# **SRFC** Historical Highlights

Listening, Partnering, Innovating, Leveraging, Funding & Building Community Capacity

KEY: COLOR CODED FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:

**HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION** 

**WORK RESOURCE SERVICES** 

YOUTH AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT

**EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES** 

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS** 

SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIFIC INITIAITIVES

1998	- Merged 2 Suburban collaboratives to form the SRFC Joint Powers Board
	- Board's first collective action "Ear to the Ground" Community Needs Assessment
	- Worked with Ramsey County de-centralized Work Resource Hubs and
	- Community Employment Partnership GRANT (\$50K)
	- McKnight Work Resource Hub On-Site Drop-In Child Care GRANT (\$84K)
	- \$1.3 M allocated in LCTS funds (RFP)
1999	- Developed first Strategic Plan (1999-2004)
	- JPB holds Community Listening Forums regarding funding
	- McKnight Community Social Worker Grant to work on-site at Work Resource Hub (\$100K)
	- \$1.3 M allocated in LCTS funds (RFP)
2000	- Joint Powers Board Mandated Partners agree on annual partner contributions to sustain SRFC
	operations. \$15,000 per district for SRFC operations.
	- SRFC conducts focus groups with youth and parents on Early Identification of Stress/Distress
	- Ended competitive funding structure with LCTS funds and created 3 year funding plans in
	collaboration with SRFC Outcome Teams
	- \$1.7 M in LCTS via 3 Year Plan with Outcome Teams
200 I	- SRFC partners form workgroup with U of M (Michael Resnick) and DHS (Pat Harrison) to
	benchmark key threshold risk/protective factors
	- SRFC conducts focus group with Latino, Hmong and Somali Parents to provide recommendations on
	employment needs
	- \$1.8M allocation in LCTS via 3 Year Plan with Outcome Teams
2002	- SRFC facilitates Ramsey County-wide Transportation Resource Center (TRC); provides 15,873 rides
	with 11,552 passengers; raised \$310K from MN Board of Gov't Innovations and Cooperation,
	McKnight and Ramsey County
	- Ramsey County Board of Commissioners reinstates their statutory contribution to SRFC of
	\$75,000 a year for SRFC operations.
	- SRFC wrote "Investing in Youth" and "Thriving With Your Teen" Compendium of Local Suburban
	Ramsey MN Student Survey Data and Research based recommendations
	- The Investing in Youth Chemical Health Team concentrates on School Connectedness
	- The Child/Youth Development Team begins working with The Family Project on the concept of
	Parent Engagement in the Schools - \$2.5M allocation of LCTS
2003	- SRFC surveys 676 Suburban Youth update Investing in Youth Document
2003	- SRFC participates in Early Childhood Mental Health collaboration with Foundations for Success
	(\$2.6M grant from Knight Foundation)
	- Created "A Good Beginning for a Better Tomorrow" Researched Based Recommendations for Early
	Childhood - Research-Based Recommendations for Parents, Schools, Communities, and Policy-
	Makers"
	- Polynesian Village Supportive Housing Partnership GRANT (\$250K)
	- \$2.5M allocation of LCTS
2004	- SRFC JPB developed second Strategic Plan (2004-2006)
	- The SRFC School District Core Partners met again and agreed to increase their annual cash
	contribution from \$15,000 to \$23,500 per district for SRFC operations.
	- SRFC begins role as "Collaborative Grant Writer" using board approved Collective Fundraising
	Guidelines
1	- SRFC conducts focus group with African American Youth

