



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

- 1. **Title of Project:** Exchange Club Parent Aide Child Abuse Prevention Services for Northeast FL and Palm Beach County
- 2. **Senate Sponsor:** Aaron Bean
- 3. **Date of Submission:** 11/28/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Two of Florida’s six accredited Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Centers, The Children’s Healing Institute (West Palm Beach) and the Exchange Club Family Center (Jacksonville), propose to expand their child abuse prevention efforts in Palm Beach County and Northeast (NE) Florida by providing in-home Parent Aide services to at-risk and underserved populations identified by their district Department of Children & Families. These include families with at least one parent enrolled in a substance abuse, medication-assisted (MAT) program (NE Florida), successfully reunified families exhibiting high-risk characteristics after 6 months of CBC (Community Based Care) intervention (Palm Beach County), and DCF investigated families with high-risk behaviors not warranting child removal (NE Florida and Palm Beach County). Parent Aide is an evidence-based model for child abuse prevention demonstrating successful replication since 1979 in over 80 communities across 28 states and Puerto Rico.

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
600,000		600,000

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	108,784	15.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108,784</b>	<b>15.3 %</b>

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 708,784

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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

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

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

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

10,200

**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 200 families in Northeast Florida and Palm Beach County, 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 Parent Aide in-home prevention services will keep children safely in their homes without further disruption and reduce the need for DCF intervention. Research has identified statistically significant improvements in protective factors as well as improvements in parental stress, mastery, depression, and anxiety and reduced emotional and physical aggression towards children for mothers who received Parent Aide.

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

Parent Aides (paid staff and volunteers) will be recruited, trained, and professionally supervised. A referral system will be established to accept families through the respective DCF districts. Referred families will be screened for program eligibility. Parent Aide services will be provided to eligible families: Completion of an Initial Needs Assessment; 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 Factors Survey); Data will be collected to assess program impact and success.



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### c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	.50 FTE Chief Program Officer	25,000
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	5 FTE Degreed Parent Aide Coordinators (5 @ \$35,000 + \$5,250 benefits); 1 FTE Program Supervisor @ \$47,500 + \$7,125 benefits	255,875
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage for 6 staff members \$8,025; Cell phones for 5 Parent Aide Coordinators \$3,600; Computers for 5 Parent Aide Coordinators \$7,200; Training for Parent Aide Coordinators \$300	19,125
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Jacksonville Child Abuse Prevention Center to implement program in the Northeast	300,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		600,000

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



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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 to other community services as needed, provide information about natural stress reduction methods, and if relevant, work with the family on safety planning in the event that the parent receiving treatment relapses. The Exchange Club Family Center (Northeast FL) will incorporate the evidence-based Nurturing Parenting for Families in Recovery Curriculum which has been shown to be effective in working with families at risk for abuse and neglect. All services are designed to assist the families with providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

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

In Palm Beach County, the target population will be families with at least one child age 12 years 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 served by CBC agencies due to lack of sufficient funding. Services will be provided for 100 families (approximately 350 individuals) in Palm Beach County as recommended by the District DCF office. In Northeast Florida, the target population will be families with at least one child age 12 years or younger wherein at least one adult caretaker is in a Medication Assisted Treatment program for opioid addiction. These families will not be involved with court-ordered services or the Dependency Court system.

**f. 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 be 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 intervention for families enrolled in the Parent Aide program. The Children's Healing Institute and Exchange Club Family Center 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 monthly progress note, Family Plan, parent self-report, and Program Outcome Survey.

**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?**

Agreed to penalties for services not delivered.

**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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### 13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Dr. Sandy Munoz
- b. **Organization:** The Children's Healing Institute
- c. **Email:** SMunoz@ChildrensHealingInstitute.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (561)687-8115

### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** The Children's Healing Institute
- b. **County:** Duval, Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Dr. Sandy Munoz
- e. **E-mail Address:** SMunoz@ChildrensHealingInstitute.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (561)687-8115

### 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:**