

The Birth through Eight Strategy for Tulsa (BEST)

# Partner Directory

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## American Institutes for Research (AIR)

**BEST Goal Area:** ALL GOALS

**Partner Type:** BEST research partner

**Description:** AIR is one of the world's largest behavioral and social science research and evaluation organizations. AIR's overriding goal is to use the best science available to bring the most effective ideas and approaches to enhancing everyday life. AIR is conducting the [BEST Study](#), which includes three components: a process study; an outcomes/impact study; and an ethnographic study. Using both quantitative and qualitative data, the comprehensive study is anchored in an equity lens to explore the contributions that BEST is making to child, family, community and systems outcomes in Tulsa. BEST Partners will have the opportunity to participate in various aspects of the evaluation, including listening sessions; please be on the lookout for invitations from AIR over the course of the BEST Study.





## Amplify Youth Health Collective

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** Partner support

**Description:** Amplify Youth Health Collective implements innovative approaches to meet the needs of young people, our partners and community through advocacy, collaboration and education. We provide trainings for educators and youth-serving professionals, coordinate sex education implementation and expansion, offer professional development opportunities, promote inclusive practices and share resources with the community. We collaborate with multiple partners to advocate for better policies and programs to support young people, reduce the teen birth and STI rates and improve adolescent sexual health.



## Ariadne Labs at Harvard

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** BEST research partner

**Description:** Ariadne Labs implements the *TeamBirth* initiative in Tulsa, which is a collaboration to improve the wellbeing of mothers by reducing racial inequities in the childbirth experience and outcomes.



## ART 4ORMS Foundation

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling Conditions - Community Well-being

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** ART 4ORMS will utilize art education to expand career pathways by increasing free visual and performing art opportunities for North Tulsa families. We provide enrichment opportunities in-person and online for public school students. Visit [art4orms.org](http://art4orms.org) for more information.



## Birthright Living Legacy

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** The mission of Birthright Living Legacy is to validate the position of the father within the family unit. By providing programs to foster improved communication, enhanced connectivity and encouraging community involvement, our network of fathers can benefit from a deep level of support and accountability as they embark on the journey of leadership and fatherhood.



## CAP Tulsa

### CAP Tulsa Center-Based

**BEST Goal Area:** Kindergarten Readiness

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** CAP Tulsa provides free, high-quality early childhood education for newborns through four-years-old. School-based programs are offered at 10 schools throughout Tulsa. Before and after care services are available at some schools.

### CAP Tulsa Learning@Home

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births and Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** CAP Tulsa's free Learning@Home program provides in-home supported educational services for parents that are expecting and children from newborn to 3-years-old.



## College Bound Academy (CBA)

**BEST Goal Area:** Kindergarten Readiness

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client



**Description:** College Bound Academy prepares students in grades Kindergarten through 4th grade to graduate from college and access the professional career of their choice. College Bound Academy is a tuition-free, college preparatory K-4 charter school.



## Community Health Connection (CHC)

### Centering Pregnancy (CHC)

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Centering Pregnancy offers prenatal care that combines a regular prenatal visit with additional time for learning and sharing in a comfortable and encouraging small group environment. This leads to additional time with the provider, care team and other women who are due around the same time. This program is free for qualifying women.

## Community Liaison Team

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Community Mobilization

**Partner Type:** BEST community partner

**Description:** Community liaisons are trusted messengers in our community. By facilitating community listening sessions and events like the Black and Brown BBQ, community liaisons build authentic relationships, provide resources and elevate the experiences of parents and caregivers throughout all levels of BEST.



## Community Service Council (CSC)

### 2-1-1 Eastern Oklahoma

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling Conditions - Basic Needs

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Community Service Council's 211 Eastern Oklahoma helpline is a 24/7 free service available to Eastern Oklahomans across 37 counties. Through a direct phone call, live chat, text message or online search, our certified resource specialists connect people in need to the social services that can help. We monitor our database continuously for accuracy, and also serve as a clearinghouse for disaster resources during community emergencies, and as a data center for understanding community needs.



## Power of Families

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Community Mobilization

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** The goal of The Power of Families Project (POF) is to remove the unique barriers that impede, community engagement, school readiness, and access to health care among Tulsa's Hispanic/Latinx families, with a focus on Spanish-speaking, vulnerable and isolated families.



