Students who successfully complete the EIP with a 3.2 grade point average are automatically admitted into George Mason University. Students who complete the program and graduate high school with a 3.5 grade point average or higher, are invited to apply for several need/merit-based scholarships, four of which are full tuition scholarships to help pay for their studies at Mason. Further, EIP offers year-long programming which includes family seminars, after school tutoring, mentoring, success coaching, STEM enrichment, leadership development, service learning, and a rigorous three- week Summer Academy which takes place at Mason's Fairfax campus.

Higher Achievement Program, Inc.

Higher Achievement's Alexandria Achievement Center

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The Higher Achievement Center based at Hammond Middle School provides quality year-round academic and enrichment programming including mentoring, homework help, seminars, college trips, field trips, and preparation for high school honors and advanced placement to Alexandria's minority and economically disadvantaged middle school students. The highly-structured, outcomes-based program has three components: Summer Academy, Afterschool Academy and High School Readiness. The program begins with a six-week Summer Academy operating Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The second component is a 25-week Afterschool Academy that operates from October to May. Scholars attend the program Monday and Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and Thursday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The third component is the High School Readiness program which will take place during a scholars' rising 8th grade summer and eighth grade school year and is woven into the Summer and Afterschool Academies.

Hopkins House

Early Childhood Learning Institute

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The Early Childhood Learning Institute (ECLI) is a workforce development and post-secondary education program. Its goal is to promote economic self-sufficiency and independence among low-income teens and young adults through post-secondary education and professional development. This goal is accomplished by assisting program participants to earn college credits toward an Associate degree, competency based stackable professional certifications, practical work experience, and career placement in the Early Childhood Education field. Through individual and group academic and career counseling, professional development workshops, internships, college fellowships, and wrap-around supports (i.e. tutoring, childcare, access to computers, and books), the ECLI helps low-income, first-generation college bound Alexandria teens and young adults become college and career ready. In

partnership with Northern Virginia Community College, T.C. Williams High School, the City's Workforce Development Center, and local child care partners, the ECLI helps teens and young adults leverage their college credits and degrees and competency based professional certifications into long-term careers in the Early Childhood Education and/or Elementary Education field that support long-term economic security for themselves and their families.

Legal Services of Northern Virginia

Legal Services for Low-Income, Elderly, and Disabled Residents of the City of Alexandria

Contact: Raquel Bonilla, Rbonilla@lsna.org - 703.778.6803

Legal Services of Northern Virginia bridges the justice gap for low-income individuals, older adults and residents with disabilities in the City of Alexandria by providing legal services. For 38 years, LSNV has been a safety net that helps less fortunate neighbors secure or maintain critical needs in the areas of consumer, employment, family and housing law. In addition, LSNV provides legal assistance with public benefits, veterans, elder law, child advocacy, education, HIV/AIDS and Second Chance issues.

Liberty's Promise

Helping Immigrant Youth in Alexandria Succeed

Contact: Melissa Gelinis, mgelinis@libertyspromise.org - 703.549.9950

Offers two after-school programs of civic engagement for low-income, immigrant youth, ages 15-21, which help them, learn about the Alexandria community through field trips, presentations from local community members, and participating in volunteer opportunities in the community. The Civics and Citizenship, is conducted for youth with good English-language skills and the other, Civic Engagement for Beginning English Language Learners, serves youth with little or no knowledge of English. As resources permit, the program also offers a professional internship program for our youth, which allows them to develop their job skills and become familiar with the American workplace and its customs, while also exploring potential career opportunities.

Literacy Council of Northern Virginia

Destination Workforce®

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The Destination Workforce® program is designed through partnerships with local entities to deliver targeted, intensive and customized English language, literacy and workforce readiness instruction to help the beginning level adult learners get on a fast track to employment. This class was developed with the City of Alexandria Workforce Development Center to meet an unmet need for intensive language and workplace soft skills training for the most beginning-level clients who have little or no formal education and are largely unable to read and write in their native language(s).

Literacy Council of Northern Virginia

Family Learning Program

Contact: Mike Mahrer, mmharer@lcnv.org - 703.237.0866

Provides English literacy instruction for low-income, immigrant parents and their dependent children in a classroom environment at Community Lodging's Family and Community Engagement Centers

located at Brookside Apartments and Brent Place. The program emphasizes increased parental engagement in their children's educational activities. Children can participate in literacy-related activities and receive homework help. Parents learn English as it relates to schools, health, nutrition, finance and community, empowering them to be their children's first teachers.