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	- Knight Foundation Oral Health Grant through Partnership for the Improvement of Oral Health (PICOH) with United Way (\$1.1M)
	- DHS Early Childhood Mental Health Services PILOT GRANT (\$300K over 2 years)
	- St. Paul/Mardag/Bigelow Foundations GRANT for After School/Summer Programming (\$150K; 2004-
	2005)
	- \$1.1M cut to LCTS Revenue (due to SPPS reporting error)
	- \$2.3M allocation of LCTS
2005	<ul> <li>SRFC JPB sponsors the "How Are The Children?" Community Dialogue</li> <li>Knight Foundation Oral Health Grant extended through Partnership for the Improvement of Oral</li> </ul>
2005	Health with United Way (\$187K)
	- Montreal Courts Community Crime Prevention GRANT (\$124K) (focused on family and housing
	stability)
	- \$1.2M allocation of LCTS
2006	- JPB developed third Strategic Plan (2006-2010) for our "Leap of Faith" year
	- Youth and Parent Focus Group on Stress/Distress - Identified youth as early detectors of
	stress/distress in their peers - SRFC Language and Cultural Resource Team received McKnight Bi-lingual Home-School/Cultural
	Liaison GRANT (\$175K)
	- SRFC Parenting Support Team and Youth Families Action Team creates Standardized Early
	Childhood Screening Protocol for Dental and Social-Emotional Health
	- MN Early Learning Foundation (MELF) GRANT (\$140K 2006-2007)
	- \$400K allocation of LCTS (LCTS Payback continues (2007-2010))
2007	- Our "Make or Break Year"
SS/HS grant	- Received \$8.6M Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Initiative GRANT
begins	- The Knight Foundation gave SRFC \$10,000 from their donor advised fund in recognition of our valuable leadership in organizing and connecting diverse stakeholders around young children's mental
	health and oral health care issues.
	- LCTS Payback continues 2007-2010 (due to state reporting error)
	- \$2.8K LCTS/SS/HS Grant
2008	<ul> <li>Created Four-Year Plan for Initiative Funding via SS/HS grant which included schools safety improvements; Interdisciplinary Teams in each district, Climate Surveys, District Coordinators, School Connectedness/Climate/PBIS supports, Day One, TIP/FTIP truancy intervention partnership with Ramsey County; Hallway monitoring, Increased bicultural and culturally specific services and staff, Enhanced School Linked Programs, Red Dot/Silent Mentoring, Integrated County-School truancy prevention efforts, The Family Project; Improved parent engagement efforts and Promoted Evidence Based Programs (PBIS, Signs of Suicide, Second Steps, Incredible Years, Class Action, ART (Aggression Replacement Therapy)</li> <li>CD Use/Abuse Team created the School Re-Created Connectedness Calendar</li> <li>\$2.5M LCTS/ SS/HS Grant</li> </ul>
2009	- SRFC How Are The Children? Initiative Kick Off & Community Summit
	- 147 SRFC partners took our Partner Survey with strong findings in support of SRFC
	- 1,592 parents took SRFC Parent Survey looking for help to support their children with protective
	factors and arm themselves with strategies and resources to mitigate risk factors
	<ul> <li>Sponsored regular Lunch and Learns around risk and protective factors</li> <li>District Consortia-wide PBIS and Cultural Competency trainings (31 out of 57 schools completed</li> </ul>
	PBIS trainings with 75 trainings in all)
	- All 4 districts completed Safety Audits and Threat Assessment Trainings via SS/HS grant
	- 55 out of 57 schools made Building Safety Improvements including secured entries and key card
	access, bus and hallway cameras, and sign-in, package handling, and locked campus procedures
2012	- \$2.6M LCTS/ SS/HS Grant
2010	- JPB retreat with Dennis Cheesebrow (honed board strategic directives and Updated SRFC Strategic Plan (2010 – 2014)
	- Hall Monitoring Training with School Staff to become more observant, proactive and culturally
	responsive
	- SRFC/Barbara Schneider De-escalation/Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) with Suburban Police
	Departments and SRO's to help police staff learn how to de-escalate a crisis by respectfully engaging
	youth positively and calmly without reaction or presumptions
	- SRFC JPB members attended SS/HS final conference/sustainability planning in Boston
	- Parenting Support Team created "Parent Engagement Poster"
	- SRFC staff attend System of Care Conference

