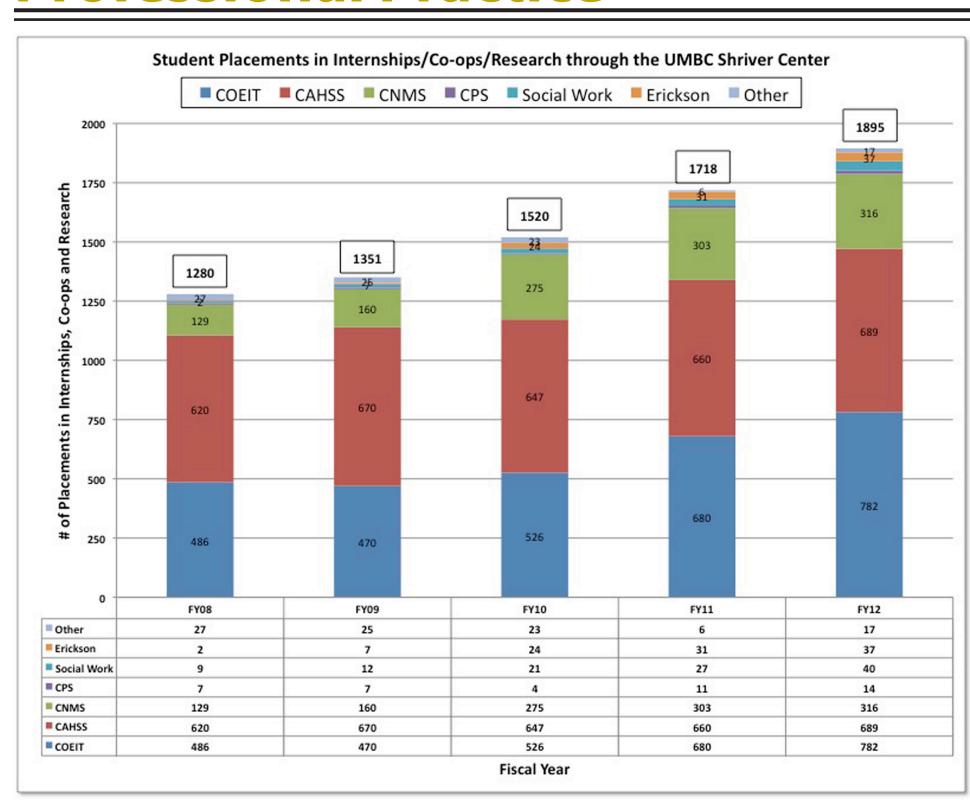
The Shriver Center at UMBC promotes the integration of civic engagement, teaching, learning, & discovery on campus, regionally, and nationally so that each advances the others for the benefit of society.

## **Professional Practice**



Nearly 1,900 students stepped outside the boundaries of the classroom to experience the professional workplace through internships, co-ops, and research opportunities in FY12. This represents a 48% increase over the past 5 years or 614 additional student placements with no increase in staff size. Over 700 private, government, and non-profit employers supervised UMBC students in internship, co-op and research opportunities in FY12

## **Top Placement Sites:**

AAI Corporation, Textron Systems

**Booz Allen Hamilton** Exelon/Constellation Energy Group

General Electric (GE)

Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Liberty Tax Service

Maryland Psychiatric Research Center

National Security Agency (NSA)

Siemens Building Technologies

T. Rowe Price

Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC)

University of Maryland School of Medicine

## **Student Impact:**

#### Of student who participated in Professional Practice through **The Shriver Center**

- experience to another student, and
- 94% would recommend an internship, co-op, or research • 87% indicated that their placement met their expectations.

## **UMBC Research Placements Increase 16% over FY11**

In FY12, **411** students enrolled in the Center's Research practicum providing these students with valuable experience and learning opportunities in organizations such as NIH, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, University of MD, Baltimore - School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University - School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, and the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center.

#### UMBC Students who engage in Internship, Co-op, and Research opportunities report high hourly pay rates

#### Overall, nearly 70% of Shriver students obtained a paid intern, co-op or research placement with an average pay rate of \$15.56 per hour.

## Additionally,

- 88% indicated an increase in the clarity of career goals • 74% indicated an increase in their motivation to continue and
- persist to graduation • 77% indicated an increase in their leadership skills
- 88% indicated an increase in their self-confidence; and
- 92% indicated an increase in their ability to solve problems as a direct result of their Applied Learning Experience.

# **The Choice Program**

**The Choice Program** is a community-based, family-centered case management approach to delinquency prevention and youth development. Focusing on providing support in at-risk environments, The Choice Program seeks to foster resiliency in young people by promoting protective factors to mitigate risk in their daily lives. The Choice Program recruits up to 44 college graduates from diverse backgrounds to serve in a one-year AmeriCorps position as a UMBC Community Service-Learning Fellow. Since 1987 the program has served over 20,000 Maryland youth and families and has been successfully replicated in 5 additional states.

## FY 12 Snapshot

Choice Intensive Advocacy serves youth referred from the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services who are in need of intensive support and supervision in the community. The Choice Program strives to deter further delinquent behavior by linking youth and families to community resources and involving youth in positive activities. Community supervision by The Choice Program is often an alternative to costly residential placement.

- 487 youth & families served
- 98% of youth not adjudicated with new charges 82% of youth remained in the community

Choice Jobs Program provides community- based vocational services including a job readiness curriculum, paid on-the-job training experience and supported job placement. The Choice Jobs Program operates 2 Flying Fruit Fantasy franchises, one at Camden Yards(1993) and one at Inner Harbor(2012), where youth receive

- paid on-the-job training.
- 240 youth served
- 70 youth placed in paid on-the-job training 62% youth job placement rate

Choice Education Program was selected in February 2012 to conduct a pilot program in one Baltimore High School to provide a community-based, in-school alternative to arrest, suspension and expulsion. The pilot was the result of the leadership of Juvenile Court Judge Robert Kershaw working with the Baltimore Public Schools, the Juvenile Court and School Safety Collaborative to ensure that school police arrest or refer students to juvenile court only when absolutely necessary to maintain a safe school environment.