Lutheran Social Services for the National Capital Area

Refugee Immigrant Services

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Provides year round resettlement services that assist refugees to become self-sufficient, successful and contributing members of the City of Alexandria. Services begin at the point when refugees step off the plane. Case managers and job developers assigned to the refugees conduct initial intake/assessments and help with the creation of family self-sufficiency and comprehensive job search plans. Refugees are also referred to Cultural and Housing Orientation programs and are linked to community-based supportive services (i.e., ESL/GED classes, vocational training courses). Assistance with enrolling children/ youth into schools and after school activities is also provided.

Melwood Horticultural Training Center

Linden JOBS Program

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Provides access to career or job readiness and employment services for Alexandria residents who: (1) are currently receiving case management services within the City of Alexandria; (2) have a disability or are suspected of having a disability; or (3) demonstrate that this disability has negatively impacted their ability to secure and maintain competitive employment within the community. Services provided may include: (1) administration of comprehensive career and ability assessments; (2) coordination of efforts with partners/outside resources; (3) use of a holistic approach to resolve barriers and strengthen and empower individuals and families; (4) assisting participants in resolving barriers and addressing employment, family and personal development needs; (5) enhancing life management skills, job preparedness, job retention and advancement skills; (6) helping participants develop a long-term vision and career path and (7) achieving placement in livable wage employment.

Northern Virginia Dental Clinic, Inc.

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Provides access to comprehensive oral health care services to low-income and uninsured residents (adults) of the City of Alexandria. Services include: comprehensive examinations with x-rays; oral cancer screenings, treatment planning, restorative fillings, oral surgery (extractions, oral tori reduction, alveoplasty, cyst/tumor removal, etc.), hard and soft tissue biopsies, endodontics (root canal therapy), periodontics (soft tissue management), prosthetics (full and partial dentures, crowns, occlusal night guards, etc.), oral prophylaxis (cleanings); Emergency Services and patient education to empower individuals to maintain an optimal state of oral health.

Northern Virginia Family Service

Alexandria Intervention, Prevention and Education (IPE) Program

Contact: Meredith McKeen, mmkeen@nvfs.org - 571.748.2574

The IPE program is designed to empower youth ages 8 -21 who are at risk for gang involvement, or who are already gang involved and want to leave, to make safe choices and to develop pro-social activities that will allow them to become productive members of their communities. The IPE program ensures that youth who are vulnerable to recruitment by gangs are able to develop the skills necessary to resist joining and that their parents and community members are able to provide the support and structure needed to keep these vulnerable youth safe from the negative influence of gangs.

Northern Virginia Family Service

Healthy Families Alexandria

Contact: Mandi Fisher, mfisher@nvfs.org - 571.748.2841

Healthy Families Alexandria, an accredited, evidence-based home visiting program model that provides overburdened families who are at-risk for adverse childhood experiences, including child maltreatment, with the education, community resources and tangible support they need to thrive. Home visiting services include: family assessment and goal planning; parenting education and assessments; maternal and child health education; child development screenings; school readiness activities; mental health screenings and therapeutic services; and referrals to a wide array of community resources.

OAR of Arlington, Alexandria and Falls Church

Income Security for Individuals Formerly Incarcerated Returning Home to Alexandria

Contact: Heather Pritchett, hpritchett@oaronline.org - 703.228.7030

The program serves individuals returning to the City of Alexandria from local jails and state/federal prisons who need assistance to become economically secure. Pre-release case management is offered inside the Alexandria Detention Center to help individuals develop a plan in advance of their release about housing, employment, family reunification and more. OAR also provides pre-release services to individuals at the Coffeewood Correctional Center (the state prison where Alexandria residents go within 12 months of their release). Additionally, OAR works with the Alexandria Probation and Parole Office and offers post-release services to individuals who were incarcerated in any facility but are returning home to live in the City of Alexandria. Post-release services include case management, transportation assistance, food, clothing, obtaining identification, housing referrals and employment support.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria

Safe and Healthy Homes

Contact: Katherine Dixon, kd@rebuildingtogetheralex.org - 703.836.1021

Safe and Healthy Homes, the cornerstone program of Rebuilding Together focuses on stabilizing items that drastically improve living conditions for a home's residents, and saves thousands in healthcare costs. This program targets low-income persons living in older or substandard housing who are disproportionately affected by home hazards. Rebuilding Together, in partnership with the National Center for Healthy Housing, developed a check list that helps ensure a home's health and safety. Safe and Healthy Homes help clients save money not only on actual home repairs (as they are provided to them free), but on utility bills too.

