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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Preventing opioid/general substance abuse based child removals

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kevin Rader

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/20/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

There are currently, on average, nearly 50 opioid/general substance abuse based child removals each month in Broward and Palm Beach counties combined. As the center of the opioid crisis, opioid/general substance abuse based child removals have the potential to substantially increase, flooding an already strained child welfare system. To ensure child removals stemming from opioid/general substance abuse do not overwhelm the local system of care, ChildNet is working to expand Safety Management Services, preventative wrap-around support services that have been proven successful at reducing future child removals. The proposed program expansion would specifically target and provide Safety Management Services to families at risk of a child removal due to opioid/general substance abuse.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Children and Families

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
360,000		360,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 360,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

The goals of the requested funds are 1) to provide Safety Management Services to 450 children (and their caregivers) impacted by opioid/general substance abuse, 2) to prevent 420 children from entering foster care as a result of opioid/general substance abuse and 3) to reduce the costs associated with opioid/general substance abuse based child removals by \$12 million.

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

The following activities/services will be provided to meet these goals: Safety Management Services--Services designed to prevent a future child removal by providing wrap-around support to caregivers (and their families) who are identified by a Child Protective Investigator as being at-risk of a child removal due to opioid/general substance abuse. These Safety Management Services will specifically focus on caregiver behavior, crisis management, social connection, family functioning and resource support.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Costs related to providing an array of Safety Management Services to children and their caregivers impacted by opioid/general substance abuse.	360,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		360,000

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

Services include: 1. Behavior Management Services- Services designed to control/correct caregiver behaviors that are dangerous or threatening to a child's safety. These services will include substance abuse treatment. 2. Crisis Management Services- Services designed to mitigate and de-escalate situations that present an immediate danger, before such danger is able to impact a child. 3. Social Connection Services- Services designed to support healthy and constructive social relationships by facilitating the formation of new relationships and nurturing existing relationships within and out of the home. 4. Family Functioning Services- Services designed to teach caregivers to adequately and safely care for their child on a daily basis. 5. Resource Support Services- Services designed to provide material support to families, either directly or via connections to other providers, in such areas as healthcare, transportation, housing, employment, income assistance and food/clothing.

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

The target population is families (children and their caregivers) residing in Broward or Palm Beach County who were found through a Child Protective Investigation to have substance abuse indicators, but were ultimately allowed to remain unified. This project will serve 450 children.



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

1. To provide Safety Management Services to 450 children--measured by the total number of children impacted by opioid/general substance abuse that receive Safety Management Services during FY 2018/19, tracked via the FSN Database. 2. To prevent 420 children from entering the foster care system during FY 2018/19--measured by the total number of children receiving Safety Management Services that do not enter the foster care system during FY 2018/19, tracked via the FSN database. 3. To reduce the total costs associated with opioid/general substance abuse based child removals by \$12 million--measured by multiplying the total number of children receiving Safety Management Services that do not enter foster care during FY 2018/19 by the average total cost of the services these children would receive if removal and entry into the foster care system did occur, tracked via the FSN database and internal records.

g. 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?

ChildNet is willing to work with the Legislature to identify a course of action that would satisfy the Legislature's mandate to be good stewards of the state's 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

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** ChildNet
- b. **County:** Broward
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.



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