## CREOKS Mental Health Services

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** CREOKS Health Services promotes and improves the lives of the individuals and families we serve through our commitment to provide comprehensive health, wellness and social services.



## Crossover Health Services

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling Conditions - Community Well-being

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** Crossover Health Services is a Christian organization committed to living out Christ's compassion, dignity and healing in our community through health care, restoring our community through the eradication of health disparities.



## DVIS: Domestic Violence Intervention Services

**BEST Goal Area:** ALL GOALS

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** DVIS' mission is advancing physical and emotional safety by reducing the impact and occurrence of sexual and domestic violence, human trafficking and stalking through inclusive intervention and prevention services for children, youth and adults. DVIS' provision of trauma-informed care for survivors is the only agency of its kind serving Tulsa and Creek Counties. Our services include safe housing; counseling for children, youth and adults; legal



advocacy and representation; court advocacy; law enforcement advocacy; education and outreach; hospital advocacy; childcare; and Batterers Intervention programming.



## Education and Recreation, Inc. (Edu-Rec)

**BEST Goal Area:** Kindergarten Readiness

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** EduRec Youth & Family Fun Center is designed to serve the educational and social needs of the community. It was created to offer youth a place where they can participate in a variety of academic enrichment and mentoring activities or programs which encourage character and integrity development. In addition to programs for kids, EduRec has programs that benefit the community as a holistic approach to helping the community and its inhabitants become stronger and better.



## El Centro: New Sanctuary Empowerment Center

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Basic Needs

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** El Centro is a hub in the heart of East Tulsa that will fill the critical need in connecting immigrant families to legal and social services. It has plans to support workers organize on a variety of issues as well.



## Emergency Infant Services (EIS)

### Emergency Infant Services

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling Conditions - Basic Needs

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Emergency Infant Services (EIS) offers assistance with basic needs items for children 5-years-old and under whose families are facing personal and financial challenges. EIS provides basic needs items such as diapers, wipes, formula, food, clothing and other essentials. In



addition, EIS works with a network of partner agencies and organizations to connect families with the resources they need, even if EIS does not offer those services.

## Front Porch Initiative

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling Conditions - Basic Needs

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Front Porch aims to transform access and coordination of Oklahoma's health and social services by developing systems and processes that ease Oklahomans' access to government services they are eligible to receive. Front Porch Ambassadors also work to improve overall coordination between public and private stakeholders so that each client can receive state and community-based resources in a timely manner. The Front Porch Initiative is housed out of and currently serves clients at Emergency Infant Services.



## Family & Children's Services (F&CS)

### Parenting in Jail Program

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Criminal Justice

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** The Parenting in Jail program utilizes Parenting Inside Out, an evidence-based parenting skills training program developed for criminal justice-involved parents, to help incarcerated moms gain knowledge and skills on best ways to interact with and provide an appropriate balance of nurturing and structure for their children. They also provide weekly parent-child visitation in the jail and a bi-monthly caregiver support group.

### Women in Recovery

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Criminal Justice

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Women In Recovery (WIR) is a prison diversion program for women with a history of substance abuse and addiction issues. Criteria for entry includes: being 18 years of age or older, being prison bound, having a history of substance abuse and being ineligible for other diversion programs. WIR is an 18-month intensive day treatment program that provides substance abuse and mental health treatment, parenting education and reunification with children, intensive case management services, housing, employment education and training, Legal Aid assistance for civil issues and court advocacy in criminal and juvenile courts.

### Women's Justice Team

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Criminal Justice



**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Women's Justice Team offers re-entry and early intervention services to aid women in getting the support they need to successfully deter from or exit the criminal justice system. Services provided in the Tulsa County Jail included: Assessment, re-entry services, parenting education classes, parent-child visitation and caregiver support. Outpatient services are provided in two office locations and include but not limited to: mental health and substance abuse treatment through individual, group and/or family therapy; children's support services; court advocacy; employment assistance; resource referral and linkage and general case management assistance including health/wellness connection and housing.



## Gaining Ground

**BEST Goal Area:** Success by Third-grade

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Gaining Ground's mission is to develop life-long readers, thinkers and leaders by providing families with engaging literacy experiences and access to high-interest, culturally responsive books. Gaining Ground aims to close the literary gap through a layered approach of support. This includes providing children with a take-home summer library, weekly connections with teachers to discuss reading and writing, individualized literacy interventions and family engagement and support.