SCAN of Northern Virginia, Inc.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program

Contact: Amy Wilker, awilker@scanva.org - 703.820.9001

Promotes the protection, health and social welfare of vulnerable children in the City of Alexandria. The goal is to ensure that each child appointed to the CASA Program by the judges of the Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court resides in a safe, permanent home and has opportunities for future well-being. Volunteers are recruited and trained to advocate for the best interests of Alexandria children who are victims of abuse and neglect. This is the only program of its kind in the City of Alexandria. SCAN volunteers provide objective written summaries to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judges regarding the needs of each child and options for their future stability and permanency of a home placement.

SCAN of Northern Virginia, Inc.

Parent Education Program

Contact: Marisol Morales, mmorales@scanva.org - 703.820.9001

The Parent Education Program works to reduce child abuse and family conflict while promoting healthy development of children and youth. The program implements family education classes utilizing evidence-based and evidence-informed educational curricula designed to engage parents in learning how to more effectively communicate with, discipline and guide their children through non-violent strategies and to engage youth in building life skills that help them avoid risky behaviors and become more resilient in the face of challenges. For parents, knowing how to seek help and where to find it are the keys to ensuring their capacity to build and sustain a stable family environment for their children, reduce the possibility of abuse or neglect, and minimize the risks and consequences of poverty and violence.

Tenants and Workers United

Youth Educated and Active (YEA)

Contact: Ingris Moran, imoran@tenantsandworkers.org - 571.251.9537

Provides high-quality out of school time services for middle and high school youth, engaging youth ages 12 to 18 in workshops and trainings on critical topics; develops the leadership skills and offers opportunities to practice those skills; provides academic support and orientation to and support for the college application process; connects youth with adult mentors who provide guidance and support; and offers opportunities for youth to engage with their communities. YEA serves youth at the Arlandria Community Center (home to Tenants and Workers United) and T.C. Williams High School. Though open to all students, the majority of participants are low-income and identify as Latino/a, Black or Middle Eastern, and many of them are first-generation immigrants. Most youth benefit from participating in the program at least one day per week during the academic year, and two intensive weeks during the summer.

The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium

Book Buddies Kindergarten Tutoring Program for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)

Contact: Lisa Jacobs, ljacobs@opmh.org - 703.549.9425

Provides tutorial support for ACPS kindergarten and first grade students using the Book Buddies program, developed at the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education. Community volunteers

trained in the Book Buddies method meet twice a week with assigned students throughout the school year for 45-minute sessions of one-on-one tutoring. The program coordinators are certified reading and/or education specialists who write individualized, weekly lesson plans for each student and oversee the program. Student progress is monitored throughout the year and measured in May through ACPS assessments.

The Arc of Northern Virginia

Preparing Young People with Disabilities for School and Careers

Contact: Diane Monnig, diane.monnig@thearcfnova.org - 703.208.1119 x 118

Provides assistance to children and youth with disabilities, along with their families, and prepares them for school and careers by providing tools and resources for successful outcomes. ARC trains disability professionals to use two curriculum apps, TravelMate and EmployMate to teach to students so that they are supported by "virtual travel trainers" and "virtual job coaches." The program offers workshops that provide a broad range of information for students and families on post-secondary education and employment opportunities, resources and supports. Comprehensive guides to help students prepare for school and careers are available to parents. Workshops in Spanish, Arabic and Amharic and translated materials (Early Intervention, Employment, and Futures Planning) are also provided to parents who are not fluent in English.

The Art League, Inc.

Space of Her Own (SOHO) Del Ray and West End

Contact: Charlene Bowman Haskell, charlench@theartleague.org - 703.519.1741

Space of Her Own, an art-based mentoring community outreach project, operates in partnership with the Alexandria Court Service Unit (CSU). The program serves 12 fifth-grade girls identified by the CSU and other community agencies as being at risk for delinquent behavior. Participants and their mentors are brought to the Art League School for special art projects taught by professional artist faculty. The girls receive healthy dinners and CSU program managers provide relevant life skills classes addressing personal power, relationships, refusal skills, manners, nutrition and anger management. Upon completion of the program, girls and mentors re-design the girls' personal spaces in their home, using artworks produced, and demonstrating concepts learned in the program. The new spaces provide ample lighting, study space and ultimately, a "space of her own."

