



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE ON YOUTH RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM THE BAMA WORKS FUND OF DAVE MATTHEWS BAND IN THE CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (CACF)**

Orange County, VA – The Orange County Office on Youth is pleased to announce it has been awarded a grant from the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) for \$6,000 to conduct an additional cohort of its Strengthening Families Program.

This grant funding will allow the Office on Youth to offer the Strengthening Families Program to Orange County youth ages 10-14 and their families in Spring 2015. This program which has been implemented internationally, is a skills-building curriculum that is proven to delay the onset of adolescent substance use, lower levels of aggression in youth, increase youth resistance to peer pressure, and reduce youth conduct problems in school. Further, the program is designed to improve parent skills including building a positive relationship with their youth, setting appropriate limits, and following through on consequences, while showing love and support for their children.

Each cohort of the Strengthening Families Program provides child care for younger family members in addition to an evening meal, doorprizes, and gas station gift cards for each family in attendance at each session to assist with transportation expenses. Various age ranges have been served by this program in Orange County for six years exclusively with the financial support of grant funding. The Orange County Office on Youth is thrilled to be able to continue to offer this program and to serve our youth residents and their families.

For additional information about the Strengthening Families Program or the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, please contact Ashley Jacobs, Strengthening Families Program Coordinator at (540) 672-5484.

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