



INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY

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CARBON COUNTY

SCREENED MORE THAN 150 STUDENTS FOR DEPRESSION

Carbon County has successfully provided proactive treatment to youth with depression. Carbon High School screened 156 students in 10th grade with the Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression (CESD) tool. A total of 44 screened youth showed an elevated to significant high risk of depression. Licensed Clinical Therapists from the Four Corners Community Behavioral Health consulted students through a phone call with resources for mental health assessments and future treatment.

“WHY TRY” PILOT PROGRAM LAUNCHES WITH 6TH GRADERS

 The local school district piloted a the “Why Try” program with all 6th graders to help increase the students’ commitment to school. The school district is currently reviewing how to expand this program next year to additional students. The program is a resilience education curriculum that provides simple, hands-on solutions for dropout prevention, violence prevention, truancy reduction, and increased academic success. The program will use the SHARPS survey to measure the indicators of the success of this program. The success will be measured on improvements made on the graduation rates of intergenerational poverty students.

SALT LAKE COUNTY

NEW SALT LAKE GROUP JOINS IN THE INITIATIVE

Councilwoman Aimee Winder Newton has convened a group of stakeholders to consider intergenerational poverty issues in Salt Lake County. This task force has been actively meeting since November 2017.

UTAH COUNTY

NEW JOB SKILLS PROGRAM FOR INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY STUDENTS

In partnership with Workforce Services, Utah County implemented a job skills training program for youth experiencing intergenerational poverty. Through this effort, Utah County has engaged with 58 at-risk youth at Landmark alternative high school and had 30 students eligible and enrolled in the WIOA Youth Program. Also at Independence alternative high school, 19 students are engaged and submitted 9 applications for the WIOA youth program.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

PROVIDING MENTORS TO FAMILIES IN “PILLARS OF SUCCESS” COURSE



Through the Switchpoint Circles program, the county is running a 12-week course on the “Pillars of Success” to help families change their mindset and give them the confidence to act on it. The committee is working on marketing the program to schools and families. This program also matches families with a mentor to help teach them new behaviors through the relationship. The county is offering incentives through grants to pay a \$50 referral stipend to employees of organization who work with these families and refer them to the program. Those who complete the course receive a \$300 incentive. Currently there are approximately 20 families participating in the program in St. George. The program was expanded to Washington City in March and eight families are participating there.