- 20 youth served first semester of the pilot
- Suspension reduced in that group from 10 students suspended with 104 missed days prior to participation in the program to 2 students suspended with 8 missed days during program participation



## **Professional Practice** Enriching Education with Meaningful Work Experience



## Service-Learning Cultivating Social and Civic Responsibility



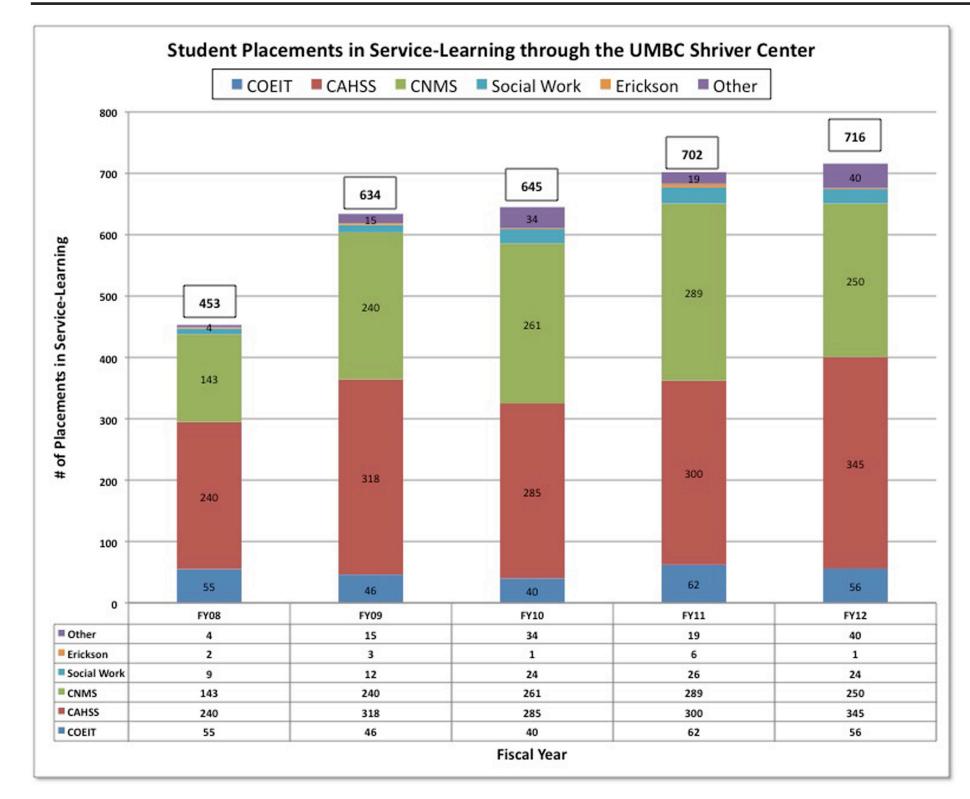
The Peaceworker Program

Preparing New Leaders in the Spirit of Sargent Shriver

## The Choice Program **Empowering Youth and Families**



# **Service-Learning**



The Center supported 716 academic service-learning placements through partnerships with 71 individual host organizations, representing communitybased non-profit organizations, K-12 schools, and UMBC-based programs. Over 200 UMBC students served as in-school tutors, after-school mentors, and volunteer hosts for campus visits (approximately 1,300 K-12 youth from 19 area schools and 7 after-school programs). Nearly 17% of all placements were **on-campus peer leadership** service positions.

Through these placements, students contributed nearly **73,000 hours of service** to some of the region's most vulnerable and underserved populations and communities.

## **Top Service-Learning Placements Include:**

Alternative School Breaks

Arbutus Middle School Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, Inc. (BARCS)

**Best Buddies Center** 

The Choice Program's College Night

College Gardens Youth Program

**Education Based Latino Outreach** 

Health Leads at Saint Agnes Clinic Maryland Food Bank

MS Swim

Saint Agnes Hospital

## **On-campus Placements Include:**

BIO 141 TAs

**Chemistry Tutorial Center** Office of Student Life's Mosaic & Leadership Consultants

Office of Undergraduate's Peer Facilitators & Transfer Student Mentors

Supplemental Instructors

Of students who participated in Service-Learning through The Shriver Center 96% would recommend a service-learning experience to another student, and

86% indicated that their placement met their expectations.

 76% indicated an increase in the clarity of career goals • 70% indicated an increase in their motivation to continue and persist to graduation

as a direct result of their Applied Learning Experience.

• 89% indicated an increase in their leadership skills

• 87% indicated an increase in their self-confidence; and • 84% indicated an increase in their ability to solve problems

# The Peaceworker Program

The **Shriver Peaceworker Fellowship** is a graduate service-learning program that annually supports a select group of 12-18 Returned Peace Corps Volunteers as they pursue graduate degrees, engage in community service in the Baltimore region, and participate in ongoing ethical reflection and leadership development.

As of FY 12, The Shriver Peaceworker Program graduated more than **125 Fellows**. The Peaceworker **graduation rate remains over 90%**.

This year's graduates are moving into careers in the fields of **education**, **public policy**, **and non-profit social services**.

In two years, over 90% of Peaceworkers graduate with Masters degrees, rich professional experience, and strong community connections.

While 84% of Peaceworkers came into the program from outside of the state of Maryland, nearly 60% have remained in the Maryland/ Washington DC area after completing the program.