## - \$2.6M LCTS/ SS/HS Grant 2011 DHS School-Linked Mental Health Block GRANT EXTENSION (\$160K; 2011-2013) - SRFC provide technical assistance support to Countywide System of Care partners SRFC produces Evidence-Based Kids Matter Parent Messages - Schools create Parent Involvement Plans based on their work with the SS/HS Initiative, The Family **Project** - SRFC website revamp and the creation of our "Together We Can Do More" partnership Communique - SRFC Director attended STRIVE conference in Portland - \$2.6M LCTS/ SS/HS Grant (unspent carryover and the end of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative Grant) 2012 - Final No Cost Extension Year of the SS/HS grant One hallmark of SS/HS grant was that it brought Culturally Specific Liaisons and expanded bicultural grant ends services to partnership and brought us closer "into the bones" of the schools - 3,924 School professionals attended over 1471 evidence based trainings (from 2007-2012) to improve student connectedness and learning, cultural competency and school safety: Programs included Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Second Step, Class Action, Signs of Suicide, Incredible Years, Cultural Competency trainings and the Family Project through the federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant Let's Talk About It! Youth Suicide Prevention Community Dialogues (2012-13) and created Ramsey County Suicide Prevention Campaign (evidence based parent booklets; suicide prevention magnets; "Tell Someone" posters - SRFC Joint Powers Board attended two Facing Race Dialogues to help us address community wide racial/ethnic health and educational disparities as well as Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Developed Cradle to Career Student's Journey to Success Map - SRFC Joint Powers Board Members attended STRIVE Cradle to Career conference in Milwaukee - Formed 4-District Data Team to review shared Cradle to Career Academic Indicators Developed "Homelessness in the Suburbs" video for faith community awareness raising and partnership outreach - Developed Kindergarten Readiness and Learner Supports - \$637K allocation of LCTS 2013 SRFC Core Partners met and agreed to contribute an additional \$12,000 to help SRFC meet a revenue shortfall for FY 14-15; the SRFC Joint Powers Board voted to approve this increase on November 21, 2013. Annual Core Contributions total \$35,500 for school district partners and \$87,000 for Ramsey County and \$10,000 for CAP-RW. Created The Resource Table, a resource sharing tool on the SRFC website SRFC Staff spent over 1400 hours developing faith community homeless prevention partnerships with Community Support Centers Bremer Foundation Homeless Prevention GRANT with Mounds View and Roseville Community Support Centers (\$73K) \$631K allocation of LCTS 2014 - JPB updated SRFC Strategic Plan (2014 – 2018) - JPB collectively funds and contracts with Marnita's Table for Year Long Train the Trainer St. Paul/Mardag/Bigelow Homeless Prevention Grant with Community Support Centers (SRFC/faith/school/county partnership) in Mounds View and Roseville (\$80.5K; 2014 -2016). This effort is now sustained in Mounds View Area communities where they've established their own 501c3, and in Roseville Area communities where they've developed their own Angel Fund Partnership. SRFC sponsored a Self-Care workshop with Prairie Care to support the prevention of secondary trauma with 66 practitioners. With Public Health and the Ramsey Countywide Suicide Prevention Coalition, SRFC convened a 'Making Authentic Connections for Suicide Prevention' event with 60 people who learned how to utilize the Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) tool from NAMI - 21st Century Community Learning Center GRANT with Roseville School's Unity Centers (\$1.2M; 2014-2017 with option for 2-year extension) DHS Co-Located School-Linked Mental Health GRANT (\$1.1M; 2014-2018)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Records for the Family Project do not include the number of trainings held over the four year period this program was funded.