## HealthySteps

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** HealthySteps works to help families identify, understand and manage parenting challenges, such as feeding, behavior, sleep, development and the importance of the first three years of a child's life.





## Hunger Free Oklahoma

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Basic Needs

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients; Partner support

**Description:** Hunger Free Oklahoma serves as a resource to existing efforts, facilitating collaboration, and providing technical assistance, data, and planning to expand nutrition programs and enrich efforts already in place. We work with nonprofits, faith-based organizations, schools and local governments to increase access to programs like SNAP and Summer Meals and operate the state's SNAP Hotline where any Oklahoman can learn more about SNAP and receive assistance applying over the phone.



## ImpactTulsa

**BEST Goal Area:** ALL GOALS

**Partner Type:** Partner serving backbone functions

**Description:** We are a collective impact organization that utilizes data as a catalyst for systemic change by convening community partners with a shared, equitable vision that all children in Tulsa County deserve every opportunity to succeed, from cradle to career.



## JAMES Inc.

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** At JAMES Inc., our mission is to lead expecting and parent adolescents to self-sufficiency. We offer life coaching, mentoring, and scholarships that enable our clients to further their education and careers. We strive to provide a welcoming, caring environment for young parents.



## La Cosecha

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Basic Needs

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** We at La Cosecha/The Harvest have a goal of relieving hunger by providing





groceries as well as opportunities to empower the community to increase self-sufficiency, La Cosecha feeds, supports and educates its constituents to achieve community transformation. Established in 2015 by the Gallardo Family, La Cosecha provides members of the community who need support with groceries and numerous other essential items. Distributed on a weekly basis, an average family of four receives a week's worth of food at each disbursement. Additionally, La Cosecha stocks a clothing and furniture pantry. La Cosecha has achieved significant growth in revenue generation, increased its efficiency and improved its processes. Prior to the pandemic, La Cosecha served approximately 400 families per week. Services are provided without any restrictions and with no questions asked. Since the last week of March 2021, the need has grown dramatically. Today, the volunteer team serves an average of 2,000 families per week.



## Met Cares Foundation

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Community Mobilization

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Rooted in the spirit of the Greenwood community, The Met Cares Foundation seeks to build north Tulsa into a vibrant community, where children are thriving and residents have the power to drive positive change. The foundation invests in developing community ownership while improving and increasing educational and economic opportunities.



## The Opportunity Project

**BEST Goal Area:** Success by Third-grade

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client; Partner support

**Description:** The Opportunity Project, the citywide intermediary for expanded learning, is dedicated to connecting youth to the world of opportunity, creating pathways for lifelong success. The Opp seeks to improve the quality, access and delivery of expanded-learning opportunities for youth in Tulsa by integrating the city's array of youth-focused programs, services and curricula. By equipping the youth development community with tools and expertise, together we are lifting up young people and broadening access to hands-on learning opportunities.



## Parent Child Center of Tulsa (PCCT)

### Bright Beginnings

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Bright Beginnings registered nurse educators deliver critical information to mothers and caregivers of newborns before they are discharged from the hospital. Nurses provide education around normal infant crying patterns and soothing techniques as well as the importance of talking, reading and singing to a baby beginning in infancy to promote brain development.

### Family Connects

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Family Connects offers home visits three weeks postpartum aiming to increase child well-being by bridging the gap between parent needs and community resources. During home visits, nurses will bring diapers, weigh the baby, check blood pressure and assist with breastfeeding.



## Reach Out and Read

**BEST Goal Area:** Kindergarten Readiness

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Reach Out and Read helps integrate reading into pediatric practices, advise families about the importance of reading with their children and share books that serve as a catalyst for healthy childhood development.



## Reading Partners

**BEST Goal Area:** Success by Third-grade

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Reading Partners recruits community volunteers to provide one-on-one literacy tutoring to struggling readers in K-4th grade. Students are referred to Reading Partners by their teachers and are typically anywhere from one month to two-and-a-half years below grade level reading proficiency.



