Orangeburg County Library Resource Associate

This project will provide a social worker (known as a Library Resource Associate) to address social determinants of health and provide the missing link in coordination of connecting library patrons to comprehensive services, to include healthcare.

Project Aims

- Hire and place a social worker known as a Library Resource Associate (LRA) to serve onsite at library sites throughout Orangeburg County.

- Make at least 1,000 successful referrals and linkages to services as needed by library patrons within year 1. Conduct follow-up to determine if the patron received needed services.

- Have the LRA make healthcare referrals to a contractual nurse practitioner to provide access to free healthcare provided by the local free medical clinic.

Successes

- Identified library space for the social worker also know as Library Resource Associate (LRA

- Continuing to make progress in hiring the LRA

Future Directions

- Identify hire, and on board a qualified social worker to fill the Library Resource Associate position
- Incorporate a direct healthcare and a telehealth component to be developed and used in the library system to further address needs of the target population.

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