September 14th, 2014 SRFC JPB approved allowing \$72,000 fund balance from partner contributions to be moved into a new line item called SRFC Youth Fund to incentivize Youth-Led/Youth-Engaged activities with school partners. These funds replaced the Youthprise grant that is sunsetting. \$543K allocation of LCTS 2015 SRFC JPB partners with Marnita's Table for year long deep dive into the Intentional Social Interaction Begin (known as IZI) Train-the-Trainer Partnership<sup>ii</sup> (\$100K investment; \$60K JBP; \$40K Marnita's Table Partnering in-kind). We Trained 300 partners (1/3 youth) in IZI model with Marnita's Youthprise partners with SRFC JPB through Systems Leveraging Partnership (80k investment (\$40K Table JPB; \$40K Youthprise) SRFC Ist Annual Youth Summit \$592K allocation of LCTS 2016 Mounds View Community Support Center creates their own 501c3 to prevent homelessness in Mounds View Area School District communities and Roseville Community Support Center develops their own Angel Fund Partnership to prevent homelessness in Roseville Area School's communities. (Community Support Center & Angel Fund support 80 neighbors with housing stability). - JPB uses "Truth Timeline" to ground our meetings Youthprise gives SRFC YouthBank \$10K (and another \$10K in 2018) to start our own YouthBank White Bear Lake Area Schools Mental/Chemical Health Study Team support Out of 42 communities, SRFC was chosen with 2 other communities for the Silos to Circles Community Resiliency Planning awards. (\$100K (\$20K to SRFC, \$80K to Marnita's Table) - Worked with the community to develop our EcoSystem Resiliency Map Trained another 400 (1/3 youth) more partners in IZI model - SRFC Resource Table suspended operation - \$620K allocation of LCTS - Our Family Service Collaborative branched out into more community engagement and youth 2017 engagement work as a way of learning from our stakeholders and sharing power to create a more equitable and inclusive system of care together. - LCTS Contracted Service Partners to submit their organization's Equity and Inclusion Plans - The IZI model has created a new youth leadership pathway in the schools for youth who didn't feel they fit into the traditional leadership roles. 14 Youth-led/Youth-Engaged IZI's cultivated authentic community engagement this year. Over 5,000 community members attended an IZI to-date. SRFC's Youth Initiative has successfully piloted a Youth On Boards initiative with MN Civic Youth. Eighteen (18) youth have joined 9 boards and are sharing power with organizations with whom they are both stakeholders and decision makers. (\$95K investment from MN Civic Youth) - Our SRFC Out-of-School-Time Network (OSTN) Youth Advocates have refocused peer learning on developing a Community-City-County-School Partnership to build a future fit and safe for every Suburban Ramsey child and youth. SRFC convened the Community Resource Outreach Program (CROP) library partnership with school and community partners. They are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the Maplewood library and 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Roseville offering drop-In Information and Referral services. The program was created after multiple library patrons were living in the woods or their cars near the library and using the facilities for showering. Library partnership helps 10 chronically homeless neighbors obtain safe and affordable housing. SRFC's Basic Needs Homeless Prevention Peer Learning Team (AKA: Heading Home SUBURBAN RAMSEY) has over 100 participants currently active on our contact list with a consistent average attendance of 30 practitioners per month. Partners say this group has been instrumental in helping them piece solutions together to prevent homelessness and keep families and their children in their homes and school district communities. - SRFC staff attended two-day "Undoing Racism Conference" sponsored by the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond - \$515K allocation of LCTS 2018 SRFC secured a fourth round of DHS School Linked/School Based Mental Health funding of \$235,000 for direct mental health services for another 3 years for Suburban Ramsey County. (The total grant amount for Ramsey County is \$648,788 each year for 3 years, which is a total leveraged grant of \$1,946,364 countywide. A 60/40 split with St. Paul/GAP. SRFC and the YMCA in Shoreview received a DIGG innovation grant of \$20,000 to support a full time Youth Engagement Coordinator. The YMCA will employ this position and partner with SRFC and the Suburban Ramsey OSTN to amplify youth voice and leadership to support and advocate for more culturally responsive Out of School Time opportunities.

- SRFC supported Solid Ground, Lutheran Social Services, St. Andrews and the 4 school districts in receiving an MHFA Homework Starts with Home Grant. Funding of \$106,539 from the Family Homeless and Prevention Assistance Program and \$704,826 from the Housing Trust Fund totaling \$811,365 for a grant term of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021 was secured. Collaborating partners will include the School-Linked Community Social Worker Services through CLUES, Merrick and Keystone.
- SRFC and The East Metro Coalition (EMC) is partnering on explicitly tying the Epidemic of Poverty and Homelessness to Racism
- SRFC supported the St. Paul Children's Mental Health Collaborative and Ramsey County in securing funding for a Pritzker Fellow (a \$75,000 value). This position will support the work of the Early Childhood Pritzker 0-3 Stakeholder Initiative.
- SRFC supported a Ramsey County System of Care Grant for an award of \$628,500 to implement Wraparound Supports for families throughout the 5 public school districts in Ramsey County.
- \$568K allocation of LCTS

#### 2019

- The SRFC Joint Powers Board All-Day Equity Retreat was attended by the majority of the board and key partners. As part of the JPB's commitment to move towards more equity, we cultivated a planning partnership with Cultural Equity Advisors to help us create a Community Informant Process to co-create an Equity Work Plan for the collaborative board, staff and partners.
- SRFC JPB passed a Compensation Policy for Cultural Equity Advisors, Cultural Healers and Youth Leaders that is equitable, transparent and provides an accountability structure aligned with our Fiscal Agent's policies.
- In collaboration with MN Communities Caring for Children (MCCC), SRFC partners have held quarterly Be Well IZI's to support self-care and self-healing communities that stop the perpetuation of the "pair of ACES" (Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adverse Community Environments) in our homes, workplaces and schools.
- In collaboration with St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health, the Mental Health and Wellness Action Team (MHWAT) planned that first annual Cultural Healing Summit with 200 community members in attendance. Our goal is to grow a network of cultural healers who provide the community an array of integrated health resources grounded in cultural healing practices.
- In collaboration with Ramsey County Workforce Services, created a Youthworks initiative to support volunteer and employment needs of youth, especially under-supported youth. Youth Works! promotes opportunities for personal, social and educational youth development, leadership and employment enabling youth to develop their voice to influence their place in society and to reach their full potential.
- SRFC helped leverage a \$1.8 million in added resources to support Roseville Area Schools' Cohort 8 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant.
- \$568,800K allocation of LCTS

