Tazewell Community Area Project (TCAP)

Through TCAP services, The Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS) strives to create a stronger community through organizing, advocacy, and direct services to the Richland Community, including:

- Recruiting and organizing local residents to develop and become involved in the promotion of positive youth development activities
- Networking with local agencies and organizations to reinforce community involvement
- Providing positive role models and constructive activities in order to mold a safer and more productive community
- Organizing Community Committees to actively respond to the needs and concerns of residents
- Supporting the community in their efforts to alleviate conditions that put youth at risk
- Serving as an advocate on behalf of youth and adults in the Richland Community
- Developing and implementing direct services programs, events, and activities
- Creating opportunities for youth to make positive choices through character-building activities

A Timeline of CYFS Efforts to Continue Vital TCAP Services and Funding

- For the **past 15 years**, through state funding and funding from community partners, CYFS has successfully provided TCAP services in the Richland Community.
- In **April 2015,** funding was abruptly terminated by the State and CYFS continued in its commitment to fund the program.
- Since **July 2015**, CYFS has continued to support TCAP during the Illinois budget stalemate, including:
  - Covering $16,700 in TCAP expenses through Mid-September
  - Working with a community partner to cover an additional $12,000 in expenses from Mid-September through November
  - Working with a Bradley professor to gain funding through crowd-funding opportunities
  - Committing to cover another $9,000 in program funding through the end of calendar year 2015
  - Securing a $7,000 commitment from the Tazwood Community Services Board and $5,000 from Richland Community fundraising efforts

TCAP's Role in the Community

TCAP provides services and programs in the at-risk community in Richland. These services are of vital importance to this community and those in the surrounding areas. Cuts to TCAP will place hundreds of kids and low income families at risk in several ways, ultimately increasing costs to the tax payers of Illinois. Cuts to TCAP will eliminate services that address:

- Prevention and diversion from juvenile justice and child welfare systems - through after school, summer and recreational activities
- Lack of access to community services - through energy assistance programs, prescription drug, medical, vision and dental assistance, car repairs and one time rental assistance
- Crisis aversion - through services that help families avoid the unforeseen consequences of crisis situations
- Hunger and food insecurity prevention-through monthly food pantry services
- Education and school success - through tutoring programs, college scholarships opportunities, and school supply donations
- Social, health and wellness issues for families - through programs and activities not otherwise accessible and affordable to the community

In FY15, TCAP served approximately 137 youth in the Richland Community.

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