

Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Head Start Innovation Fund 2017 Grants

The Head Start Innovation Fund's 2017 grants of \$2 million were awarded to four Birth-to-Five agencies in Detroit for support of innovative strategies related to teacher recruitment and retention, as well as parent engagement efforts. These investments underscore the larger citywide effort to invest in and promote early childhood talent.

Detroit Grants

- \$150,000 to Focus: HOPE for support for Birth to Five programming focused on teacher development and family wellness.
- \$225,000 to Matrix Human Services for support for Head Start and Early Head Start teacher recruitment, development and retention.
- \$150,000 to Metropolitan Children and Youth Inc. for support to improve early childhood education in northeast Detroit through improved technology integration, staff recruitment and development, and male engagement.
- \$320,000 to New Saint Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ Head Start Agency for support to implement recruitment strategies that better attract Head Start and Early Head Start teachers and staff.

Tri-county Grants – Western Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties

- \$100,000 to The Guidance Center for support to implement childhood mental health consultation.
- \$100,000 to Macomb County for support for the expansion of an effort to become a trauma-informed community, through further implementation of the Trauma Smart model at Macomb Community Action Head Start.
- \$110,000 to Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency for support for the expansion of an effort to become a trauma-informed community, through further implementation of the Trauma Smart model via Head Start and Early Head Start.
- \$100,000 to Starfish Family Services Inc. for support for Trauma Smart program development and expansion in Western Wayne County.
- \$90,000 to Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency for support to implement a financial management program as an innovative retention strategy for Head Start staff.