### 2020

Beginning of Pandemic

- At the beginning of the pandemic, SRFC maintained a shared Ramsey County Resource Directory daily to capture the moving parts of COVID resources and response with a growing number of unique viewers (1,200+).
- SRFC teamed up with the Ramsey County Children's Collaborative (RCCMHC) and County/School/St. Paul Providers and youth to address children's mental health crisis response, homelessness, food insecurity, cultural healing, equity and school linked mental health through merged teaming and action!
- SRFC started a Hand-Sewn Mask Making campaign immediately in March. SRFC was able to help 8 agencies get masks for their employees and raised the urgency early on that hand sewn masks were needed.
- SRFC serves as an Advisor on the Suburban Ramsey Emergency Coalition who raised \$150,000 to support COVID relief in the Roseville and Mounds View School Districts.
- We contracted with U of M Cultural Wellness Center to offer Youth Cultural Equity Advisor Training & Peer Mentoring
- From discussions with youth who lack connections with employers, YouthWorks created a customized resource list for these youth and partnered with Sundance Family Foundation to offer weekly ZoomerKammer meetings with employers dedicated to providing meaningful training and employment opportunities for youth and adults to earn a living wage and a career pathway to economic stability.
- To-date, SRFC has trained 780 partners in the Intentional Social Interaction (IZI) Model of Marnita's Table. 76 (D)IZI's have been held to-date. When George Floyd was murdered, we heard that youth needed a safe space to gather and process. We talked with Marnita's Table, whom SRFC has

- partnered with since 2015. In response to this need, they held open ended virtual evening safe spaces for youth conversations for two weeks straight.
- Our Cultural Broker partnership with MHealth Fairview began in July of 2020 along with a newly funded CLUES Latinx Parent Support Group.
- We continued to partner with Ramsey County Public Health Mental Health & Wellness Team (MHWAT) to hold a Cultural Healer Summits, attended by 200 people.
- SRFC held Quarterly Be Well IZI's Families gathered from all parts of Suburban Ramsey County to learn about Self-Care and the power of forming a Self-Healing community to stop the perpetuation of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adverse Community Environments (The Pair of ACES). We served yummy Asian and Mexican food, the kids practiced yoga and got to spend quality time with a therapy dog while the parents learned about Indigenous Healing practices and yoga. They received massages and were given Self-Care Take Home bags. In the first days of hearing about COVID-19 in our communities, we had everyone use hand sanitizer before they came into the space; youth served safely meals instead of allowing folks to self-serve and we talked about how we can stay connected as a community while practicing social distancing. We knew this was serious, but there's no way we could fathom how serious.
- Heading Home SUBURBAN RAMSEY Basic Needs Practitioner Team met weekly when the pandemic hit to develop deep supportive partnerships to aid families in maintaining housing stability and food security.
- SRFC and Ramsey County Children's Mental Health (RCCMH) co-hosted 3 Community Wellbeing Resource Fairs in October, November and December of 2020. 94 parents/caregivers\* and 70 agency partners offered tangible supports to help the community with their resource needs. \*Unduplicated count.
- The Homework Starts with Home Grant (HSWH) filled all their grant vouchers to provide Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTIQA+ identifying families. We are in the process of helping these families find permanent vouchers with Metro HRA. SRFC supports monthly HSWH Parent Advisory Team. Solid Ground was able to get a HSWH grant for Washington County.
- SRFC Joint Powers Board shared power with community youth leaders through the development of the Community Advisory Board (CAB). This board will be comprised of adult and youth cultural equity advisors, participants who have participated in SRFC programs and initiatives and elders. This committee will have 2 representative votes on the Joint Powers Board. SRFC Race Equity Progress this year included:
  - √ 30% of our voting board members consist of BIPOC leaders. This is UP 7% from last year
  - ✓ Doubled the number of BIPOC youth and adults SRFC supports through paid partnerships.
  - √ 40% increase from last year in the number of BIPOC LCTS Contracted Grantee Partnerships
  - ✓ 5% increase from last year in the percentage of BIPOC children, youth and families serviced with SRFC's CSW program (75% Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and Other Non-White People of Color)
  - ✓ 13% increase from last year in the percentage of BIPOC children, youth and families served with SRFC's School-Linked Mental Health (64% Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and Other Non-White/People of Color)
  - ✓ From 2 to 5 BIPOC Targeted Universalism initiatives supported by SRFC to-date (Cultural Brokers, Youth Cultural Equity Advisors, Latinx Parent Support Groups, Homework Starts with Home and Ramsey County System of Care Wrap Around Project)
  - Created a new Community Advisory Board to share power with the community regarding SRFC operations.
- \$494,137.70 allocation of LCTS
- **2021** We engaged 160 new partners in FY 20-21 to help us help children, youth and families.
  - This past year (FY 20-21), SRFC partners served 3,632 families through school-linked programming during unprecedented and incredibly stressful times. One example of exponential services is the work of our SRFC Funded School-Linked Community Social Workers/Community Resource Navigators. This year they served 327 families with care management support (This is THREE TIMES the number of families served since last year). They also provided 453 families with Rapid Response Support (This is EIGHT TIMES the number of families since last year).
  - YouthWorks! (90 partners) inform the New Youth Jobs and Training Opportunities Resource Directory (updated daily) with 22 unique viewers as of May 5, 2021 (up 5 viewers from last quarter).
  - SRFC is a partner on 2 Ramsey County grants (in addition to the sunsetting System of Care grant); the Preschool Development Grant and the Upward Mobility Grant.

