



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 20, 2016

Re: Report: Single/Young Parent Programs

Executive Summary

This report is provided in response to the Council's request for information regarding single/young parent programs (Project Number 4113). The City of Columbia provides and purchases a variety of health, human, and housing services which support young parents, as described below.

Discussion

The programming currently being purchased specifically for young families is the Resource Parents program provided by Lutheran Family and Children's Services. This program provides intensive case management and home visitation services to pregnant/parenting teens. This programming is intentionally purchased to compliment the City's own Healthy Families America home visitation program which also provides case management, home visitation, developmental screenings, and parent education to high-risk, young families.

The goals of both programs include positive birth outcomes, infant well-being, child abuse/neglect prevention, kindergarten readiness, and economic opportunity for families. In addition, the City purchases a number of health, human, and housing services, from community-based providers, which are available to young parents in low-income households:

Department	Provider	Service
Public Health and Human Services	Community Garden Coalition	Community Gardening
	Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri	Central Pantry
	Reality House, Inc.	PMI- Transitional Shelter
	Salvation Army	Harbor House Emergency Shelter
	True North of Columbia, Inc.	Supportive Services
	True North of Columbia, Inc.	Counseling
	True North of Columbia, Inc.	Emergency Shelter
	True North of Columbia, Inc.	Transitional Housing
	Voluntary Action Center	Meeting Basic Needs
	Welcome Home, Inc.	Homeless Veterans Program (transitional shelter)



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: City funding currently provides \$48,000 to purchase services specifically for young families (Resource Parents program). The City also purchases \$729,351 in other community-based services which are available to young parents, as described in the report. Long-Term Impact: Unknown

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Health, Social Services & Affordable Housing, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

This is for informational purposes.