## Restore Hope

**BEST Goal Area:** ALL GOALS

**Partner Type:** BEST data partner

**Description:** Restore Hope's mission is to help families in financial crisis move to economic and spiritual vitality. Restore Hope provides healthy food to reduce hunger through a food pantry open to Tulsa County residents and prevents homelessness through a rent assistance program for those facing eviction in Tulsa County. In addition, Restore Hope has an optional chapel program and several seasonal programs to help with school supplies, thanksgiving baskets and more.



## South Tulsa Community House

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Basic Needs

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** The South Tulsa Community House (STCH) is located in the heart of one of Tulsa's most vulnerable neighborhoods (61st & Peoria). STCH is a social service organization that is dedicated to not only assisting residents with their immediate needs but empowering them toward self-sufficiency and greater independence. With the help of great partner organizations, we offer a "One-Stop Social Service Center" in the heart of Riverwood. Yes, hope has a home, and that is the South Tulsa Community House.



## Spot 31

**BEST Goal Area:** Success by Third-grade

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** Spot 31 is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which sees every child and youth growing into a healthy adult. We believe this can best be done by bridging the developmental gaps of children and youth through partnerships with east Tulsa schools and selected organizations.



## Still She Rises

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Criminal Justice

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Still She Rises is dedicated to the representation of mothers in both the criminal and civil legal systems in select zip codes in North Tulsa. Services include criminal, family, housing legal defense with social work support and advocacy.



## Take Control Initiative

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Take Control Initiative provides women with access to birth control by providing free clinical services, information and transportation support at over 20 health center sites in Tulsa County. Currently, birth control can be accessed at no cost to a low cost depending on the site.



## Teach For America

**BEST Goal Area:** Success by Third-grade

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Teach For America is a national nonprofit dedicated to the vision that one day, all children will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education. For 30 years nationally and 11 years locally, Teach For America has cultivated a diverse and thriving network of leaders committed to expanding opportunity for children. Today, more than 64,000 corps members and alumni in cities across the country are reimagining education to realize the day when every child has an equal opportunity to learn, lead and thrive. In Greater Tulsa, we are supporting more than 100 corps members to impact over 6,000 students across seven districts and 32 schools in the 2020-2021 school year. Our nearly 300 alumni are leading across the city as teachers, school & district leaders, non-profit leaders, entrepreneurs and civic organizers.



## Teach Not Punish Family Resource Center

**BEST Goal Area:** Success by Third-grade

**Partner Type:** Direct service to clients

**Description:** The Teach Not Punish (TNP) mission is to motivate families and professionals by enhancing community resources access and providing resourceful support to build resilience. TNP offers positive interventions to equip children with the tools to shape their behavior to improve academic success. TNP creates support systems with families, students, educators and mental health professionals through our social skills development and academic programs by cultivating relationships.



## Tulsa Birth Equity Initiative

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Tulsa Birth Equity Initiative's Community-Based Doula Program serves pregnant mothers and families living in Tulsa with high quality home visitation. Our trained Doulas love to assist women and families during the birth process. Doulas will provide education and non-medical labor support throughout pregnancy, labor/birth and postpartum- complementing and enhancing medical care. The Community-Based Doula Program serves expectant moms that are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color), Justice Involved, Teen Parents and expectant moms that are no more than 30 weeks pregnant.



## Tulsa Community WorkAdvance

**Career Connection - ConnectFirst Pilot**

**BEST Goal Area:** Enabling conditions - Economic Mobility

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client



**Description:** Tulsa Community WorkAdvance (TCW) is a sector-focused, evidence-based workforce development initiative that prepares, trains and places low-income individuals into quality jobs in high-demand industries with increased wages, benefits and established career tracks. Operated by TCW, the Career Connection program helps ConnectFirst families thrive and increase their economic mobility through soft skills development and training that lead to quality employment, as well as extensive career advancement coaching and supportive services.



## Tulsa Educare

### Early Learning Works by Tulsa Educare

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Early Learning Works (ELW) impacts the lives of children from birth through age eight and their families beyond the walls of our Tulsa Educare schools. By mobilizing resources, ELW meaningfully engages with child care providers, parents and community organizations and provides skill building opportunities, peer-to-peer sharing and early learning resources.

### Tulsa Educare

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three and Kindergarten Readiness

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Educare seeks to transform the lives of very young children and their families through high quality early childhood education, enhancing parenting practices and strong partnerships with other organizations. Our schools and our Early Head Start child care partners are open full-day, year-round and serve eligible children aged six weeks to five years old.