- Zoomerkammers are an outgrowth of YouthWorks! SRFC has connected Sundance Family Foundation's Zoomerkammers with connections to practitioners for direct feedback from end users, students, parents and managers. As a result of SRFC's cross marketing efforts, a poll of all of the SFRC programs resulted in Zoomerkammers being the most recognized program of all programs with 65% of respondents. All in all, SRFC has approximately 300 followers who follow the zoomerkammers and commit to helping youth and families access meaningful training, Learn, Earn and Lead opportunities and live- able wage employment.
- YouthWorks! partners instrumental in the creation of the Financial Health and Wealth Creation virtual gathering which attracted 90 people, at least 50 were parents and low-income families, to discover strategies to move out of poverty.
- Heading Home Suburban Ramsey Basic Needs Practitioner Team Members 161 members (up 44 members from this time last year)
- The Heading Home Suburban Ramsey Basic Needs Practitioner Peer Learning Group are key informants to our Ramsey County Basic Needs Resource Directory that we update daily. This Resource Directory has been instrumental in helping other entities create their resource directories and has helped practitioners stay up to date on all the changing resources available for families during the pandemic. 1,677 unique viewers have accessed the document since March 18, 2020. The partners also work with SRFC to provide Rapid Response Teams (RRT) Zoom Meetings for comblex cases.
- SRFC is working closely with the Children's Mental Health Collaborative to address the gaps in the children's mental health crisis response system. In the past year, we co-facilitated 40 shared teams and resource fairs, all to improve systems that support children's crisis response and basic needs for families.
- The Improve Group helped SRFC create a new Evaluation Dashboard of Service, Equity & Board Metrics to survey partners about SRFC's value, influence, reach and functioning as well as board engagement and funded initiatives.
- On a monthly basis, SRFC co-facilitates four <u>countywide</u> meetings: The Expanded Intensive Mental Health Team (E-IMH), The Expanded Community Resource Navigators (E-CRN), The Expanded Housing Navigator Team and the Crisis Response De-Escalation team (CRDE). We are also working together to manage and streamline the Safe Families Project. This was a decision made at the beginning of the pandemic to join forces with RCCMH to address critical countywide systems issues around mental health.
- SRFC served as an Advisor for the Suburban Ramsey Emergency Coalition. The Coalition raised a total of \$185,579.97 in total contributions. \$183,670 was awarded to local, non-profit service providers and a balance remaining of \$1,326.20. Only \$125 was used for direct expenses and less than \$500 paid to St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation (SPMF) for administration and financial management. The Shoreview Community Foundation will use the remaining balance to start a permanent emergency fund that can be grown and used in the future for locally-based, emergency purposes. This is another lasting legacy of our Suburban Ramsey Emergency Coalition! I am so grateful to be part of this amazing coalition of 17 total service clubs and community foundations.
- Due to the changes in officing, staff and the pandemic, SRFC is realizing significant cost-savings which we can pass on to our community in various ways. An approximate \$72,540 total cost savings (realized fully in FY 21-22)
- Implemented SRFC's Co-Leadership Model with 4 Co-Leaders, 4 Volunteers, Fiscal Agent Staff support, part time assistant and close partnering with Ramsey County Workforce Service, Sundance Family Foundation and the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative.
- BIPOC leaders now make up the majority of our SRFC Joint Powers Board and we have a culturally diverse Community Advisory Board made up of youth, adults and elders.
- The SRFC Community Advisory Board (CAB) was created in 2020 and they didn't waste any time. After the board designated \$50,000 to the CAB to make service recommendations, they recommended 4 new Mutual Aid projects focused on Sports Equity, Food Soverienty, Early Childhood Mental Health Supports and Youth/Adult Mentoring.
- Homework Starts with Home Solid Ground was approved for their 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year grant with MHFA's Homework Starts with Home (HSWH)! Our collaborative initiative was I of only 3 grants funded in the state for \$1.4M (\$3.5M in the state) in rental assistance and services to prevent and end homelessness! Outcomes: prevent and end homelessness and improve school attendance and academic achievement. In our 1st grant proposal, Suburban HSWH proposed to serve 48 households, or approximately 173 adults and children. We have well exceeded that goal by serving 291 adults and children in 76 families. 119 persons in 33 families have received homeless