The Campagna Center

Building Better Futures (BBF)

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Provides a range of services that help immigrant and/or low-income students develop the academic, social and life skills needed to be successful in high school and post-secondary education/workforce settings. BBF offers four core components: (1) targeted one-on-one and group tutoring; (2) enrichment opportunities to provide exposure to leadership and career awareness experiences that support development of skills; (3) engagement in civic and community service and (4) parent engagement in student education and support at the high school level. There are 64 sessions (two/week for 32 weeks) of tutoring that take place at T.C. Williams, offered individually and in small groups. Enrichment is also provided over the course of the year through educational workshops, guest speakers and Career Exploration Externships (CEEs) for high school students. The 23 enrichment sessions are offered to

high school students through a seminar series targeting specific topics over a three to five-week period. CEEs are week-long job shadowing experiences that are offered three times throughout the year (spring break and two weeks in the summer). Other activities include field trips such as college visits.

**The Campagna Center
Wright To Read**

Contact: Luisa Reyes, lreyes@campagnacenter.org - 703.549.0111

Wright to Read (WTR) has served City of Alexandria elementary students since 1979. Now operating under the auspices of the Campagna Center, the program will continue to offer tutoring and mentoring for students who are reading at least one year below grade level. Trained tutor/mentors meet with students weekly for an hour of literacy tutoring. The weekly tutoring is comprised of reading instruction (phonics and sight words), vocabulary development, reading practice, reading comprehension and writing. The tutor/mentors meet with the students after school or on the weekends, thus not taking them out of the classroom and having them miss any of the school day. Tutoring takes place in one of the City's four public libraries. WTR is also piloting a program that will provide intensive reading support to help kindergarten students become proficient readers by third grade.

**The Child & Family Network Centers (fiscal agent for)
The Family Support Project**

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Provides culturally competent, comprehensive supportive services addressing the individual needs of children and their families enrolled in the Child & Family Network Centers, ALIVE! Child Development Center and Creative Play Schools. Services provided or coordinated by designated Family Support Workers include: home visits, developmental and health screening, counseling, social skills groups, play therapy, parent education, advocacy, case management, support in addressing family issues (i.e. need for housing, financial help, information on job training), and linking families to the available network of community services.

UpCycle Creative Reuse Center

It's Tinker Time: Creative Aftercare Programs and Materials for Alexandria's Youth

Contact: Karen Lemke, Karenlemke@gmail.com - 703.861.8705

Offers an aftercare program experience for children enrolled in the City of Alexandria Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) Department's Out of School Time programs. The project implementation includes: (1) Placing Tinker Carts and supplies in 10 recreation centers; (2) Providing five creative reuse programs at each site; (3) Training RPCA staff to incorporate reuse materials in the center's weekly activities; (4) Providing supply memberships to UpCycle's materials center so RPCA staff may obtain free supplies for other aftercare activities; and (5) Providing punch card vouchers for students to obtain materials from UpCycle for school assignments.

Urban Alliance**Northern Virginia High School Internship Program****Contact: Paul Remy, Premy@theurbanalliance.org - 202.459.4300**

Targets low-income high school seniors and offers: (1) skill training, (2) paid professional internships, (3) mentoring and (4) case management. The program's overarching goal is to help program participants transition to self-sufficient adulthood. This is accomplished by helping the students to achieve: (1) skills linked to increased academic achievement, employability and earnings; (2) graduation from high school; (3) enrollment in college or a training program; (4) employment opportunities and (5) connection to long-term employment.

Volunteer Alexandria**Breaks with Impact - Doing Good in the Neighborhood****Contact: Myra Cruz, myracruz@volunteeralexandria.org - 703.836.2176**

Provides Alexandria youth with community service education and projects to perform during school breaks. The program consists of separate sessions for middle and high school (ages 11-18). A one day session will be held during spring breaks and a three-day session will be held during summer breaks. A total of 14 session days per year, two one-day sessions and four three-day sessions are offered. Session days run 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. and consist of discussions about issues facing Alexandria, the role of nonprofits, discussions with nonprofit clients or staff, hands-on service projects, and journaling, reflection and evaluation of their day. Middle and high school youth participate in separate groups with different educational goals adjusted to meet their developmental needs. Middle school students are given opportunities to develop their leadership and character skills. High school students are exposed to social entrepreneurship opportunities and possible careers. Three months after completing their session, the students are invited to continue to volunteer in Alexandria.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.**ACS (Alexandria Community Shelter) Supported Employment and Life Skills Program****Contact: Christine Miller, cmiller@voaches.org - 301.459.2020**

Seeks to improve the economic situations of residents of Alexandria's Community Shelter and to strengthen opportunities for housing stability. In addition to services Volunteers of America Chesapeake provides to the shelter residents, this additional program will offer evidence based supported employment and life skills services.