

# Fairfax County

## Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT)

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**A Collective Impact Approach:** The Successful Children and Youth Policy Team identifies priorities that require a collaborative effort, and champions the development of strategies, policies, and funding recommendations to comprehensively address those priorities.

**Our Vision:** A community where all children and youth thrive and reach their full potential.

**Our Mission:** The Successful Children and Youth Policy Team provides policy and resource guidance and champions the collective efforts of the Fairfax community to ensure all children, youth, and their families and communities have equitable access to quality services, supports, and opportunities to further their success and well-being.

**Shared Community Outcomes:** We aim to achieve these outcomes for all children and youth in Fairfax County. We also aim to ensure that disparities are identified and eliminated.

Healthy starts	Kindergarten readiness	Academic success	Physical health	Social, emotional, and behavioral health and resilience
Safe from violence and injury	Post-secondary success	Workforce readiness	Community contribution	

**Membership:** The 36 members of the SCYPT include elected officials and senior leaders from Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools, and leaders and respected voices from multiple community sectors, including faith, philanthropy, advocacy, non-profit, business, health care, and more. Three members provide a family perspective.



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### Priority Issues

#### Youth Behavioral Health

##### Key Successes:

2014 plan and 2016 Blueprint resulted in Healthy Minds Fairfax, expanded and strengthened system of care across 15 goals. Initiatives include short-term behavioral health services, expansion of training and assessment tools, expansion of training and assessment tools, expansion of crisis textline, school-based substance use prevention and intervention.

#### School Readiness

##### Key Successes:

2013 plan and 2017 Equitable School Readiness Strategic Plan initiatives include expansions of Neighborhood School Readiness Teams, Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI), Virginia Quality Rating and Improvement System, and Child Care Assistance and Referral; and the establishment of coaching and other resources for early childhood professionals. Endorsed 2019 School Readiness Resources Panel goal of early childhood programs for all children in families with incomes below 300% of FPL and related strategies.

#### School Attendance

##### Key Successes:

2016 plan to comprehensively address school attendance and chronic absenteeism. Initiatives include attendance-focused tiers of support, expanded mentoring opportunities, new FCPS partnerships, data collection and analysis improvements, public awareness campaign.

#### Community Schools

##### Key Successes:

2018 opening of community schools at Mt. Vernon Woods Elementary and Whitman Middle, 2019 opening of community school at Glasgow Middle. Development of recommendations for systemic approach to community schools throughout Fairfax County.

#### Racial and Social Equity

##### Key Successes:

2014 adopted approach led to the 2016 One Fairfax resolution and the 2017 One Fairfax policy. SCYPT remains a leader in utilizing an equity lens in all issue analysis and planning.