prevention assistance and 172 persons in 43 families received homeless assistance. 100% of the 33 households receiving prevention assistance have avoided homelessness.

- SRFC and Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative (RCCMHC) partnered with Ramsey County, YouthWorks!, The Sundance Family Foundation and Blue Cross/Blue Shield to create our first Financial Health and Wealth Creation Resource Fair. 90 attendees heard 3 presenters (including a Youth featured in Sundance's Ear and Learn Documentary) and visited 13 Break Out Rooms. Almost 90 attendees stayed at the Fair for the whole 2 hours.

## Accountability Metrics:

- ✓ ↑53% of our voting board members consist of BIPOC leaders. This is UP 23% from last year
- ✓ The number of BIPOC LCTS Contracted Grantee Partnerships 56% is down from 11% from last year as we added smaller contracts for smaller Mutual Aid Projects (see metric below).
- ↑We have 38 BIPOC individuals (out of 43 total) on smaller contracts for providing services to the community through youth leadership, Mutual Aid Program assistance (e.g. Cultural Equity Advising, Cultural Healers, Multi-Cultural Soccer or Project Man Cave) and SRF Community Advisory Board Leadership for a total of \$19,386. Payments are through W-9 verification and Purchase of Service Contracts.
- √ 52% of those served are BIPOC children, youth and families served in the LCTS Contracted Grantee Partnership Program Annually (FY 20-21)
- ✓ Six (6) initiatives to-date (Homework Starts with Home and Ramsey County System of Care Wrap Around Project) (up 2 from last year) are Targeted Universalism Efforts Supported by SRFC
- \$843,531.71 allocation of LCTS spent in FY 20-21

#### 2022

- Since 1998, SRFC received \$4.24M in partner contributions to support SRFC operations and in turn, SRFC Allocated \$23.2M in LCTS and Raised over \$27.3M for added direct services totaling \$50.5M in leveraged direct services for Suburban Ramsey County.
- Served 5,539 children, youth and families and community members served through SRFC-Funded Initiatives.
- The Heading Home Basic Needs Practitioner Team (245 members) together within Ramsey County and across the Metro Area to support teaming and resource sharing to help prevent homelessness. We provide weekly Status Updates on Rental Assistance, Shelter Access and Emergency Assistance availability. In addition, SRFC provides Rapid Response Team (RRT) Support for practitioners working on complex issues.
- 2,900 Unique Viewers utilize the SRFC Basic Needs and Youth Jobs and Training Resource Directories.
- We utilize a One-Team Accountability System among SRFC-affiliated partners to ensure high utilization of LCTS funded school-linked services.
- SRFC was recognized this year by the Metro Region Chapter of the Minnesota Social Service Association (MSSA) who gave us the Community Collaborative Award for collaborations that benefit the health and human service system. To date, SRFC has collectively served 140,000 participants.
- SRFC helped leverage two grants to serve Suburban Ramsey County. Ramsey County Rapid Re-Stabilization Grant helps SRFC connect with county resources to support homeless/near-homeless families and the SAMHSA grant with MN Association for Children's Mental Health (MACHMA) is a 5 YEAR SAMHSA grant of \$625,000 (\$125k each year) focusing on mental health awareness and suicide prevention of adolescents, ages 12-18, in Ramsey County with two evidenced based models; Youth and Teen Mental Health First Aid and Sources of Strength.
- Co-Created a Whole Family Collaborative School-Linked Mental Health Initiative with RCCMHC with 7 NEW Mental Health partners and 19 therapists serving 248 unique families served (521 youth) received "complex need supports" such as screening, care coordination, peer support and therapy
  - 285 youth connected to Rapid Access and/or Short-Term Therapy
  - o 70% have state health insurance as primary or secondary
  - o 69% BIPOC (of families who live in Saint Paul- 81% BIPOC)
  - o 74% youth have experienced trauma
  - o 83% report recent life stressors
  - o 37% report the recent death of a family member or close friend
  - Very few new families have a county CMH case manager
- 53% of our board members/alternates consist of BIPOC leaders.
- Out of the 11 LCTS Contract Partnerships, 5 agencies are BIPOC-Led agencies. Contracts for these agencies totaled \$585,000 or 59% of funding.
- 4 of the 5 SRFC Co-Leads are Leaders of Color.

