

MENTAL HEALTH FOR TEENS

The Community Fund of Darien's investment in one agency's Mobile Crisis Intervention Services program which provided vital resources for crisis stabilization and mental health assessments for children and teens in Stamford.

- Added Haitian Creole bilingual LMSW clinician
- 476 episodes, defined as full course of crisis treatment (up to 45 days) from intake to case closure/referral
- 1,113 encounters and face-to-face hours as well as 700 additional care coordination and clinical telephone contacts
- 97% of requests for immediate emergency responses were responded to within 45 minutes by a Mobile Crisis clinician (exceeding the State target of 80%)

YOUTH SUCCESS

Early Childhood Education is vital for youth success. One Stamford-based agency with 8 locations received much-needed support from The Community Fund of Darien to provide sustenance to hungry students.

- Hungry children cannot learn. Providing children a healthy breakfast, lunch and snack during school assures a readiness to learn.
- Children may also have fewer behavioral problems when they have enough food.
- Proper nutrition is critically important to children's growth and brain development.
- More than 80% of enrolled students are considered low income as defined by free/reduced lunch program standards.
- Funding provided nutritious food for breakfast, lunch and snack that met 80% of children's daily nutrition requirements.

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BASIC NEEDS

The Community Fund of Darien invested in one agency that provides emergency shelter, case management, emergency food, youth and street outreach and recovery services to Stamford residents.

- 373 Stamford clients were served
- Of those, 263 were provided shelter with 77 considered "chronically homeless" - meaning homeless for one year or having three episodes of homelessness in the past year
- 8 individuals were military veterans, 96 had prior experience with criminal justice, 171 were first-time sheltered and 144 had either mental health or addictive disorders
- In total, Stamford clients stayed 23,974 nights sheltered and had an average shelter stay of 91 days

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

With help from The Community Fund of Darien, one Stamford agency prepared local immigrants for living wage work. Well-paid work provides the foundation from which people propel themselves toward self-sufficiency.

Wrap-around services remove barriers to success by providing access to health, dental, and legal services, as well as case management and academic support programs for children.

- 691 unique participants
- 49 courses/workshops
- 946.5 hours of training
- 92% of graduates using the new learned skills in their job and 90% are more interested in continuing training in the industry of their choice
- \$107,954 in wages from 22 permanent jobs and \$21,466 in wages from 111 temporary jobs generated by their hiring site even while many participants lost their jobs as childcare providers, housekeepers, restaurant workers and the like.

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