## Tulsa Health Department (THD)

### Children First

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Children First, also known nationally as Nurse Family Partnership, is a family-centered program that utilizes home based services by registered nurses (RNs) to help first-time mothers and their families prepare for parenthood. Mothers receive information on promoting a healthy, safe lifestyle for their family while gaining a greater understanding of the



types of help and resources available to them in the community. These services are provided at no cost.

## **ConnectFirst Family Advocates**

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Family Advocates provide personalized, ongoing support during pregnancy and throughout a child's early years. They also assist families' immediate needs by connecting them to desired programs and services.

## **Healthy Start (THD)**

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Healthy Start gives women and new parents information, resources and support to ensure a healthy pregnancy and to help nurture children and families. Additionally, Healthy Start offers a Fatherhood Program to assist new dads and to strengthen the father-child relationship. Healthy Start can also help with transportation for medical appointments and job training opportunities.

## **Lactation Consultant**

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** The THD Lactation consultant supports pregnant and new moms who would like help with breastfeeding. The lactation consultant can answer breastfeeding questions over the phone or visit mom and baby at home to help with breastfeeding.

## **Little by Little (LBL)**

**BEST Goal Area:** Kindergarten Readiness

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Little by Little prepares children to be more successful in school and helps families establish early home literacy habits. During visits to WIC, families will receive age-appropriate handouts on reading, development, household safety, family engagement, high-quality children's books, guidance tied to child development milestones and assistance in connecting to important community services.

## **parentPRO**

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client



**Description:** parentPRO connects parents and caregivers to free, voluntary parenting programs that take place in the comfort of the home. The parentPRO Community Connector links families with programs that best match their needs. These programs are designed to help parents and caregivers raise smart, happy, healthy children and reduce the stress that comes along with being a parent by modeling skills, providing information and connecting to resources.

## Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** WIC provides women, infants and children up to age five with nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals for resources that will benefit the entire family. WIC can help with many basic needs, including infant formula, a breast pump for new moms and nutritious food to supplement diets.



## Tulsa Housing Authority (THA)

### Tulsa Housing Authority

**BEST Goal Area:** ALL GOALS

**Partner Type:** Focus neighborhood partner

**Description:** The Housing Authority of the City of Tulsa (THA) is creating a better Tulsa by transforming lives and communities. Serving more than 20,000 Tulsans annually, THA provides affordable housing options in tandem with connection to supportive services to help all Tulsans thrive.



## Tulsa Legacy Charter School

**BEST Goal Area:** Success by Third-grade

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Tulsa Legacy Charter School is a Pre-K through 8th grade charter school that prepares students for college and the world beyond, creating a culture of excellence through rigorous academic, arts infusion and social-emotional learning.





## Tulsa Public Schools (TPS)

### Early Childhood Education Team

**BEST Goal Area:** Kindergarten Readiness

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Tulsa Public Schools provides free, full-day, high-quality Pre-K programs to four-year-olds. The Early Childhood Team engages children in intellectually-stimulating, culturally-responsive experiences and purposeful play to foster their academic, social-emotional and physical development.

### TPS Parent Resource Center

**BEST Goal Area:** Success by Third-grade

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** The Tulsa Public Schools Parent Resource Center will cultivate and support parents and families, connecting them to resources that strengthen their students' academic success and create healthier and stronger communities.



### Strong Tomorrows

**BEST Goal Area:** Healthy Births

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client

**Description:** Strong Tomorrows is a program for expectant and parenting teens who attend TPS. The program provides connections to basic needs for both parents and babies and offers education and training on prenatal care, childbirth, career planning, health and high-quality childcare.



## Youth Services Tulsa (YST)

### YST Transitions Parent Education Project

**BEST Goal Area:** Positive Developmental Trajectory by age Three

**Partner Type:** Direct service to client



**Description:** Youth Services of Tulsa’s Transitions Track 3 program provides transitional living services to youth ages 17-22 who have experienced homelessness and are also parents. Through the Transitions program, they are provided with safe and stable housing, case management support, employment support as well as parenting education resources with the ultimate goal of helping them gain the needed skills to live independently. This pilot project would provide an “in house” preventative option focusing on the social-emotional needs of infants as well as increased mental health services for the youth and their infants through dyadic (mother-child) care.

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