- We gained 129 new partners/agencies collaboratively actively with us this year!
- SRFC and RCCMHC collectively served 570 parents/caregivers and youth in Resource Fairs.
  - \$994,700 FY 21-22 LCTS Grants Allocation (\$686,287.83 spent)

2023 25<sup>th</sup> Year!

- This year (FY 22-23) we served 3,523 people in SRFC-funded Initiatives. Of 16 grantees, 11 reported the racial and ethnic makeup of their participants. The majority of these participants identify as Indigenous, Black, and/or People of Color. 37% identify as Latina/o, 35% identify as Black, 16% identify as Asian, 13% identify as White, 5% identify as Indigenous, and 2% identify as another race. Note that because an individual may identify as multiple races or ethnicities, this does not total to 100%.
- For FY 22-23, SRFC leveraged \$1.3M in LCTS funds for school-linked services. In addition, SRFC helped support another \$3.3M in multi-year direct service grants through DHS and MHFA, totaling \$4.5M in leveraged resources for Suburban Ramsey County! This is the fifth grant round for DHS School-Based Mental Health funding.
- This is SRFC's 25th Year Anniversary! Since 1998, SRFC received a total of \$4.48M in partner contributions to support SRFC operations and in turn, SRFC allocated \$23.3M in LCTS funds and raised over \$30M for added direct services totaling \$53.3M in leveraged direct services for Suburban Ramsey County. This is an 11.9% return on investment. We also served a total of 138,340 children, youth and families and cultivated over 700 strategic partnerships. Lastly, we trained over 900 partners in Marnita's Table IZI model.
- We have over 700 partners on SRFC Teams with approximately 30 new partners joining every quarter. On average, 94% of those partners surveyed stated that SRFC helps them be more responsive to the needs of children, youth and families; provides them a professional support system and gives them more creative ways to solve problems.
  - o 319 partners are signed up for weekly Heading Home Basic Needs Practitioner Meetings
  - III partners are signed up for bi-monthly YouthWorks! Career Pathway Meetings (with Ramsey County)
  - 80 partners are signed up for monthly Crisis Response/De-Escalation Peer Learning Meetings (with RCCMHC)
- SRFC CAB members, along with Marnita's Table ran 6 successful IZI's with over 1,000 attendees. These IZI's included a Be Well IZI, Celebrating our CommUNITY at Irondale High School, Mounds View's Mental Health Walk, and their Multi-Cultural Fair.
- 3,420 Unique Viewers utilize the SRFC Basic Needs and Youth Jobs and Training Resource Directories.
- 50% of our board members/alternates consist of BIPOC leaders. Six (6) SRFC CAB Members are Youth Leaders of Color and 4 of the 5 SRFC Co-Leads are Leaders of Color.
- SRFC received the Equité Award from Marnita's Table for exemplifying what it means to be an ally consistently through words, actions and behaviors for IBPOC and other individuals and communities who have been pushed to the margins.
- Updated and Revised the SRFC Joint Powers Board Agreement (JPA)
- SRFC/RCCMHC/Marnita's Table/SRFC CAB jointly supported 9 Resource Fairs and 3 Fentanyl, Narcan and Our Children's Health Town Hall Conversations and 1 Job Fair totaling and 6 IZI's, 1,490 attendees.
- \$1,224,120 FY 22-23 LCTS Grants Allocation (\$1,156,130 spent)

Our Thriving With Your Teen document became the foundational social marketing/messaging of "Shoulder to Shoulder MN"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> The work our board did with Marnita's Table set the stage for our county and many other communities across the state to utilize the IZI model as a way of authentically engaging with the community to build social capital

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>III</sup> SRFC is one of four best practices highlighted in Silos to Circle's "A Case for Reform" regarding investing differently in health care reform in MN.