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## New Southbridge Family Resource Center Opens in December

We're pleased to announce that the Department of Children and Families has selected YOU, Inc., through a competitive bidding process, to open the new **Southbridge Family Resource Center**. For children and families struggling with behavioral health and other socioeconomic challenges, finding the services that are available to them can be a daunting task. DCF's Family Resource Centers provide a centralized location where parents and caretakers can find information and referrals about services provided by the state's human service agencies, public school systems, and other local and state providers and entities that can help them to move towards stability and self-sufficiency.

Each Family Resource Center has a staff that includes at minimum a licensed clinician, family support worker, and a school liaison to help families understand and access the services they need. Resource Centers connect families to a wide range of information and services, including housing and shelter assistance; special education, HiSet (formerly GED), ESL and early education supports; behavioral, mental health, and substance abuse services; support groups; and public benefits such as SNAP, WIC, TANF, MassHealth, and Fuel Assistance.

*For more information about YOU, Inc.'s Family Resource Centers, please contact Bethany Connolly at [connollyb@youinc.org](mailto:connollyb@youinc.org).*

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## Arts and Music Police Partnership

YOU, Inc. provides therapeutic services within the Arts and Music Police Partnership, and the results have been nothing short of awesome! The AMPP program is a unique collaboration between the Worcester Police Department and members of the local arts community, and is an integral part of the comprehensive violence reduction strategy for the City of Worcester.



Through this social intervention program, musicians and police facilitate the “creative collaborative healing” process in a recording studio with local youth deemed high risk. The youth work directly with local musicians, artists and police officers to create and develop their art in a positive way. This includes song writing, music production, graphic design, and opportunities to partner with local businesses. Beyond providing a creative and positive outlet for high risk youth, AMPP serves as a gateway for them to develop translatable skills that will help to prepare them for a career in the arts. The Worcester Police Department is the only one in the country implementing this unique model, and the partners expect the program to encourage positive relations between local youth and police, and reduce the number of high risk youth who become gang-involved.

For more information about AMPP, please contact:

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YOU, Inc. was honored to welcome **Lauren Schadt Baker** as Keynote Speaker at our 2019 Annual Meeting on October 22nd. Lauren serves as the First Lady of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts alongside her husband Governor Charlie Baker. Lauren focuses on improving the lives of children

served by the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families through her work with the **Wonderfund**, a private nonprofit she helped launch. Lauren also serves on the boards of the American Red Cross New England Region, Phoenix Academy Charter School Foundation, and the Care Institute.



### Paula Aiello, CPA Appointed as Interim CEO

The Board of Directors of YOU, Inc. (Youth Opportunities Upheld, Inc.) recently appointed **Paula Aiello, CPA** as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, succeeding Kris Bostek.

Paula was formerly Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for YOU, Inc., a position she held for 29 years. In her new role Paula will oversee all administrative, programming, strategic development and fiscal operations of the \$34M agency, which employs more than 600 full and part-time staff providing behavioral health and education services across all of Central Massachusetts.

A graduate of Bryant University, Paula currently serves on the Board of United Bank and its charitable foundation, and is a member of the Central Massachusetts Financial Executives Organization. She has previously served in finance-related committee roles for the United Way of Central Massachusetts and the Worcester Boys and Girls Club.

The Board also voted to make the following new appointments:

**Anne Fine, LICSW**, has been named the Chief Operating Officer of YOU, Inc.  
**Kristin Mayotte, MA** has been appointed VP of Advancement, Education, and Community Engagement.  
**Kevin Kittredge, MSA** has been appointed to the position of Interim Chief Financial Officer  
**Eric Cole** has been appointed to the position of Interim Controller.



Our 2019 Annual Appeal is underway! [Click the image to the left](#) if you'd like to help kids and families find hope, healing, and a productive future. Thank you for your generosity!