



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1238

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Children’s Healing Institute proposes to expand their child abuse prevention efforts in Palm Beach County and Broward County by providing in-home evidenced based Parent Aide Program services to 60 families (144 children/120 adults) at risk/underserved populations identified by the Department of Children and Families and /or our local community partners. Included, but not limited to families with high-risk behaviors not warranting child removal, but may have had a DCF investigation. The average cost of foster care is \$50,000 per child/per year versus \$1,200 annually per child for the Parent Aide Program, a potential for substantial savings for Florida taxpayers. Parent Aide is an intensive home-visitation parent education/support program that aims to increase family protective factors including Family Functioning/Resiliency; Social Support; Concrete Support; Nurturing and Attachment; and Knowledge of Parent/Child Development.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	208,480
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>208,480</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	208,480	53%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	182,000	47%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>390,480</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		150,000	319A	Yes

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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**10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes

**If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.**

\$68,000. Funds were used for payroll and to compensate for the loss of funds due to cancelled events and changes in grants.

**11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	30 Chief Program Officer @ \$14,400; CEO \$7,500 (10% portion of total cost)	21,900
Other Salary and Benefits	Accounting/Audit services	3,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	2 FTE Degreed Parent Aide @ \$38,000 + benefits at 25% = \$95,000 ; 1 FTE Parent Aide Coordinator @ \$40,000 + benefits @ 25% = \$50,000	145,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage for 3 FTE \$9,000; 3 Computers \$4,320; 3 Cell phones \$2,160; Training \$1,500; Rent & Utilities \$18,000; Office Supplies \$600; Equipment Lease \$2,500.	38,080
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>208,480</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The requested funds will be used to expand an evidenced based, nationally recognized parent education program for parents who are at risk of or have abused or neglected their children. Funds would provide for prevention services to 60 families, in Palm Beach or Broward counties, equating to 144 children/120 adults. The program would reduce 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. As of November 2020, an estimated 22,510 children were in out-of-home placements. Out-of-home placement costs for a child is about \$50,000 versus \$1,280 per child for Parent Aide services in the home.

**b. What activities and services 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 Broward County. Referred families will be screened for program eligibility. Eligible families will complete Initial Needs Assessment; Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire; Development of a Family Plan (identifying service goals); and Administration of evaluation tools (e.g.; AAPI, Protective Factor Survey). Education and support services will be delivered through a minimum of 24 home-visits. Data will be collected to assess program impact and success.

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



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Parents who are at risk for neglecting or abusing their children will have access to Parent Aide prevention services that will provide in-home weekly visits to families with children 0- 17 yrs of age in the target populations. Services include: needs assessment, goal setting, in-home parenting support, connection to community resources, and education. Professionally trained Parent Aide 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 the event someone in the home is in substance abuse recovery and therefore at danger of relapse. Services will be offered for a period of 6 to 12 months as outlined in the evidenced-based Parent Aide model. All services are designed to assist the families with providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

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

The project will serve families residing in Palm Beach or Broward County with at least one child age 17 years or younger with: 1. Continued high risk concerns post reunification and initial completion of Community Based Care; 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 60 families (approximately 144 children and 120 adults) in Palm Beach and Broward counties 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 is measured against: 1. Pre/post evaluations; 2. Completion of at least 6 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. Parent Aide Facilitator will administer the Protective Factors Survey(PFS) and the AAPI. The PFS measures protective factors in the following 5 areas: Family Functioning, Social Support, Concrete Support, Nurturing & Attachment, and Knowledge of Parenting/Child Development. The AAPI is an inventory designed to assess the parenting and child rearing attitudes of adolescents and adult parent and pre-parent populations.

**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 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.

**13. 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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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

#### c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number