

1 Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human
2 Resources shall select a community-based organization to establish
3 a special Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve
4 Outcomes for At-Risk Youth in a specified community for a duration
5 of four years. The project will identify, implement and document
6 best practices that can be replicated in other communities. The
7 designated community-based organization shall operate the special
8 pilot project under the direction of the Secretary of the
9 Department of Health and Human Resources and shall work in
10 collaboration with the State School Superintendent, local county
11 school superintendent, Executive Director ~~of the President~~ or the
12 Chancellor of the Community and Technical College System, the
13 closest community and technical college and four-year college or
14 university, State Workforce Investment Division, Executive Director
15 of the West Virginia Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the local
16 juvenile court system, the local workforce investment board, the
17 Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission, the Director
18 of West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services, the local
19 mental/behavior health organizations and other governmental and
20 community-based organizations.

21 **§18-21-4. Organization and goals of the Community-Based Pilot**
22 **Demonstration Program.**

23 (a) The pilot program shall be operated by a local

1 community-based organization under the direction the Secretary of
2 the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and in
3 collaboration with the State School Superintendent, county school
4 superintendent, Executive Director of the State Workforce
5 Investment Division, Executive Director of WV Vocational
6 Rehabilitation Services, the local juvenile court system, the
7 Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission, ~~President~~
8 Chancellor of the Community and Technical College System, president
9 of the local community and technical college and four-year college
10 or university, the Director of the West Virginia Division of
11 Juvenile Services, the local mental/behavior health organizations
12 and other governmental and community-based organizations and
13 partner agencies to serve as a clearinghouse to coordinate
14 comprehensive youth and family services. The pilot project shall be
15 housed within the community and will be directed by a local
16 community-based nonprofit organization.

17 (b) The pilot project shall operate out of a centrally located
18 building to coordinate services to youth and their families in the
19 selected county from birth to seventeen years of age who are
20 referred by the Department of Health and Human Resources.

21 (c) The goal of the pilot program is to improve outcomes for
22 at-risk youth as measured by the following metrics:

23 (1) Early childhood development:

1 (A) Increase in the number of mothers receiving early prenatal
2 care;

3 (B) Increase in number of mothers participating in the Right
4 From the Start Program;

5 (C) Increase in the number of children screened by birth to
6 three year-old program for early development delays;

7 (D) Increase in the number of three year-olds enrolled in Head
8 Start;

9 (E) Increase in the number of four year-olds enrolled in
10 preschool.

11 (2) Preschool youth and teen measures:

12 (A) Decrease in school truancy;

13 (B) Decrease in truancy hearings;

14 (C) Decrease in school suspensions;

15 (D) Decrease in school expulsions;

16 (E) Decrease in high school dropouts at a select school;

17 (F) Increase in the number of youth participating in a
18 mentoring program;

19 (G) Increase in academic performance for select students;

20 (H) Increase in number of youth participating in summer
21 employment; and

22 (I) Increase in number of youth entering postsecondary
23 education or job.

1 (3) Parent Measures:

2 (A) Increase in the number of individuals registered at the
3 WorkForce West Virginia Center;

4 (B) Increase in the number of individuals enrolled in job
5 training;

6 (C) Increase in the number of individuals completing job
7 training with a certification or credential;

8 (D) Increase in the number of individuals placed in
9 employment; and

10 (E) Increase in number of children enrolled in the CHIP
11 program.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to amend language in the code for accuracy and clarification concerning the special community-based pilot demonstration project. The bill changes "President of the Community and Technical College System" to "Chancellor of the Community and Technical College System". It also adds the word "preschool" following the reference to increased enrollment of four-year olds in Section 4.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.