In 2013, the GAA directed the Department of Children and Families to create Community Action Teams (CATs) across the State of Florida to provide comprehensive, community-based services to children ages 11-21 with a mental health or co-occurring substance abuse diagnosis. The goal of the CAT team was to wrap services around children who were at risk of out of home placement as demonstrated by repeated failures in less intensive levels of care; having two or more hospitalizations or repeated failures; involvement with the Department of Juvenile Justice or multiple episodes involving law enforcement; or poor academic performance or suspensions. While the CAT teams have proven success with this age group, they do not address the critical need to target children at the earliest age possible. The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACE) has proven that when children under the age of 18 endure an adverse, or traumatic event, it changes the trajectory of their life moving forward.
10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

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11. **Program Performance**

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

The Directions for Living, BabyCAT team will focus on preventing children 0-5 years of age who have been identified by child protective investigations to be at risk of abuse or neglect due to substance abusing parents, parents living with a mental illness, parents with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health needs, or family violence present in the home, from being removed from the mother and placed in out of home care. Substance abusing mothers are twice as likely as non-substance abusing women to lose custody of their children due to child neglect and most are at great risk of maladaptive parenting. This is a removal diversion program for children birth to 5 years of age.

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

12-week attachment-based individual parenting therapy for mothers. Mental Health Case Management, in-home substance abuse treatment, in-home mental health treatment, and skills development for healthy relationships, social skills, problem solving, and all other social determinants of health. This is an intensive in-home program with experienced, competent, degreed staff in the home up to 7 days per week, several hours per day.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The services provided will include: Case Management, Substance Abuse Treatment, Child-Parent Psychotherapy, Mental Health Counseling, Supervised Visitation between Parent and Child, as well as other community based services needed to safely expedite permanency.

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

The target population includes children birth to age 5 who have been removed from their parents due to substance misuse and/or co-occurring mental illness. This project will serve 25-50 children and their parents.

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

Outcomes: (1) Improve mental health. (2) Improve Quality of Education. (3) Protect the general public from harm. (4) Enhance the economic self-sufficiency of parents whose children have been enrolled into the Baby Cat. (5) The Baby CAT team will deliver trauma informed, evidence based services to ensure the children do not experience a subsequent removal post Baby CAT services.

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?

1% financial penalty
12. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

N/A

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      ☑ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
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