

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

“The greatest success is being yourself”

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The Master Plan Recommends 5 Goals

USE DATA

to identify unmet needs, prioritize services, and infuse resources where they are needed most

INCREASE PROGRAM QUALITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

All stakeholders adopt and are evaluated on outcomes, benchmarks, standards, and indicators to achieve system-wide accountability

ENHANCE INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

to generate awareness and enhance support for investment in services to children, youth, and their families

DEVELOP EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

so that youth are prepared to work and Little Rock has a strong future workforce

PLACE A PRIORITY ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

to integrate an authentic youth voice in decision-making regarding programs and services

NOTE: Goals one and two are to be accomplished by December 2016 and December 2017, respectively, as other tasks are contingent upon their success. Goals three, four, and five are to be completed by December 2019.

CLR Department of Community Programs What We Do

The City of Little Rock's Department of Community Programs provides quality prevention, intervention, and treatment (PIT) programming that utilizes citizen involvement, evidence-based practices, and standardized processes with the goal of increasing positive outcomes and the quality of life for all citizens.

Building on the work that PIT-funded programs have been doing for more than 23 years, the recently approved *Master Plan for Children, Youth & Families* (Youth Master Plan) strives to meet the programmatic needs of the most underserved children, youth, and families while increasing the quality and accountability of those selected as the funded organizations and associations to meet those needs.

However, creating solutions to the challenges our City and communities face today cannot be tackled by one department—or even by city government alone. Caring for our children, youth and families is a responsibility we ALL share as members of the Little Rock community.

To refer someone to any of our service providers, please email: ProgramReferral@littlerock.gov.

What our Department logo represents:

We help people grow by being connected to one another. The left side is rooted in Little Rock, but expands on the other side to reach out to others as we grow as well.



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Frequently Asked Questions

What are PIT-funded programs?

Grounded in a positive youth development framework that emphasizes children and youth as assets to the community, PIT stands for Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment:

Prevention – Reach children and young adults before they commit a crime or become involved in juvenile delinquency or gang violence through:

- Positive Prevention Programs (ages 6-11/12-17)
- Summer Youth Employment Opportunity
- Career Skills Training Program
- Mayors Youth Council
- Little Rock Parks & Recreation Summer Playgrounds
- Little Rock Police Department (LRPD) “OK” Program
- Enhancement Programs
- Scholars Recognition Program
- City Year
- “Small Contracts” Programs
- Central AR Library System (CALS) Reading Program
- Little Rock Police Department “GEMS” Program

Intervention – Deliberate outreach to children and young adults who are known to be currently exposed to higher risk environments before they become involved in criminal activities or to change current juvenile delinquent, illegal, and criminal activities. These programs include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Youth Intervention Programs (YIP programs, ages 13-19)
- Re-Entry Services
- Community-based Intervention Program
- Juvenile Diversion Program

Treatment – Assisting Little Rock citizens with the training and skills they need to overcome issues or substance abuse. These programs include:

- Little Rock Police Department – Victims Services Coordinator
- Domestic Violence Counseling and Services
- Tobacco Education Programs

Special Note – The Department of Community Programs does not provide direct services to program participants nor “grants” to program providers. Instead, we contract with local non-profit and community-based organizations as well as various government agencies to provide targeted, evidence-based services to Little Rock citizens.

Where does PIT funding come from, how much is it, and who is in charge of it?

This milestone achievement was the culmination of efforts that started in 1988 with a \$10 million grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. That was followed in 1991 with a Fighting Back Grant of \$5 million from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Then, in 1993, Little Rock voters passed a 1/2 cent City sales tax to permanently designate City funds to sustain and administer Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (PIT) funding (in addition to other major city initiatives). In 2011, voters overwhelmingly approved an additional 5/8 cent sales tax for operations in order to meet the increased needs of the city. As a result this support, to our knowledge, the City of Little Rock’s Department of Community Programs (DCP) is the only city in America set up this way. The Department operates on an annual PIT budget of \$5.5 million dollars which in 2017 supported more than 50 programs and served more than 11,600 Little Rock children, youth, and families.

Are there any restrictions that could prevent someone from being able to participate in programs or receive services?

The Youth Master Plan outlines a system to identify unmet needs, prioritize services, and infuse resources (PIT dollars) where they are needed most. There is only one “restriction”: all recipients of PIT-funded programs or services **MUST** live within the City of Little Rock. All programs and services are available to no charge (free) to those who qualify.

How can I learn more about the Department of Community Programs, the Youth Master Plan, or volunteer to help?

DCP will continue to host various informational forums throughout the city over the next three years as the implementation of the Youth Master Plan progresses. To be notified of meetings or PIT-funding availability, or for more information on how to participate, contact the City of Little Rock’s Department of Community Programs:

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