



# Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT)

Update to the Board of Supervisors  
Health and Human Services Committee

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# SCYPT Overview



- From the SCYPT Charter:
  - In order to become confident individuals, effective contributors, successful learners and responsible citizens, all of Fairfax County’s children need to be safe, nurtured, healthy, achieving, active, included, respected, and responsible. This can only be realized if the county, schools, community, and families pull together to plan and deliver top-quality services, which overcome traditional boundaries.
- SCYPT’s Role:
  - Coordinate initiatives, ensuring they tie to Ignite, the County Strategic Plan, and other major efforts.
  - Coordinate planning and action among agencies and sectors.
  - Promote shared accountability for outcomes and processes.

# SCYPT Membership

- 37 members: Fairfax County Government, FCPS, Community (multi-sectoral)
- Executive Committee:
  - BOS members (Supervisors Lusk and Palchik)
  - SB members (Members McLaughlin and Tholen)
  - County Leadership (DCE Leonard, Chief Equity Officer Bruce)
  - FCPS Leadership (Deputy Supt. Ivey, Chief Equity Officer King, Chief Academic Officer Presidio)
  - Community Leadership (rotating membership, currently Telaekah Brooks of Venture Philanthropy Partners and Alicia Doe of the Head Start Policy Council)

# Key Issue Area: Youth Behavioral Health

- **Executive Committee Champion:** Elaine Tholen
- **Accomplishments:** Creation of Healthy Minds Fairfax, Behavioral Health Blueprint, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialists program
- **Current Activities:** New Blueprint in development, scheduled to be presented to the SCYPT in December. Key themes: prevention/education, service access, service navigation, systems-level change. Will include a significant focus on young people of color and LGBTQ+ young people.
- **Next Steps:** SCYPT endorsement of plan, plan implementation

# Key Issue Area: School Readiness/ Early Childhood

- **Executive Committee Champion:** Dalia Palchik
- **Accomplishments:** Equitable School Readiness Strategic Plan, School Readiness Resource Panel recommendations
- **Current Activities:** ESRSP implementation (current focus on family engagement), capital planning
- **Next Steps:** SCYPT input into family partnership framework, capital planning process, and EDI data utilization

# Key Issue Area: Community Schools

- **Executive Committee Champion:** Megan McLaughlin
- **Accomplishments:** Community schools at Whitman MS, Mount Vernon Woods ES, and Glasgow MS; countywide framework developed
- **Current Activities:** completing evaluation of the three current sites, and developing recommended framework changes to discuss with the School Board
- **Next Steps:** SCYPT endorsement of recommended changes, creation of ongoing committee to support community schools

# Key Issue Area: Career Readiness/ Opportunity Youth

- **Executive Committee Champion:** Rodney Lusk, Sloan Presidio
- *New initiative, planning began 2022*
- **Current Activities:** Community and stakeholder engagement, strategy development. Focus on identifying and addressing gaps, linking existing resources/services, and providing service navigation and support.
- **Next Steps:** SCYPT endorsement of recommendations, plan implementation

# Key Issue Area: My Brother's Keeper

- **Executive Committee Champion:** Telaekah Brooks
- *New initiative, planning began 2022*
- **Current Activities:** Community co-chairs and steering committee established, conducting data and policy review to identify priority areas for focus
- **Next Steps:** SCYPT endorsement of priority areas, BOS proclamation of Fairfax becoming an MBK community, community summit (early 2023) to identify strategy recommendations

# Ongoing BOS Updates

- Continued updates to BOS HHS Committee on each issue individually, as necessary
- Resumed sharing of meeting agendas and summaries (also available at [bit.ly/fairfaxSCYPT](https://bit.ly/fairfaxSCYPT))

# Questions/Contact

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