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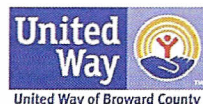
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SENIOR/ADULT PROGRAMS

- **Adult Mental Health Services** is a program funded by Broward County, which provides accessible outpatient and outreach mental health treatment services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HoH) adult clients, ages 18 years and older, residing in Broward County, who are not otherwise eligible for services through private insurance, Medicaid, the State of Florida, or any other third party reimbursement mechanism. Services include individual, couple, and/or family counseling to assist them in addressing personal or interpersonal conflicts or making personal adjustments to stressful life situations.
- **Aging with HIV/AIDS/STIs: The new senior challenge** is a program funded by United Way of Broward, with workshops that focus on prevention, education, and counseling services for seniors, age 55 years and older, who have some degree of hearing loss and are sexually active, and who reside in Broward County. Based on strong evidence regarding the correlation of aging and diminished hearing loss, the presentation is designed specifically to accommodate those seniors who have hearing loss. This will enable them to better understand the material presented, potentially resulting in increased retention of the information. The overall goal of the program is designed to increase awareness and knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS and STIs and reduce risky behaviors among this cohort.
- **H.E.A.R. for Seniors – Hearing Loss, Access, Education, and Resources** is a **NEW** program funded through the Community Foundation of Broward. The H.E.A.R. for Seniors program, provides services for individuals, age 80 years and older, who experience hearing loss, are home-bound and/or have limited access to travel. Each client will be visited by an Outreach Specialist and Case Manager who will assess their hearing needs and communications. At the initial intake, an in-depth look at 'how' clients hear in their homes (i.e., hearing environmental scan) and living environment will be conducted. Knowledge of their hearing loss and concerns about their communications will be addressed through testing, surveys, and discussion.
- **Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI)** provides special telephones for Hard of Hearing, Deaf, Deaf/Blind, and Speech Impaired Florida residents. CHC-FL is the largest distributor of phones in Florida, serving ALL of Broward County. Staff is trained in identifying the best product for the individual that needs assistance in utilizing the services. Staff provides both off-site distribution/trainings for individuals, as well as on-site distribution/trainings. It is an invaluable service that helps individuals connect and engage in their community with others.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- **Behavioral Health – Mental Health Counseling** is a program, funded by Broward County, that provides comprehensive individual and family counseling to Deaf or Hard of Hearing (D/HoH) youth and hearing youth of D/HoH parents, ages 3 to 17, or through the 22nd birthday if eligible to be enrolled in a non-postsecondary school, GED course, or vocational non-postsecondary program. The program design focuses on addressing mental, behavioral and emotional problems and improving child and family functioning.
- **Supported Training and Employment Program (S.T.E.P.)**, funded by the Children's Service Council of Broward, is a cutting-edge initiative, and prepares teens with disabilities for independence after high school completion. S.T.E.P. operates afterschool and during the summer months, focusing on independent living skills with vocational exploration activities, volunteer internship opportunities, and provides paid summer employment supported by on-site professional job coaches (CSC, 2014).
- **Youth FORCE Program**, funded by the Children's Services Council of Broward, serves students attending middle schools to promote positive youth development and school and community attachment after school, on days of early release, holidays and during the summer. The Teen Outreach Program (TOP), a nationally recognized social skills curriculum, is a required component in all Youth FORCE and 21st Century High School programs; with oversight by certified CSC staff (CSC, 2014).
- **Maximizing Out of School Time (MOST)**, funded by the Children's Services Council of Broward, provides year round services for children ages 5 – 12 who experience deafness or hearing loss. The program provides remarkable and visually engaging active and enriching environment for the children. Community service plans include multi-generational activities with seniors in a nearby assisted living facility.
- **Family Strengthening**, funded by the Children's Services Council of Broward, is a program that represents the communities' most significant investment in child abuse prevention. Evidence-based best practice interventions are designed to stabilize families in crisis and families who are at impending risk for out-of-home placement and families at-risk for child abuse and neglect due to multiple risk factors. Effective parent education services improve family functioning to prevent involvement with the dependency system (CSC, 2014).



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- **American Sign Language (ASL)** classes are offered for 6-week sessions for both individuals and family classes. Courses begin with introductory sign and continue with more advanced classes. The family sign course is an interactive and fun class with a focus on teaching functional sign language for household communication.
- **Community Case Management** is provided as a courtesy by Center for Hearing and Communication – FL and assists Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients with referrals to resources in the community.

The Center for Hearing and Communication (CHC) is an accredited nonprofit (501)(c)(3) organization. Donations made to support our programs and services are tax deductible. Yearly independent assessments show that donated funds are expended directly and resourcefully in benefitting the families and individuals we serve.