

Prince George's County PATH Theory of Change

Key Context

- Hierarchy/Bureaucracy
- State-County Relationship
- The County often leads change that is ultimately adopted state wide
- High uninsured rates for TAY
- Need to repurpose current funding from county, including current agencies serving TAY
- Difference between TAY needs and providers equipped to serve them in developmentally appropriate ways
- \$\$ embedded in other systems (education, adult services) and how to access it
- Billing break at age 18
- Current youth voice structure does not result in policy and systems change impact, and in some places doesn't exist
- The system operates in an adult-centric way

Assumptions

- We all have the same definition of behavioral health
- We all have the same understanding of available services and how to access them
- We can all work together without red tape
- If we build it, they will come...
- Change can and will happen
- The system can reach everyone who needs it
- Young people will step up if given the opportunity
- Youth-adult partnership is possible

