



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1259

1. Title of Project: Exchange Club Parent Aide Child Abuse Prevention

2. Senate Sponsor: Kevin Rader

3. Date of Submission: 02/05/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Children's Healing Institute proposes to expand their child abuse prevention efforts in Palm Beach County by providing in-home, evidenced based Parent Aide services to 90 families (216 children/180 adults) at risk and underserved population identified by the Department of Children and Families and local community partners. This will include families with high risk behaviors not warranting child removal but may have had a DCF child protective investigation. Based on the average annual cost of \$50,000 per child for foster care versus \$1,200 per child for Parent Aide, the potential savings for Florida taxpayers is substantial. Parent Aide services will be provided to Southern Palm Beach County and North Broward. Parent Aide is an intensive home-visitation parent education and support program with services including screening, assessment, and planning strategies to address family issues and goals.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Children and Families

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	260,488
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	260,488

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	260,488	65.86%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	135,000	34.14%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	395,488	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$252,508

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	.30 Chief Program Officer @ \$14,400; .10 CEO @ \$7,500	21,900
Other Salary and Benefits	Accounting/Audit	10,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	3 FTE Degreed Parent Aide Coordinators @ \$40,000 + benefits at 25% = \$10,000 ; 1 FTE Program Supervisor @ \$46,000 + \$11,500 benefits (@25%)	207,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage for 3 FTE \$5,400; 3 Computers \$4,320; 3 Cell phones \$2,160; Training \$1,500; Occupancy \$3,744; Office Supplies \$600; Utilities \$864; Equipment Lease \$2,500.	21,088
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		260,488

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

The requested funds would provide for child abuse prevention services to 90 families which equates to an estimated 216 children and 180 adults. Services would be provided in Southern Palm Beach County and North Broward, reducing the likelihood of child maltreatment, DCF involvement, and child removal from the home, as well as reducing the financial burden to the state for the intervention costs of child abuse (it costs \$50,000/year for one child in out-of-home care). As of 5/1/2018, a total of 25,181 children were in foster care in Florida. The number of children assessed last year who were investigated for abuse, abandonment or neglect was over 68,000. Parent Aide in-home prevention services will keep children safely in their homes without further disruption and reduce the need for DCF intervention. The average cost of Parent Aide per child is \$1,200 vs. \$50,000 per child for foster care.

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Parent Aides will be recruited, trained, and professionally supervised. A referral system will be established to accept families through the respective DCF districts. Currently the Parent Aide Program accepts referrals from DCF for Palm Beach County. The same system will be expanded to Southern Palm Beach County and North Broward. Referred families will be screened for program eligibility. Parent Aide services will be provided to



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eligible families; Completion of an Initial Needs Assessment; Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire; Development of a Family Plan (identifying service goals); Delivery of tailored education and support services through a minimum of 24 home-visits; Administration of evaluation tools (e.g. AAPI, Protective Factor Survey); Data will be collected to assess program impact and success.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Parent Aide prevention services will be provided in-home on a weekly basis to families with young children in the target populations. Services include: needs assessment, goal-setting, in-home parenting support, connection to community resources, and education. Professionally trained Parent Aide Family Facilitators will visit the home weekly for 90 minutes and provide parent education curriculum, make referrals for other community services as needed, and provide information.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

In Southern Palm Beach County and Northern Broward the target population will be families with at least one child age 12 or younger with 1) High risk concerns post reunification after the six months of services provided through the Community Based Care (CBC) are completed. 2) High-risk behaviors as assessed by DCF but whose children are not removed from the home. Both areas of concern are high priority needs identified by the CBC and DCF and represent populations not currently serviced by CBC agencies due to lack of sufficient funding. Services will be provided to 90 families (approximately 216 children and 180 adults) in Southern Palm Beach County and Northern Broward as recommended by the District DCF Office.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Research on the Parent Aide model indicates highest level of success when parents complete a minimum of 6 months in the program. Program success will be also measured against: 1) Pre and post evaluations 2) Completion of at least six months in the program 3) Parent achievement of Family Plan goals and relevant outcomes in adaptive skills/strategies, awareness and access of supports, effective discipline, and child safety 4) Absence of child maltreatment or the need for DCF interventions for families enrolled in the Parent Aide program. The Children's Healing Institute will administer the Protective Factors Survey which measures protective factors in 5 areas: 1) Family Functioning/Resiliency, 2) Social Support, 3) Concrete Support, 4) Nurturing and Attachment and 5) Knowledge of Parenting/Child Development. Additional measurement tools include the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire, monthly progress notes, Family Plan, parent self report, and Program Outcome Survey.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

If we fail to provide in-home parenting services as described in our evidenced based model, we are willing to negotiate return of funds.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
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